

Proposed Collection

Title: Dietary Supplements Information Needs Assessment Survey. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection. *Need and use of Information Collection:* This survey will assess the availability of and need for dietary supplements information services in the United States. The primary objectives are to determine the number and nature of information requests about dietary supplements received by major nutrition, medical, health and botanical organizations in the United States, and to assess their interest in a centralized information center to deal with information requests pertaining to dietary supplements. *Frequency of Response:* One time. *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government. *Type of Respondents:* Organizations. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 180. *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1. *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 25. *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 45. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$1,800. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points. (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235,

Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Dr. Charles R. MacKay, Project Clearance Officer, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration, Office of Extramural Research, Office of the Director, NIH, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7730, Room 2196, Bethesda, MD 20892-7730, or call non-toll-free number (301) 435-0978 or E-Mail your request, including your address to: cm13f@nih.gov.

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before April 13, 1998.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Diana Jaeger,

Acting Director, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****Office of Alternative Medicine, Office of the Director; Meeting**

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Alternative Medicine Program Advisory Council on March 23-24, 1998, Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The two-day meeting will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 23 and 8:30 a.m. to adjournment on March 24. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available. The purpose of the meeting will be to update and review the progress of the Office of Alternative Medicine and obtain Council's advise on research activities. Additional agenda items include: (1) Orientation and introduction of new members; (2) discussion of implementation of the strategic plan; (3) an update on the 1998 OAM budget; and (4) other activities of the Council.

Ms. Mary Plummer, Committee Management Officer, Office of Alternative Medicine, 6100 Executive Boulevard, 6100 Building, Room 5E01, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7510, Area Code 301-594-7232, will provide a summary of the meeting and a roster of Council members as well as substantive program information. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such

as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Plummer no later than March 16, 1998.

Dated: March 4, 1998.

LaVerne Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****Special Programs Emphasis Panel of the Office of the Director; 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 meeting of the following Special Programs Emphasis Panel of the Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health.

The meeting will be open to the public to provide a forum in which individuals from Government, industry, and voluntary health organizations work together to finalize a report and to make recommendations on steps to coordinate rare disease research programs within existing research funds and resources. This report will be submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

A portion of the meeting on March 30 will be available for public comment. Anyone who would like to provide comments at this meeting should contact Dr. Stephen Groft, (301) 402-4336, Executive Secretary of the Advisory Group of the Coordination of Rare Diseases Research.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Panel: Advisory Group of the Coordination of Rare Diseases Research.

Dates of Meeting: March 30, 1998.

Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Wilson Hall, Shannon Building, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Agenda: To review the Draft Report on the Coordination of Rare Diseases Research and to Discuss Implementation Plans for the Recommendations.

Contact Person: Dr. Stephen C. Groft (Executive Secretary), Director, Office of Rare Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room 1B03, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892-2082, Telephone: (301) 402-4336, Fax: (301) 402-0420.