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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of December 1999.

Name: Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME)

Date and Time: December 1, 1999; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., December 2, 1999; 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Place: The Latham Hotel, Georgetown—Presidential Ballroom, 3000 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

The meeting is open to the public.

Agenda: The agenda will include:

Welcome and opening comments from the Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, the Associate Administrator for Health Professions, and the Acting Executive Secretary of COGME. There will be presentations on a Specialty Supply and Requirements Study, and the National Health Service Corps. There will be a panel on State Centers for Health Workforce Studies. There will also be presentations on Medicare Teaching Physician Payment Issues; Osteopathic Medical Education Issues; and the Department of Defense GME Issues. An update will be given on the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry. The Council will hear the reports of its work groups on Ambulatory Programs and Financing, and Physician Workforce.

Anyone requiring information regarding the subject should contact Stanford M. Bastacky, D.M.D., M.H.S.A., Executive Secretary, Council on Graduate Medical Education, Division of Medicine, Bureau of Health Professions, Room 9A-27, Parklawn

Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, telephone (301) 443-6326.

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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.—Use of Treatment Improvement Protocols (TIPs) and Technical Assistance Publications (TAPs) by Faculty and Curriculum Developers Associated with the Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTCs)—New—The ATTC Study is a special study under the ongoing TIPs Evaluation Project. Since 1992, SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) has published 33 Treatment Improvement Protocols, or TIPs, which provide administrative and clinical practice guidance to the substance abuse treatment field; and 23 Technical Assistance Publications

(TAPs), which are publications, manuals, and guides developed by experts with first-hand experience to offer practical responses to emerging issues and concerns in the substance abuse treatment field.

Configured as a mixed methodologies, multi-site case study, the ATTC study will elicit process and descriptive data related to assessing both actual use, and usefulness, of TIPs and TAPs in developing curricula and other knowledge application products for ATTCs. Data will be collected through on-site activities at six of the 13 ATTCs. Those activities will include intensive, on-site interviews with both ATTC curriculum developers and faculty/trainers identified by directors of the selected ATTC sites and through "snowball" sampling techniques; additional, brief interviews with curriculum developers and faculty/trainers identified by directors of the selected sites and through snowball sampling techniques; a brief demographic survey form to be filled out by all respondents; list-building/ranking and other special techniques, to be incorporated into the more intensive interviews; and small group discussions. Measures will be primarily descriptive and process, for example, whether, and if so, which, TIPs and TAPs have been or are being used in development of ATTC curricula; how and to what extent TIPs and TAPs are used; faculty/trainers' and curriculum developers' perceptions regarding the advantages and disadvantages of using TIPs and TAPs; and their impressions and suggestions concerning the content and format of TIPs and TAPs.

Burden for faculty/trainers and curriculum developers includes written responses to a brief demographic questionnaire, including faxing or mailing it back (est. 10–15 minutes); subsequent participation in a brief (½ hour) or longer one-on-one, semi-structured interview (est. 1–1 ½ hours), or in a small group discussion on site (1 hour); and round-trip travel to the interview/group discussion site. Burden attributed to Facility Directors for the 13 ATTCs includes time spent assisting the study team before and during the site visit, including identifying and discussing possible participants for interviews and group discussions. Burden for the National ATTC involves time spent assisting the study team in tracking ATTCs' replies to a request for information and sample products.