

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Parklawn Building, Room 9C-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Contact Person: Rehana A. Chowdhury, Grant Technical Assistant, Parklawn Building, Room 9C-101, 5600 Fishes Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-6470.

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Purpose/Agenda: To review individual grant applications

Name of SEP: Chemistry and Related Sciences.

Date: June 22, 1995.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge II, Room 5154, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Alec Liacouras, Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5154, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1740.

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: June 28, 1995.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD.

Contact Person: Ms. Josephine Pelham, Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4106, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1786.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the

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Purpose/Agenda: To review individual grant applications

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: June 28, 1995.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: American Inn, Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Joseph Kaiser, Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4132, Bethesda, MD. 20892, (301) 435-1211.

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: June 28, 1995.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Natcher Conference Center, NIH, Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Lawrence Pinkus, Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4140, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1214.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: June 28, 1995.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: ANA Hotel, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Marjam Behar, Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5218, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1180.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: June 30, 1995.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Embassy Suites, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Sandy Warren, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5134, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1019.

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: July 6, 1995.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Crowne Plaza, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Mushtaq Khan, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4124, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1778.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: July 7, 1995.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Jane Hu, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5168, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1245.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 10-12, 1995.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Dharam Dhindsa, Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5206, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1174.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 12, 1995.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Embassy Suites, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Eileen Bradley, Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5120, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1179.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: July 14, 1995.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Jane Hu, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5168, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1245.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 19-21, 1995.

Time: 8:15 a.m.

Place: Crowne Plaza, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Nadarajan Vydelingum, Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5210, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1176.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 23-24, 1995.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Lee Rosen, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1171.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 30-31, 1995.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Lee Rosen, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1171.

Purpose/Agenda: To review Small Business Innovation Research Program grant applications.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 29-30, 1995.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: ANA Hotel, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Marjam Behar, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5218, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1180.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: July 10, 1995.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Jane Hu, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5168, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1245.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 10–11, 1995.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Crowne Plaza, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Nadarajan

Vydelingum, Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5210, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1176.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 10–11, 1995.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Crowne Plaza, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Harish Chopra,

Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5112, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1169.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 12–14, 1995.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Crowne Plaza, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Bill Bunnag, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5212, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1177.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 17–18, 1995.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, VA.

Contact Person: Dr. Eileen Bradley,

Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5120, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1179.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: July 21, 1995.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda.

Contact Person: Dr. Peggy McCardle,

Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5198, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1258.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: July 24, 1995.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Embassy Suites, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Eileen Bradley,

Scientific Review Admin., 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5120, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1179.

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Office of the Secretary

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Linking State Administrative Data

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

ACTION: Request for applications for grants to support State efforts to link case-level administrative data across multiple low-income assistance programs.

SUMMARY: Recent state efforts to link longitudinal, administrative data across programs have proven extremely successful. Linked databases have provided a more thorough understanding of many aspects of both program participation and the characteristics of individuals who receive benefits from multiple anti-poverty programs. State-supported efforts have also provided valuable insight into both inter- and intra-state variations in program participation. Much of this information would not have been accessible through national panel data.

While the efforts of individual states have been extremely valuable, they have been limited to relatively few states. Factors such as prohibitive cost, lack of necessary staff expertise, and insufficient time and computational resources have precluded many interested states from linking their administrative data. Total funding of up to \$200,000 is available to provide one to two interested states with resources needed to successfully link administrative data and use it for program management, research and scholarly analysis. It is not expected that the funding available in this grant will be sufficient for any state to complete a project that links micro-level administrative data. Rather, this grant is intended to assist those states which are interested in linking their administrative data, but currently lack the resources to successfully complete the project on their own.

Part I. Linking State Administrative Data

A. Background:

In the last five years, several states have begun assembling administrative data from income-maintenance and other programs targeted toward low-income individuals and families for use in policy research and program evaluation. Most notably, administrative data that has been linked from a variety of anti-poverty programs has been used to study characteristics of program

participation, multi-service usage, and caseload dynamics. The results from many of these research initiatives have provided an extremely useful insight into the characteristics of program participants, the patterns of multi-service utilization, and the interactions between multiple programs that provide assistance to low-income families.

Administrative data also offer more possibilities for in-depth analysis than do other forms of data, such as national panel data. Many national studies do not give reliable state-level estimates, particularly in smaller states with relatively few sampling points. As a result, it is generally quite difficult to estimate the state-level effects of national anti-poverty programs. State administrative data offer the opportunity to study inter- and intra-state comparisons of government programs, and to examine the extent to which variations in state anti-poverty programs are successful in serving various client populations.

Usefulness of Project

The research that has been conducted to date has illustrated the efficacy in using linked administrative data for research and evaluation. In the vast majority of states, however, the use of linked data still remains either untouched or far below what is technically possible. A study funded by the Department surveyed fifteen states and determined that, for the majority of the states surveyed, linked administrative data is a potentially rich source of information about programs targeted toward low-income populations.

Despite the potential of state administrative data, the Department's previous findings indicate that linked, state-level program data still remains a vastly under-utilized source of information. Many states have both the interest and raw administrative data necessary to produce longitudinally-linked files at the case or client level. However, as the process of linking data across programs and over time is an expensive, iterative process that requires significant time and expertise, many states lack the capacity to link their data. Some states lack the computer hardware, software, disk space, and memory necessary to actually perform the process of linking data. Other states lack the expertise and staff-time to devote energy to a research project. Many states face both of these obstacles.

This grant will help the selected states overcome the obstacles that hinder the process of linking administrative data. For example, states with limited data-