

*(2) Medicare Transaction System Development (FLG62)*

- Develops, implements, and directs activities to assure the development of the Medicare Transaction System (MTS) throughout the system development life cycle.

- Provides technical management, oversight and coordination and day-to-day monitoring of the contract(s) for performing the Medicare Transaction System (MTS) analysis, design, development, validation, implementation, and maintenance activities.

- Provides the inter- and intra-component coordination required to insure appropriate and timely review and dissemination of the contract work products and other pertinent information.

- Reviews and evaluates the effectiveness of the processes and procedures used to coordinate and facilitate the review of the contract work products.

- Develops, conducts, and coordinates modifications to existing operational procedures, contracts, reporting mechanisms and related materials as required.

- Provides the documentation and analysis necessary to initiate and support corrective action resulting from the findings of the MTS development activities.

*(3) Medicare Transaction System Program Planning & Needs Analysis (FLG63)*

- Recommends alternatives to existing requirements, operational priorities, processes, procedures, and methods for improvement which will enhance the quality and cost-effectiveness of Medicare operational and administrative procedures and meet the needs of HCFA's internal and external customers.

- Develops, implements, and directs project planning, control and administration procedures, processes, and methods used to determine Medicare Transaction System initiative (MTSI) program status, assess performance, report progress, and implement changes.

- Maintains the MTSI program schedule and MTSI program management plan and various program management databases.

- Provides advisory and consultative services on project planning to HCFA central and regional office staff and key officials responsible for planning and implementing projects in support of the development and implementation of the Medicare Transaction System.

- Conducts project planning training to HCFA staff responsible for MTSI projects.

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**National Institutes of Health****National Institute of Mental Health; 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 of the National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel:

*Agenda/Purpose:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Committee Name:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 24, 1995.

*Time:* 10:30 a.m.

*Place:* Parklawn Building, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

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The meeting 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 applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review cycle.

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**Susan K. Feldman,**

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**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration****Cooperative Agreement With the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors**

**AGENCY:** Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA, HHS.

**ACTION:** Cooperative agreement to support a technical assistance center for States in planning mental health services.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to provide information to the public concerning a planned grant from the Center for Mental Health Services to the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors to fund the Technical Assistance Center (TA Center) for State Mental Health Planning. If the application is recommended for approval by the Initial Review Group, and the CMHS National Advisory Council concurs, funds will be made available. This is not a formal request for applications. Assistance will be provided only to the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors.

**AUTHORITY/JUSTIFICATION:** The cooperative agreement will be made under the authority of section 1948(a) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 USC 300x-58). A single source award will be made to the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) based on its close relationship with the single State mental health authorities (SMHAs). This relationship provides NASMHPD with a unique qualification to carry out the activities of this cooperative agreement, which require such an affiliation with the State agencies. As the organization representing all State mental health agencies, NASMHPD is the only organization whose membership is composed of the persons directly responsible for the administration of public mental health policies in the respective States. NASMHPD enjoys a full 59-State membership of the Mental Health Services Block Grant recipients, as well as a full, continuous, and fruitful communication with the leadership and staff of these agencies. It thus has staff who are uniquely knowledgeable about the needs of the States, and is in a unique position to assess the actual and verified needs of States for technical assistance.

**Background**

One of the primary goals of the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant is to assist States in the creation of a comprehensive, community-based system of care for adults with severe mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances. The burden of providing for mental health services lies primarily with the States. Block grant legislation requires CMHS to collaborate with the States in meeting this obligation by helping them to determine their needs and by cooperating with them in identifying appropriate technical assistance to help them in planning