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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Institute of General Medical Sciences; 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 grant applications and the discussions could disclose

confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel, Communications Technology Supplement to MARC and MBRS.

*Date:* March 22-23, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Gaithersburg Hilton Hotel, Darnestown Conference Room, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

*Contact Person:* Richard I Martinez, PhD, Office of Review Activities, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 1A5-19G, Bethesda, MD 20892-6200 (301) 594-2849.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.375, Minority Biomedical Research Support; 93.821, Cell Biology and Biophysics Research; 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.862, Genetics and Developmental Biology Research; 93.88, Minority Access to Research Careers; 93.96, Special Minority Initiatives, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Funding Opportunities**

**AGENCY:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), announces the availability of FY 1999 funds for grants for the following activity. This activity is discussed in more detail under Section 4 of this notice. This notice is not a complete description of the activity; potential applicants *must* obtain a copy of the Guidance for Applicants (GFA) before preparing an application.

| Activity                                | Application deadline | Estimated funds available | Estimated number of awards | Project period |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Community-Initiated Interventions ..... | 5/18/99              | \$8 million .....         | 20-26                      | Up to 3 yrs.   |

**Note:** SAMHSA will publish additional notices of available funding opportunities for FY 1999 in subsequent issues of the **Federal Register**.

The actual amount available for awards and their allocation may vary, depending on unanticipated program requirements and the number and quality of applications received. FY 1999 funds for the activity discussed in this announcement were appropriated by the Congress under Public Law No. 105-277. SAMHSA's policies and procedures for peer review and Advisory Council review of grant and cooperative agreement applications were published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 58, No. 126) on July 2, 1993.

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting priority areas. The SAMHSA Centers' substance abuse and mental health services activities address issues related to Healthy People 2000 objectives of Mental Health and Mental Disorders;

Alcohol and Other Drugs; Clinical Preventive Services; HIV Infection; and Surveillance and Data Systems.

Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (*Full Report*: Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or *Summary Report*: Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325 (*Telephone*: 202-512-1800).

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Applicants must use application form PHS 5161-1 (Rev. 5/96; OMB No. 0937-0189). The application kit contains the GFA (complete programmatic guidance and instructions for preparing and submitting applications), the PHS 5161-1 which includes Standard Form 424 (Face Page), and other documentation and forms. Application kits may be obtained from the organization specified for the activity covered by this notice (see Section 4).

When requesting an application kit, the applicant must specify the particular activity for which detailed information is desired. This is to ensure receipt of

all necessary forms and information, including any specific program review and award criteria.

The PHS 5161-1 application form and the full text of the activity (i.e., the GFA) described in Section 4 are available electronically via SAMHSA's World Wide Web Home Page (address: <http://www.samhsa.gov>).

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:** Applications must be submitted to: SAMHSA Programs, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, Suite 1040, 6701 Rockledge Drive MSC-7710, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-7710\*.

(\*Applicants who wish to use express mail or courier service should change the zip code to 20817.)

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:** The deadline for receipt of applications is listed in the table above.

Competing applications must be received by the indicated receipt date to be accepted for review. An application received after the deadline may only be accepted if it carries a legible proof-of-mailing date assigned by the carrier and that date is not later than one week prior

to the deadline date. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

Applications received after the deadline date and those sent to an address other than the address specified above will be returned to the applicant without review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for activity-specific technical information should be directed to the program contact person identified for the activity covered by this notice (see Section 4).

Requests for information concerning business management issues should be directed to the grants management contact person identified for the activity covered by this notice (see Section 4).

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**1. Program Background and Objectives**

SAMHSA's mission within the Nation's health system is to improve the quality and availability of prevention, early intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation services for substance abuse and mental illnesses, including co-occurring disorders, in order to improve health and reduce illness, death, disability, and cost to society.

Reinvesting government, with its emphases on redefining the role of Federal agencies and on improving customer service, has provided SAMHSA with a welcome opportunity to examine carefully its programs and activities. As a result of that process, SAMHSA moved assertively to create a renewed and strategic emphasis on using its resources to generate knowledge about ways to improve the prevention and treatment of substance abuse and mental illness and to work with State and local governments as well as providers, families, and consumers to effectively use that knowledge in everyday practice.

SAMHSA's FY 1999 Knowledge Development and Application (KD&A) agenda is the outcome of a process whereby providers, services researchers, consumers, National Advisory Council

members and other interested persons participated in special meetings or responded to calls for suggestions and reactions. From this input, each SAMHSA Center developed a "menu" of suggested topics. The topics were discussed jointly and an agency agenda of critical topics was agreed to. The selection of topics depended heavily on policy importance and on the existence of adequate research and practitioner experience on which to base studies. While SAMHSA's FY 1999 KD&A programs will sometimes involve the evaluation of some delivery of services, they are services studies and application activities, not merely evaluation, since they are aimed at answering policy-relevant questions and putting that knowledge to use.

SAMHSA differs from other agencies in focusing on needed information at the services delivery level, and in its question-focus. Dissemination and application are integral, major features of the programs. SAMHSA believes that it is important to get the information into the hands of the public, providers, and systems administrators as effectively as possible. Technical assistance, training, preparation of special materials will be used, in addition to normal communications means.

SAMHSA also continues to fund legislatively-mandated services programs for which funds are appropriated.

