

Medicare Policy Project, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; Elena Rios, M.D., M.S.P.H., President, National Hispanic Medical Association; Samuel Simmons, B.A., President and CEO, The National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc.; Nina Weinberg, M.A., President, National Health Council; and Edward Zesk, B.A., Executive Director, Aging 2000.

The agenda for the January 10, 2001, meeting will include the following:

- Recap of the previous (September 21, 2000) meeting.
- Legislative and agency update.
- Presentation on the Federal agency budget process.
- Medicare education budget and priorities for the 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 budget periods.
- Panel discussion and examination of model programs that provide culturally and linguistically appropriate education and information services to the Medicare population.
- Public comment.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the agenda issues should contact Nancy Caliman by 12 noon, Wednesday, January 3, 2001, to be scheduled. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the oral remarks should be submitted to Ms. Caliman no later than 12 noon, Wednesday, January 3, 2001. Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to Ms. Caliman by 12 noon, Wednesday, January 3, 2001. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Caliman at least 15 days before the meeting.

(Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217(a)) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)); 41 CFR 101-6.1015)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: December 12, 2000.

Michael M. Hash,

Acting Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Data Collection; Comment Request; Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS)

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection

Title: Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS). *Type of Information Collection Request:* New. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* As a result of the ongoing and rapidly expanding communication revolution (e.g., the development of the Internet), there is an unprecedented opportunity to rapidly communicate information about cancer and other health topics to the general public. Developing appropriate messages for the public about cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship requires an understanding of individuals' sources and access to cancer-related information, their knowledge about cancer and other

health information, or the factors that enhance or may hinder access, use, or knowledge of health information.

The HINTS is a new telephone survey designed to provide nationally representative, population-based standardized data on health knowledge and health information for the United States. The survey will establish important baseline data about cancer communication practices, preferences for information, and cancer knowledge across the country. This survey will provide data on the public's perceived needs for cancer information, sources and access to health information (e.g., health care providers, Internet, mass media), current knowledge and understanding about cancer prevention and detection, and the barriers to more effectively understanding and utilizing cancer-related information. The HINTS is intended to be conducted every 2 years to measure progress in improving cancer knowledge and communication among the general public. The survey will be administered to one sample adult in 12,000 households, and is intended to have an adequate sample size to produce stable estimates for racial and ethnic minority populations.

Data from this survey are essential for NCI to develop improved cancer-related messages and materials and to tailor these messages for different audiences, especially for cancer prevention and detection. Data will be used to help selecting the best means of communicating cancer-related messages to different audiences (communication channels) to reach the diverse audiences in the United States. Finally, information obtained in this survey data will be used to identify research gaps and to guide the direction and decisions about NCI's research efforts in health promotion and health communication.

Frequency of response: One-time. *Affected public:* Individuals. *Type of Respondents:* U.S. adults. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

TABLE X.—ANNUALIZED BURDEN ESTIMATES FOR HINTS DATA COLLECTION

Data collection	Estimated number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average time per response	Annual burden hours
Pilot Survey	150	1	0.333	50
HINTS	12,000	1	0.333	4,000
Totals	12,150	4,050

There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the

public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proposed performance of the functions

of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the

methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact David E. Nelson, M.D., M.P.H., Project Officer, National Cancer Institute, EPN 4068, 6130 Executive Boulevard MSC 7365, Bethesda, Maryland 20852-7365, or call non-toll-free number (301) 594-9904, or FAX your request to (301) 480-2087, or E-mail your request, including your address, to dn83r@nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: December 15, 2000.

Reesa L. Nichols,

OMB Clearance Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Notice of Meeting: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee.

Name: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee (CFSCC).

Time and Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: WestCoast Grant Hotel Seattle, 1415 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room will accommodate approximately 100 people. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Purpose: The Committee is charged with providing advice to the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Commissioner, Social Security Administration (SSA), to assure interagency coordination and communication regarding chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) research and other related issues; facilitating increased

DHHS and agency awareness of CFS research and educational needs; developing complementary research programs that minimize overlap; identifying opportunities for collaborative and/or coordinated efforts in research and education; and developing informed responses to constituency groups regarding DHHS and SSA efforts and progress.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include disability issues and CFS as a primary focus, with a presentation by representatives from the Northwest Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center at the Washington State Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment. Other matters to be discussed will include: progress reports from the Name Change Working Group and other working groups of the CFSCC; update on current Federal activities; and identification of areas for future focus for the CFSCC. Public comments will be received at the meeting from no more than 6 individuals on the designated topic of disability and CFS, specifically, obstacles in the process of applying for disability benefits; obstacles faced in the workplace by those disabled with CFS; and employment issues and reasonable accommodation in the workplace. Priority will be given to members of the public from the region (Western United States) who have never had the opportunity to provide formal public comments at meetings of the CFSCC since its inception in May 1997. Persons wishing to make oral comments on the topic above should notify the contact person listed below no later than COB on January 12, 2001. Five minutes will be allotted for each statement; both printed and electronic copies are requested for the record. Individuals designated to present comments will be notified no later than January 16, 2001.

Contact Person for More Information: Janice C. Ramsden, Executive Secretary, CFSCC, Office of the Principal Deputy Director, NIH, Building 1, Room 333, 1 Center Drive MSC 0159, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-0159, e-mail jr52h@nih.gov or telephone 301-496-0959.

Dated: December 14, 2000.

LaVerne Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections

552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel, "Develop Drug Abuse Screening/Assessment and Intervention for Youth for Primary Care/Managed Care Providers."

Date: December 18, 2000.

Time: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Neuroscience Center, National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Lyle Furr, Contract Review Specialist, Office of Extramural Affairs, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 3158, MSC 9547, Bethesda, MD 20892-9547, (301) 435-1439.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 15, 2000.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Aging; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Aging.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.