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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.866, Aging Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health National Institute on Aging; 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 on Aging Special Emphasis Panel, Cognitive Decline with Aging.

*Date:* January 29-30, 2003.

*Time:* 6 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Radisson Plaza Hotel, 815 Main Street, Ft. Worth, TX.

*Contact Person:* Louise L. Hsu, PhD, The Bethesda Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue/Suite 2C212, (301) 496-7705.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel, Role of Insulin Pathways in Aging.

*Date:* February 10-11, 2003.

*Time:* 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Four Points Sheraton Riverwalk North, 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78205.

*Contact Person:* James P. Harwood, PhD, Deputy Chief, Scientific Review Office, Gateway Building 2C212, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 496-9666, [harwoodj@mail.nih.gov](mailto:harwoodj@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel, Immunology of Aged T Cells.

*Date:* February 17-18, 2003.

*Time:* 7 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Empress Hotel, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037.

*Contact Person:* James P. Harwood, PhD, Deputy Chief, Scientific Review Office, Gateway Building 2C212, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 496-9666, [harwoodj@mail.nih.gov](mailto:harwoodj@mail.nih.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are 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 or other forms of information technology.

#### Proposed Project: Evaluation of the Project Rehabilitation and Restitution Program

—New—The Rehabilitation and Restitution initiative of SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment seeks to reduce recidivism and

increase psychosocial functioning and pro-social lifestyle among substance abusing state correctional prisoners. Hypotheses of the study are that providing intensive, long-term case management services will facilitate a pro-social lifestyle leading to higher rates of sealing or expunging of criminal records and that the prospect of stigma reduction provided by a sealed criminal record will motivate offenders to remain crime and drug free for a least three years after completing judicial supervision.

The project consists of (1) providing technical assistance to develop and implement intensive case management services, and (2) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the intensive case management services in increasing the number of people eligible to have their records sealed. The study is confined to jurisdictions with statutes permitting records to be sealed. Two counties in Ohio involving an urban setting (Cuyahoga county which includes the city of Cleveland) and a rural setting (Clermont county adjacent to Kentucky) were selected based on responses to an RFA. Subjects in each county will be drawn from referrals by parole and probation to Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) case management programs in the two counties.

The target population consists of individuals entering parole or probation who are first time nonviolent felons with a history of substance abuse and are eligible to have their records sealed. Technical assistance to participating counties will be provided to (1) develop, an intensive case management treatment model designed to increase the proportion of offenders eligible to have records sealed, and (2) involve the various stake holders, such as case managers, parole officers, district attorney's office, public defender, and judges in the implementation of the case management model. A formative evaluation will provide feedback on the implementation of the program. A systems evaluation will examine the number of services offered to the felons, and changes in attitudes towards sealing records on the part of critical stakeholders, such as district attorney offices, judges and service providers. An outcomes evaluation will examine the effect of the intensive case management model on the eligibility to have records sealed, social, psychological and health status, HIV risk behavior, and the actual proportion of subjects who have their records sealed.

The experimental study consists of two groups of randomly assigned

subjects. An intent-to-treat group is scheduled to receive intensive case management consisting of an intensive TASC case management model during the one-year period of supervision followed by an additional three years of less intensive case management services. A control group will receive treatment as usual, consisting of the TASC case management model now in place. The evaluation procedures will consist of a baseline interview and follow-up interviews over a 4-year period that tracks outcomes to the point at which subjects are eligible for sealing of records. Follow-up interviews and file studies will test for a wide array of possible effects, including recidivism,

employment, education, drug use, family relationships, support of children, mental and physical health, HIV/AIDS risk factors, assumption of personal responsibility and life adjustment factors.

The evaluation will involve 880 projected participants over a four-year period. Evaluation interviews will take place at baseline, 6 months, 12 months, and 42 months. Each interview will last 1½ to 2 hours depending on the memory and speed of the respondents. The interview goal is a minimum 80% completion rate. Interview data will be supplemented by a file study of arrest records and the number of criminal records expunged. Additionally, two

focus groups of clients in the intent to treat group will be conducted in each county at 3, 6, 12, 18, 24, and 30 months to provide feedback on client perceptions of the case management programs. One group at each site will consist of clients in compliance with the program and one group will consist of clients not in compliance. Groups will consist of 8 to 10 participants chosen at random from the compliant and noncompliant clients. Additional file study data will be gathered on the number of case management sessions and the number and frequency of other interventions in the intent-to-treat and control groups.

Data collection	Number of respondents	Responses/ respondent	Hours per response	Total hr. burden
Baseline Interview .....	880	1	1.37	1,206
Follow-up Battery: 6-, 12-, & 42-month .....	880	3	1.85	4,884
Client Focus Groups: 3-, 6-, 12-, 18-, 24- & 30-month .....	120	1	1.50	180
File Data Collection (Staff Time) MCSIS, Ohio DRC, TASC .....	3	3	2.00	18
Quality Assurance (Treatment Program Staff) Multimodality Quality Assurance (MQA) .....	6	1	.75	5
Stake Holders:				
Workshops/meetings evaluation form .....	18	10	.08	14
Attitudes Towards Sealing Records .....	18	3	.08	4
Stakeholders Focus Group .....	12	1	1.50	18
Total Burden .....	925	.....	.....	6,329
4-Year Annual Average .....	925	.....	.....	1,582

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Evaluation of Mentoring and Family Strengthening Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Initiatives—New—The basis for the current cross-site evaluation originates from two previous efforts funded by SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) aimed at providing prevention services for high-risk youth: (1) Project Youth Connect—Mentoring and (2) Parent and Family Strengthening. The Project Youth Connect Program, funded in 1998, was designed to determine the effectiveness of a paid mentor/advocate model in improving life achievement outcomes for youth 9 to 15 years of age and their families. The Parent/Family Strengthening Program was designed to present science-based program models that would be selected for implementation within local communities. Funding for the parent/family strengthening program was distributed in two cohorts, with Cohort 1 receiving funding in 1998 and Cohort 2 receiving funding in 1999. Both cohorts were funded for a period of 24 months to address the gap between effective family-based prevention interventions and their availability in States, communities and other organizations.

The goal of the current cross-site evaluation seeks to build upon these previous efforts by evaluating the impact of a three-year Mentoring and Family Strengthening prevention program targeting high-risk youth and their caregivers on reducing risk factors related to, and enhancing protective factors against, substance abuse. Seven mentoring and nine family strengthening study sites were funded by SAMHSA/CSAP as of September 2001 to participate in this cross-site study. The primary objectives of the cross-site evaluation are to: (1) Assess the process of implementing program models with diverse target groups, (2) measure the effectiveness of specified intervention strategies such as cultural enrichment activities, educational and vocational resources, or computer-based curricula, and (3) determine the success of the Mentoring and Family Strengthening Programs in delaying, preventing, and/or reducing the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) among youth and caregivers at risk for such behaviors. Conducting this evaluation will assist SAMHSA/CSAP in promoting and disseminating optimally effective prevention programs.