**2. Special Concerns**

SAMHSA's legislatively-mandated services programs do provide funds for mental health and/or substance abuse treatment and prevention services. However, SAMHSA's KD&A activities do not provide funds for mental health and/or substance abuse treatment and prevention services except sometimes for costs required by the particular activity's study design. Applicants are required to propose true knowledge application or knowledge development and application projects. Applications seeking funding for services projects under a KD&A activity will be considered nonresponsive.

Applications that are incomplete or nonresponsive to the GFA will be returned to the applicant without further consideration.

**3. Criteria for Review and Funding**

Consistent with the statutory mandate for SAMHSA to support activities that will improve the provision of treatment, prevention and related services, including the development of national mental health and substance abuse goals and model programs, competing

applications requesting funding under the specific project activity in section 4 will be reviewed for technical merit in accordance with established PHS/SAMHSA peer review procedures.

**3.1 General Review Criteria**

As published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1993 (Vol. 58, No. 126), SAMHSA's "Peer Review and Advisory Council Review of Grant and Cooperative Agreement Applications and Contract Proposals," peer review groups will take into account, among other factors as may be specified in the application guidance materials, the following general criteria:

- Potential significance of the proposed project;
- Appropriateness of the applicant's proposed objectives to the goals of the specific program;
- Adequacy and appropriateness of the proposed approach and activities;
- Adequacy of available resources, such as facilities and equipment;
- Qualifications and experience of the applicant organization, the project director, and other key personnel; and
- Reasonableness of the proposed budget.

**3.2 Funding Criteria for Scored Applications**

Applications will be considered for funding on the basis of their overall technical merit as determined through the peer review group and the appropriate National Advisory Council review process.

Other funding criteria will include:

- Availability of funds.
- Additional funding criteria specific to the programmatic activity may be included in the application guidance materials.

**4. Special FY 1999 SAMHSA Activities**

**4.1 Grants**

**4.1.1 Community-Initiated Prevention Interventions (Community-Initiated Interventions)**

- *Application Deadline:* May 18, 1999.
- *Purpose:* The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) announces the availability of community-initiated intervention grants to support Knowledge Development with At-Risk Populations.

This program, "Community-Initiated Prevention Interventions," solicits applications for studies that field test effective substance abuse prevention interventions that have been shown to prevent or reduce alcohol, tobacco, or

other illegal drug use as well as associated social, emotional, behavioral, cognitive and physical problems among at-risk populations in their local community(ies). Through this initiative, grants will be made for projects that test these interventions in local community settings and/or with diverse populations, or replicate those proven to be effective in other populations and/or communities, or assess how well they can be sustained as subjects progress through normal developmental stages.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Applications may be submitted by units of State or local governments and by domestic private non-profit and for-profit organizations such as community-based organizations, as well as universities, colleges, faith-based organizations, and hospitals.

- **Amount:** Approximately \$8 million will be available to support 20–26 awards under this GFA in FY 1999. Awards are expected to range from \$300,000 to \$400,000 in total costs including direct and indirect costs. These funds can pay for the local adaptive intervention services, data collection and analysis, preparation of the program reports, submission of final reports and curricula, and intervention implementation manuals for others to use for replications. Grant funds can be used to pay for the intervention services if other funds are not available.

**Special Note:** As specified in Congressional report language, at least one application from Iowa that is found to be technically acceptable through the peer review and CSAP National Advisory Council review processes will be funded to implement a demonstration program targeting prevention of methamphetamine abuse, if such an application is submitted.

- **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:** 93.230.

- **Program Contact.** For programmatic or technical assistance, contact: Soledad Sambrano, Ph.D., Division of Knowledge Development and Evaluation, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockwall II, Room 1075, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-9110.

**For grants management issues,** contact: Peggy Jones, Division of Grants Management, OPS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockwall II, Room 630, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 443-3958.

**For application kits,** contact: National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI), P.O. Box 2345, Rockville, MD 20847-2345, Voice: (800) 729-6686, TDD: (800) 487-4889.

- SAMHSA is sponsoring three technical assistance workshops for potential applicants. The workshops will be held at the following locations: March 11, 1999—Washington, DC; March 17, 1999—Chicago, IL; and March 19—Los Angeles, CA. For more information, please call Ms. Lisa Wilder, Workshop Coordinator, at 301-984-1471, extension 333.

#### 5. Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

#### 6. PHS Non-use of Tobacco Policy Statement

The PHS strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care, or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

#### 7. Executive Order 12372

Applications submitted in response to the FY 1999 activity listed above are subject to the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372, as implemented through DHHS regulations at 45 CFR Part 100. E.O. 12372 sets up a system for State and local government review of applications for Federal financial assistance. Applicants (other than Federally recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact the State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) as early as possible to alert them to the prospective application(s) and to receive any necessary instructions on the State's review process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the applicant is advised to contact the SPOC of each affected State. A current listing of SPOCs is included in the application guidance materials. The SPOC should send any State review process recommendations directly to: Office of Extramural Activities, Policy and Review, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 17-89, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

The due date for State review process recommendations is no later than 60 days after the specified deadline date for

the receipt of applications. SAMHSA does not guarantee to accommodate or explain SPOC comments that are received after the 60-day cut-off.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4445-N-04]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments due date:* May 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie Bromer, Office of Insured Single Family Housing, telephone number (202) 708-1672 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate 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; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the