

problems are exacerbated by unplanned births. For teenage girls with disabilities, unplanned births compound problems of disability, poverty, and isolation.

Unplanned and unwanted pregnancies continue to be one of the most prevalent problems of our society, involving social, economic, health, and education issues. When unmarried teenagers become parents, they are unlikely to graduate from high school, their career options are usually decreased, and they often require more community services.

Both teenage mothers and their babies are likely to have greater health problems than non-teenage mothers and their children. Babies born to teenagers are often low birth weight. Low birth weight babies can increase the likelihood of certain disabilities. Teenage girls who have unplanned pregnancies often do not have strong academic backgrounds, sophisticated coping skills, or confidence to believe that they can influence their futures.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation reports that there are approximately 200,000 births a year to girls age 17 and younger. According to the "National Campaign to Prevent Teen-age Pregnancy", approximately four out of ten girls in the United States becomes pregnant at least once before the age of 20. Teenage pregnancy is not a new problem nor considered a problem in some cultures.

However, today in the U.S. most careers depend on knowledge of technology as well as basic skills, and most young women discontinue their educations when they have unplanned or unwanted pregnancies.

Teachers, parents, and community leaders are aware of the importance of a wide range of developmental experiences for young people. However, young women and young people with disabilities continue to experience isolation, fewer opportunities, and lower expectations from their families and communities. Young women with disabilities are especially likely to be denied, in subtle but significant ways, the experiences that provide them with the tools for self-determination. This very point is raised in the "Report from the National Longitudinal Transition Study of Special Education Students. It was found that female 12th-graders with disabilities were much less likely than males to have competitive employment as their postschool goal, a pattern that reflects in their postschool reality. Despite higher academic performance while in school, young women with

disabilities were just as likely as young men to drop out of school, and almost 25% did so because of pregnancy or childrearing responsibilities. Within 3 to 5 years after high school, 30% of young women with disabilities were married and 41% were mothers, a rate that was significantly higher than the reported parenting rate for young men with disabilities (16%) or for young women of the same age in the general population (26%). This raises significant questions about the frequency with which these young women were mothers in their early years after leaving school and why other options such as further schooling or employment were not pursued. School programs chosen by or provided to many young women with disabilities support a postschool path involving home and child care more likely than postsecondary education or employment.

Some studies have shown that people with disabilities and particularly women with disabilities are more likely to be targets of crime and/or abuse. In addition, women with low self-esteem are more vulnerable to relationships that lead to unplanned and unwanted pregnancies.

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities is proposing demonstration projects to address the multiplicity of issues involved with pregnancies among teenagers with developmental and other disabilities. These projects should be collaborative efforts by disability groups, and family planning organizations, and any other public and private community agencies that are addressing this issue. Mentoring models using women with disabilities need to be developed.

(Federal Catalog of Domestic Assistance Number 93.631—Developmental Disabilities—Projects of National Significance)

Dated: March 17, 1998.

Reginald F. Wells,

Acting Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review Comment Request; Leukemia and Other Cancers Among Chernobyl Clean-up Workers in Lithuania

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 8, 1997, page 52568, and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

PROPOSED COLLECTION:

Title: Leukemia and Other Cancers Among Chernobyl Clean-up Workers in Lithuania. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, with change—OMB No. 0925-0401. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* A cohort study will be conducted to investigate the risk of radiation-induced leukemia and other cancers, and of occupationally related cancers, among 7,000 workers from Lithuania who were sent to Chernobyl to clean-up after the accident there in 1986. The workers will be asked to respond to a mail questionnaire or an interview that collects information about specific duties performed during the Chernobyl clean-up, occupational exposures, other cancer risk factors, and incident cancers. The information will be combined with similar information from Estonia and Latvia and used by the National Cancer Institute to determine site-specific risk estimates for cancer based on various exposure patterns. *Frequency of Response:* One time; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Type of Respondent:* Chernobyl Workers. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,867; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1; *Average Burden Hours per Response:* 1; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 1,867. There are no Capital Costs, Operating and/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 proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the

information shall have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DIRECT COMMENTS TO OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503. Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the plans and instruments, contact Dr. Gilbert W. BeeBe, Ph.D., National Cancer Institute, EPN 400, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20892-7364, or call the non-toll-free number (301) 496-5067.

COMMENTS DUE DATE: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before April 29, 1998.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Reesa L. Nichols,

OMB Project Clearance Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Cancellation of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the cancellation of the meeting of the Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center Advisory Committee, April 1, 1998, Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center, Building 549, Executive Board Room, Frederick, Maryland, which was published in the **Federal Register** on March 4, 1998 (63 FR 10643).

The meeting was canceled due to a scheduling conflict.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Closed Meetings

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 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Name of SEP: Subclinical Cardiovascular Disease-Electron Beam Computed Tomography (EBCT) Reading Center.

Date: April 6, 1998.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Contact Person: Valerie L. Prenger, Ph.D., Two Rockledge Center, room 7198, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0297.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Name of SEP: Subclinical Cardiovascular Disease-Coordinating Center.

Date: April 6, 1998.

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Contact Person: Valerie L. Prenger, Ph.D., Two Rockledge Center, room 7198, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0297.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Name of SEP: Subclinical Cardiovascular Disease-Ultrasonography Reading Center.

Date: April 6, 1998.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Contact Person: Valerie L. Prenger, Ph.D., Two Rockledge Center, room 7198, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0297.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Name of SEP: Subclinical Cardiovascular Disease-Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

Date: April 6, 1998.

Time: 3:45 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Contact Person: Valerie L. Prenger, Ph.D., Two Rockledge Center, room 7198, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0297.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Name of SEP: Subclinical Cardiovascular Disease-Special Laboratory Center.

Date: April 6, 1998.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Contact Person: Valerie L. Prenger, Ph.D., Two Rockledge Center, Room 7198, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0297.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Name of SEP: Subclinical Cardiovascular Disease-Field Center.

Date: April 7, 1998.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Contact Person: Valerie L. Prenger, Ph.D., Two Rockledge Center, Room 7198, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0297.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

These notices are being published less than fifteen days prior to these meetings due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

These meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; and 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health)

Dated: March 23, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Meeting of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council, May 14-15, 1998, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, Maryland.

The Council meeting will be open to the public on May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. for discussion of program policies and issues. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C., sec. 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public from approximately 3:00 p.m. on May 14 to adjournment on May 15, for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications. These