

is the only organization uniquely qualified to administer this cooperative agreement because it has:

- developed an umbrella organization for minority recruitment, development and retention initiatives undertaken by Harvard Medical School and affiliated hospitals; operated a one-year Fellowship on Minority Health Policy program for minority physicians, through the support of The Commonwealth Fund, designed to create minority physician leaders who pursue careers in health policy, public health practice and academia;
- developed a comprehensive leadership program for minority physicians;
- successfully developed and operated minority career/training projects for minority students such as: Project Success: Opening The Door To Biomedical Careers, Visiting Clerkship Program, and the Biomedical Science Careers Project;
- developed partnerships with surrounding high schools and middle schools to increase awareness and encourage minority students to pursue science careers.

This cooperative agreement will be awarded in FY 1998 for a 12-month budget period within a project period of 5 years. Depending upon the types of projects and availability of funds, it is anticipated that this cooperative agreement will receive approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

#### **Where To Obtain Additional Information**

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Mr. Guadalupe Pacheco, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or telephone (301) 443-5084.

(The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.004.)

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**Clay E. Simpson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Notice of a Cooperative Agreement With the National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse, Inc.**

The Office of Minority Health (OMH), Office of Public Health and Science, announces that it will enter into an umbrella cooperative agreement with the National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (NAPAFASA). This cooperative agreement is an umbrella cooperative agreement and will establish the broad framework in which specific projects can be supported by various agencies during the project period.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist NAPAFASA to expand and enhance its activities in the prevention and treatment of substance abuse and its related harmful effects among Asian American and Pacific Islander populations. Through its advocacy, educational and technical assistance programs, NAPAFASA addresses such issues as access to health care, cultural competency, youth health issues, service delivery, mental health, and disease prevention and health promotion. It is anticipated that future activities will focus on programs and policies aimed at improving the overall health status of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in order to eliminate the health gaps which exist between Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and others. OMH will provide consultation, including administrative and technical assistance as needed, for the execution and evaluation of all aspects of this cooperative agreement. OMH will also participate and/or collaborate with the awardee in any workshops or symposia to exchange current information, opinions, and research findings during this agreement.

#### **Authorizing Legislation**

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Section 1707(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act.

#### **Background**

Assistance will be provided only to the NAPAFASA. No other applications are solicited. NAPAFASA is the only organization capable of administering this cooperative agreement because it:

1. Established an infrastructure to coordinate and implement various health promotion and disease prevention programs within local communities and service delivery organizations that deal extensively with

Asian American and Pacific Islander substance abuse and mental health issues. The NAPAFASA network, which is composed of about 500 individual and organizational members, extends across the continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska and the six island jurisdictions in the Pacific (i.e., American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau).

2. Established itself as an organization with Asian American and Pacific Islander professionals who serve as leaders and experts in the advocacy, research, development and promotion of policies, health education programs, and data collection and dissemination efforts which are aimed at reducing excessive mortality and adverse health behaviors among Asian American and Pacific Islander populations.

3. Maintains information sharing capacity among Asian American and Pacific Islander service organizations to develop and implement comprehensive national strategies that address substance abuse and related health problems of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. NAPAFASA provides a computerized electronic mail LISTserv which offers subscribers regularly updated substance abuse and mental health information related to Asian American and Pacific Islander populations.

4. Provides technical assistance, capacity building and other support to member organizations in applying for federal and other funds, improving local programs, and sharing the experiences of successful programs within Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

5. Sponsors national and regional workshops, seminars and conferences to promote improved understanding among professionals, service providers and community representatives of Asian American and Pacific Islander cultures and their relationship to a wide range of health concerns, including alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.

6. Provides specialized research and consultations to State and Federal government agencies, and public and private organizations on the incidence and prevalence of substance abuse among Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and planning, assessment and evaluation of substance abuse prevention and treatment services for this population.

7. Collaborates and forms partnerships with national and regional substance abuse prevention organizations in order to address the growing substance abuse problems in

this country, related consequences such as gang and domestic violence, mental health, HIV/AIDS, and crime, and impact on minority communities.

8. Participates on advisory committees and boards of the following coalitions: National Drug Prevention League, American Foundation for Drug Prevention, Recovery Network, Asian Pacific Partnership for Empowerment and Leadership, National Parents Initiative Collaborative, and the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans.

9. Developed a base of critical knowledge, skills, and abilities related to serving Asian American and Pacific Islander clients with a range of health and social problems. Through the collective efforts of its members, its affiliated community-based organizations, sponsored research, and sponsored health education and prevention programs, NAPAFA has demonstrated (1) the ability to work with academic institutions and official health agencies on mutual education, service, and research endeavors relating to the goals of disease prevention and health promotion of minorities and disadvantaged peoples, and (2) the leadership needed to assist health care professionals to work more effectively with Asian American and Pacific Islander clients and communities.

This cooperative agreement will be awarded in FY 1998 for a 12-month budget period within a project period of 5 years. Depending upon the types of projects and the availability of funds, it is anticipated that this cooperative agreement will receive approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

#### Where To Obtain Additional Information

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Regina Lee, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or telephone (301) 443-9924.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

#### Privacy Act of 1974; Annual Publication of Systems of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

**ACTION:** Annual Publication of Revisions to HHS Privacy Act System Notices.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) is publishing this notice in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-130, Appendix I, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," which requires that agencies review each system of records annually and publish any minor changes in the **Federal Register**.

The AHCPR has completed the annual review of its systems of records and is publishing below (1) the table of contents which lists all active systems of records in AHCPR, and (2) those minor changes which an individual needs to know to obtain his or her records, such as changes in the system location of records or the address of system managers.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

**John M. Eisenberg,**  
*Administrator.*

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#### SYSTEM NAME:

National Medical Expenditure Survey, HHS/AHCPR/CGHSIR.

Minor changes have been made to this system notice. The following categories are hereby revised:

#### SYSTEM NAME:

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) and National Medical Expenditure Survey 2 (NMES 2), HHS/AHCPR/CCFS

#### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Executive Office Center, Suite 500, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852. (MEPS and NMES 2 records are located here.)

Social and Scientific Systems, 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1300, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. (MEPS and NMES 2 records are located here.)

Westat, Inc., 1650 Research Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland 20857. (MEPS records only are located here.)

NORC, 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637. (MEPS records only are located here.)

Bureau of the Census, FOB-3, 3442/3, Washington, DC 20232. (MEPS records only are located here.)

#### STORAGE:

File folders, magnetic tapes and CD-ROM.

#### SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Team Leader, Data Collection, CCFS/AHCPR, Executive Office Center, Suite 501, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

##### 09-35-0004

#### SYSTEM NAME:

Medical Treatment Effectiveness Program (MEDTEP), HHS/AHCPR/OFQEH and CMER.

Minor changes have been made to this system notice. The following categories are hereby revised:

#### SYSTEM NAME:

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Medical Treatment Effectiveness Program (MEDTEP), HHS/AHCPR/CCFS and COER.

#### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Copies of the medical records on paper are located at: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Cost Effectiveness Analysis Research Team, Executive Officer Center, Suite 500, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Abstracted computerized records that contain the diagnosis and procedures are located at the following:

Health Care Financing Administration, Bureau of Data Management and Strategy, Office of Computer Operations, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

National Institutes of Health, Division of Computer Research and Technology, Building 12A, Room 4037, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20852