

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.

**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, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Marc S. Horowitz, J.D., Director, Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship, National Institutes of Health, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Room 604, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-9121. Mr. Horowitz can be contacted via e-mail at [MHorowitz@nih.gov](mailto:MHorowitz@nih.gov) or by calling (301) 402-5666 (not a toll-free number).

**Comments Due Date:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before March 6, 2000.

Dated: January 27, 2000.

**Ruth L. Kirschstein,**

*Acting Director, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Evaluation of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Partnership Program

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), 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. The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 11, 1999 (64 FR 25360) and allowed 60 days for public comment. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

5 CFR 1320.5 (General requirements) Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements: Final Rule requires that the agency inform the potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Proposed Collection:** Title: Evaluation of the NIDCD Partnership Program. **Type of Information Collection Request:** NEW. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** The NIDCD was established to support biomedical and behavioral research and research training in

hearing, smell, balance, taste, voice, speech and language. Although minorities and women will dominate the work force within the next decade, both groups are under represented in the science and health professional field. Because of this concern, the NIDCD, with assistance from the Office of Research on Minority Health, established the Partnership Program in 1994 to increase the number of minority scientists and health care professionals doing research on communication and communication disorders. The proposed survey will yield data about: (1) reasons for participation in the program; (2) satisfaction of participants with the program and (3) how participation in the program has lead to the pursuit of a career in the health field. This survey will track the Partnership Program's success at increasing the number of women and minorities who are scientists. **Frequency of Response:** One. **Affected Public:** Individuals. **Type of Respondent:** Partnership Program Participants. The annual reporting burden is as follows: **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 76; **Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1; **Average Burden Hours Per Response:** 0.5; and **Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:** 38. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$380. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

**Note:** The following table is acceptable for the Respondent and Burden Estimate Information, if appropriate, instead of the text as shown above.

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Initial program participant survey .....	16	1	0.5	8
Follow up survey of participant .....	60	1	0.5	30
Total .....	76			38

**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 fulfillment of the NIDCD mission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed data collection, including the validity of the methodology; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

data collection and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including appropriate use of automated collection techniques and 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 data collection plans and instruments, contact: Mrs. Kay C. Johnson-Graham, EEO Officer, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, NIDCD, NIH, Building 31, Room 3C08, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 402-6415 or E-mail your request,

including your address to:  
<kay\_johnson@ms.nidcd.nih.gov>.

*Comments Due Date:* Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before March 6, 2000.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

**David Kerr,**

*Executive Officer, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to 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 Advisory Committee on Research on Minority Health.

The meeting will be open to the public, 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.

*Name of Committee:* Advisory Committee on Research on Minority Health.

*Date:* February 11, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* Agenda items include: (1) a report by the Associate Director, ORMH; (2) FY'00 minority health initiatives; (3) report of the trans-NIH working group on domestic health disparities; and (4) other business of the Committee.

*Place:* Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Conference Rooms E1/E2, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Jean L. Flagg-Newton, Special Assistant to the Associate Director, Office of Research on Minority Health, National Institutes of Health, Building 1, Room 256, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402-2518.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 24, 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 Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; 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/or 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 grant applications and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Initial Review Group Health Services Research Review Subcommittee.

*Date:* February 18, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency, One Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Elsie Taylor, Scientific Review Administrator, Extramural Project Review Branch, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institutes of Health, Suite 409, 6000 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892-7003, 301-443-9787, etaylor@niaaa.nih.gov

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.271, Alcohol Research Career Development Awards for Scientists and Clinicians; 93.272, Alcohol National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 27, 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 of General Medical Sciences; Notice of 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 meetings.

The meetings 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, MARC/MBRS Communication Technology.

*Date:* March 2, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Gaithersburg, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

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

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel, MARC/MBRS Annual Symposium.

*Date:* March 3, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Gaithersburg, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

*Contact Person:* Richard I. Martinez, Office of Review Activities, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 1AS-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)