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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Announcement of Intent To Establish the 2010 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership

AGENCIES: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services (FNCS) and Research, Education and Economics (REE); and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services announce the intent to establish a Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and invite nominations for the Committee.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted by close of business on May 24, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Nominations may be submitted by electronic mail to DG2010Nominations@cnpp.usda.gov. This address can be obtained through our Web site at www.cnpp.usda.gov. Alternatively, nominations may be sent to the following address: Carole Davis, Nutrition Promotion Staff Director, Co-Executive Secretary of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, VA 22302, (703)-305-7600 (telephone), (703)-305-3300 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USDA Co-Executive Secretaries: Carole Davis (telephone 703-305-7600), Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, Virginia 22302; or, Shanthi Bowman, (telephone 301-504-0619), Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Bldg. 005,

Room 125, BARC-WEST, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. HHS Co-Executive Secretaries: Kathryn McMurry (telephone 240-453-8280) or Holly McPeak (telephone 240-453-8280), Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite LL100, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Additional information is available on the Internet at <http://www.cnpp.usda.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority and Purpose: The formation of this Committee is necessary and in the public interest. The Committee will be established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2. Section 301 of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990, 7 U.S.C. 5341, requires the Secretaries of HHS and USDA to publish the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* at least every five years. The *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* contain nutrition and dietary information for the general public over 2 years of age. Because of its focus on health promotion and risk reduction, the *Dietary Guidelines* form the basis for Federal food and nutrition policy and education activities. The information and key recommendations of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* are based on the preponderance of scientific and medical knowledge which is current at the time.

The *Dietary Guidelines* were first published by HHS and USDA in 1980, with revisions in 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005. Beginning with the 1985 edition, HHS and USDA have appointed a Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee of prominent experts in nutrition and health to make recommendations regarding the Dietary Guidelines.

Structure: The Committee will evaluate whether a revision of the 2005 edition of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* is warranted, based on a thorough evaluation of the most current scientific and applied literature and, if so, will proceed to develop recommendations for these revisions in an advisory report to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. The Committee is expected to begin meeting during the Fall of 2008 and will hold two- or three-day meetings, on four or possibly five occasions over the course of its

appointment. Pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the meetings will be open to the public. After all meetings have concluded, the Committee will prepare a report of its recommendations.

For those interested in the 2005 edition of the advisory report, it is available electronically at <http://www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines>. A limited number of hard copies are available upon request from the USDA or HHS Co-Executive Secretaries listed above.

Prospective members of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee should be knowledgeable of current scientific research in human nutrition and be respected and published experts in their fields. They should be familiar with the purpose, communication, and application of the *Dietary Guidelines* and have demonstrated interest in the public's health and well-being through their research and/or educational endeavors. Expertise is sought in specific specialty areas, including but not limited to, the prevention of chronic diseases (e.g., cancer, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and osteoporosis), energy balance (including physical activity), epidemiology, food safety and technology, general medicine, gerontology, nutrient bioavailability, nutrition biochemistry and physiology, nutrition education, pediatrics, public health, and evidence review methodology.

Nominations: The Departments will consider nominations for Committee membership of individuals qualified to carry out the above-mentioned tasks. A nomination should include, at a minimum, the following for each nominee: (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement that the nominee would be willing to serve as a member of the Committee, if selected; (2) the nominator's name, address and daytime telephone number, and the address, telephone number and electronic mail address of the individual being nominated; and (3) a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.

Equal opportunity practices regarding membership appointments to the Committee, will be aligned with USDA and HHS policies. To ensure that

recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA and HHS, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: March 26, 2008.

Nancy Montanez Johner,

Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: March 31, 2008.

Gale A. Buchanan,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: April 3, 2008.

Joxel Garcia,

Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Notice of Intent To Extend a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR part 1320) that implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service's (CSREES) intention to request approval for an extension of a currently approved information collection for Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR).

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by June 9, 2008 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

E-mail: jhitchcock@csrees.usda.gov;

Mail: Jason Hitchcock, Information Systems and Technology Management, USDA/CSREES, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2216;

Hand Delivery/Courier: Jason Hitchcock, Information Systems and

Technology Management, USDA/CSREES, 800 9th Street, SW., Room 4217, Waterfront Centre, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason Hitchcock, (202) 720-4343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Year-End Report.

OMB Number: 0524-0043.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: January 31, 2009.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval for the extension of a currently approved information collection for three years.

Abstract: Funding for the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) community project grants is authorized under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 341 *et seq.*), as amended, and other relevant authorizing legislation, which provides jurisdictional basis for the establishment and operation of Extension educational work for the benefit of youth and families in communities. The CYFAR funding program supports community-based programs serving children, youth, and families in at-risk environments. CYFAR funds are intended to support the development of high-quality, effective programs based on research and to document the impact of these programs on intended audiences.

The CYFAR Year-End Report collects demographic and impact data from each community site where federal assistance is provided. It allows CSREES staff to gauge the impact of the program on the target audience and to make programmatic improvements. This collection also allows program staff to demonstrate the capacity developed in locales where federal assistance is provided.

The evaluation processes of CYFAR are consistent with the requirements of legislation and OMB requirements. The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) (31 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*), the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (FAIR Act) (Pub. L. 105-270), and the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA) (7 U.S.C. 7601 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 105-185), together with OMB requirements, support the reporting requirements requested in this information collection. One of the five Presidential Management Agenda initiatives, Budget and Performance Integration, builds on GPRA and earlier efforts to identify program goals and performance measures, and link them to the budget process. The FAIR Act requires the development and implementation of a system to monitor

and evaluate agricultural research and extension activities in order to measure the impact and effectiveness of research, extension, and education programs. AREERA requires a performance evaluation to be conducted to determine whether federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education programs result in public goods that have national or multistate significance.

The immediate need for this information collection is to provide a means for satisfying accountability requirements. The long-term objective is to provide a means to enable the evaluation and assessment of the effectiveness of programs receiving federal funds and to fully satisfy requirements of performance and accountability legislation in GPRA, the FAIR Act, and AREERA.

Estimate of Burden: There are currently CYFAR projects in 48 states and 3 territories. Each state and territory is required to submit an annual year-end report which includes demographic and impact data on each of the community projects. CSREES estimates the burden of this collection to be 322 hours per response. There are currently 51 respondents, thus making the total annual burden of this collection an estimated 16,422 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Obtaining a Copy of the Information Collection: A copy of the information collection and related instructions may be obtained free of charge by contacting Jason Hitchcock by telephone, (202) 720-4343, or by e-mail, jhitchcock@csrees.usda.gov.

Done in Washington, DC, this 4th day of April, 2008.

Gale Buchanan,

Undersecretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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