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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

The National Customer Survey is designed to assess general awareness of the activities of the FMCS as well as specific experience and satisfaction with services provided by FMCS. The National Customer Survey is designed to help ensure that government services are more customer-driven, as stated in Presidential Executive Order 12862, entitled "Setting Customer Service Standards."

**II. Current Actions**

FMCS needs to continue to collect such information in order to measure awareness of the Agency and our services and to identify specific services which our customers and potential customers consider to be critical, desirable, or unnecessary, identify ways the current services can be improved, and explore the feasibility of alternative services or models for FMCS services.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

*Title:* National Customer Survey.

*OMB Number:* 3076-0014.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Total Respondents:* 1200.

*Frequency:* Bi-annual.

*Total Responses:* 1200.

*Average Time per Response:* 25-30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 666.

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**Vella M. Traynham,**

*Deputy Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Office of National AIDS Policy; Notice of Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and its Subcommittees**

Pursuant to P.L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the

Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS on November 16-19, 1998, at the Madison Hotel, Washington, DC. The meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS will take place on Monday, November 16, Tuesday, November 17, Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Madison Hotel, Fifteenth and M Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The meetings will be open to the public.

The purpose of the subcommittee meetings will be to finalize any recommendations and assess the status of previous recommendations made to the Administration. The agenda of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS may include presentations from the Council's subcommittees, Discrimination, International, Prevention, Prison, Racial Ethnic Populations, Research, and Services Issues.

Daniel C. Montoya, Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, Office of National AIDS Policy, 736 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Phone (202) 456-2437, Fax (202) 456-2438, will furnish the meeting agenda and roster of committee members upon request. Any individual who requires special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ann Borlo at (301) 986-4870 no later than October 15, 1998.

Date: September 9, 1998.

**Daniel C. Montoya,**

*Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, Office of National AIDS Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

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 Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the Assistant CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda M. Perryman, Assistant CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Proposed Projects****1. Multi-Center Cohort Study To Assess the Risk and Consequences of Hepatitis C Virus Transmission From Mother to Infant (0920-0344)—Extension**

The purpose of the study is to determine the incidence of vertical hepatitis C virus (HCV) transmission, to assess risk factors for vertical HCV transmission, to assess the clinical course of disease among infants with HCV infection, and to assess diagnostic methods for detecting HCV infection in infants. Respondents for the study will be anti-HCV positive mothers.

There is no cost to the respondents. They will be remunerated for travel costs; provided well-child visits and free vaccinations for infants enrolled in the study; and, provided anti-HCV testing to all family members free of charge.

Respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Individual Mothers .....	Form A .....	300	1	0.25	75
Mothers .....	Form B .....	1200	1	0.25	300
Mothers .....	Form C .....	300	1	0.10	30
Family members .....	Form E .....	300	1	0.25	75
Mothers .....	Form G .....	300	8	0.10	240
Total .....					*720

\* The annualized response burden is estimated to be 720 hours/4.5 years=160 hours.

AA(Target enrollment in the study is 300; the target population will be drawn from those who complete Form B. Family members will complete Form E.)

**2. Evaluation of Antimicrobial Resistance Testing at National Nosocomial Infections Surveillance System (NNIS) Laboratories—New**

The Hospital Infections Program, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is proposing to set up an evaluation program to validate the accuracy of the susceptibility data

reported to the NNIS system. New and emerging mechanisms of antimicrobial resistant are becoming more common throughout the U.S. hospitals and have resulted in recommended changes in laboratory testing. However, the timing of changes in testing techniques commonly lag behind the recommended changes. Therefore, with antimicrobial resistance becoming more dispersed, validation of testing techniques is

essential. The objectives of this project are to detect (1) unacceptable or inefficient methods of susceptibility testing, (2) inaccuracy due to technical difficulties, and (3) ineffective methods of reporting susceptibility data. The results from this project will help guide a campaign to improve antimicrobial testing in all U.S. hospitals. There is no cost to the respondents.

Forms	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
NNIS Hospital Laboratories .....	230	1	0.30	77
Total .....				77

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**Charles Gollmar,**

*Deputy Director for Policy Planning and Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Office of the Director, NIH; 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 Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

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:* Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

*Date:* October 14, 1998.

*Time:* 8:45 AM to adjournment.

*Agenda:* The purpose of the meeting will be to review and obtain the Council's advice on the NIH AIDS vaccine program.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, Conf. Rm. 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Deborah Kraut, Program Analyst, National Institutes of Health, Office of AIDS Research, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bldg. 31, Room 4B62, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-402-8655.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 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; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: September 10, 1998.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Office, NIH.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Office of the Director, NIH; 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:* October 1, 1998.

*Time:* 9:00 AM to adjournment.

*Agenda:* Agenda items include: (1) a report by the Associate Director, ORMH; (2) a presentation by the Surgeon General; (3) a presentation on trans-NIH minority training; and (4) other business of the Committee.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Building 31, C Wing, Conference Room 10, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.