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**Robert E. Polson,**

*Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces meetings of scientific peer review groups. The subcommittees listed below are part of the Agency's Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committee.

The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. These discussions are likely to involve information concerning individuals associated with the applications, including assessments of their personal qualifications to conduct their proposed projects. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Research Training.

*Date:* January 27-28, 2005 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on January 27 and closed for remainder of the meeting).

2. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Technology and Decision Sciences.

*Date:* February 17-18, 2005 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on February 17 and closed for remainder of the meeting).

3. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Research Dissemination and Implementation.

*Date:* February 24-25, 2005 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on February 24 and closed for remainder of the meeting).

4. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Systems Research.

*Date:* February 24-25, 2005 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on February 24 and closed for remainder of the meeting).

5. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Quality and Effectiveness Research.

*Date:* February 24-25, 2005 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on February 24 and closed for remainder of the meeting).

All the meetings above will take place at: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, John Eisenberg Conference Center, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

*Contact Person:* Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the nonconfidential portions of the meetings should contact Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research, Education and Priority Populations, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 2000, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Telephone (301) 427-1554. Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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**Carolyn M. Clancy,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

*Title:* Building Strong Families Demonstration and Evaluation—Baseline.

*OMB No.:* New collection.

*Description:* The proposed information collection activity is for baseline information during eligibility screening and enrollment in local programs participating in the Building Strong Families (BSF) evaluation. The BSF evaluation is an important opportunity to learn if well-designed interventions can help low-income couples develop the knowledge and relationship skills that research has shown are associated with healthy marriages. BSF programs will provide

instruction and support to improve marriage and relationship skills and enhance couples' understanding of marriage. In addition, BSF programs will provide links to a variety of other services that could help couples sustain a healthy relationship (e.g., employment assistance). The evaluation's goal is to include a maximum of six programs that will add a BSF component to existing services and enroll into the evaluation up to 2,000 couples into each program, e.g., 1,000 couples randomly assigned to participate in BSF services and 1,000 couples in the control group, for a maximum total of 12,000 couples (24,000 individuals). The evaluation will assess the net impact of the BSF interventions on these two groups.

*Respondents:* The respondents for the baseline data collection will be low-income, unmarried, expectant or recent parents who volunteer to participate in the evaluation. (Some couples may have been recently married since the conception of their child.) There will be four forms used in the baseline data collection: (1) The Mother/Father Eligibility Checklist; (2) the Consent to Participate in the BSF Study Form; (3) the Baseline Information Form; and (4) the Contact Information Form. The Mother/Father Eligibility Checklist will be used by program staff to determine if respondents meet the minimum requirements for participating in the BSF program. We estimate that about 25 percent of couples interviewed will meet the eligibility criteria for the program. The Consent to Participate in the BSF Study Form explains in detail the design of the evaluation, the process for selection, and the results of agreeing to participate in the study (e.g., being contacted for follow-up information). The Baseline Information Form collects basic demographic information about respondents, as well as brief information concerning pregnancies and births, family structure, employment and income, and emotional well-being, all of which is relevant for the study. The Contact Information Form gathers information on friends and relatives who can assist in locating respondents based on respondents' agreements to participate in follow-up surveys that will be conducted many months later. All forms will be administered to both members of the couples by BSF program staff members. The forms will be administered in a number of different settings, but we anticipate the two most common will be in hospitals, following the birth of children, and in the mother's/father's home shortly after births.

## ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response: participants + staff	Total burden hours
Mother/Father Elig. Checklist .....	96,000	1	0.03 + 0.06	8,640
Consent Form .....	24,000	1	0.08 + 0.12	4,800
Baseline Info Form .....	24,000	1	0.25 + 0.33	13,920
Contact Info Form .....	24,000	1	0.03 + 0.06	2,160

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 29,520.*

*Additional Information:* Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: [grjohnson@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:grjohnson@acf.hhs.gov).

*OMB Comment:* OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Attn: Desk Officer for ACF, E-mail address: [Katherine\\_T\\_Astrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Katherine_T_Astrich@omb.eop.gov).

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**Robert Sargis,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

#### Notice of Public Comment on the Proposed Adoption of ANA Program Policies and Procedures

**AGENCY:** Administration for Native Americans (ANA).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 814 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974; as amended, 42 U.S.C., 2991b-1, the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) herein describes its proposed interpretive rules, general statement of policy and rules of agency procedure or practice in relation to the Social and Economic Development Strategies

(SEDS), Language Preservation and Maintenance (hereinafter referred to as Native Language), and Environmental Regulatory Enhancement (hereinafter referred to as Environmental) programs. Under the statute, ANA is required to provide members of the public an opportunity to comment on proposed changes in interpretive rules, statements of general policy, and rule of agency procedure or practice and to give notice of the final adoption of such changes at least 30 days before the changes become effective. The notice also provides additional information about ANA's plan for administering the programs.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of comments is 30 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments in response to this notice should be addressed to Sheila Cooper, Director of Programs Operations, Administration for Native Americans, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Mail Stop: Aerospace 8-West, Washington, DC 20447. Delays may occur in mail delivery to Federal offices; therefore, a copy of comments should be faxed to: (202) 690-7441. Comments will be available for inspection by members of the public at the Administration for Native Americans, Aerospace Center, 901 D Street SW., Washington, DC 20447.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheila Cooper, toll free at (877) 922-9262.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 814 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (the Act), as amended, requires ANA to provide notice of its proposed interpretive rules, statements of policy and rule of agency organization, procedure or practice. These proposed clarifications, modifications and new text will appear in the three ANA FY 2005 program announcements: SEDS, Native Language and Environmental. This notice serves to fulfill this requirement.

## Additional Information

### I. ANA Application Format

ANA has revised Part Two, "Application Review Criteria" of the FY 2005 Program Announcement, specifically the Application Submission Requirements. Previously, ANA required applicants to include and count the Objective Work Plan (OWP) form (OMB Control Number 0980-0204), and the Federal and non-Federal share line-item budget and budget justification narrative in the page limitation. In FY 2005, ANA has removed the OWP and the line-item budget and budget justification narrative from the page limitation. With the exemption of the OWP and the budget section from the page limitation, ANA has reduced in the FY 2005 program announcements the Application Submission Requirements to 40 pages. The exemption of the OWP and the budget from the page limitation will enable applicants applying for multi-year awards to provide more information on the proposed project. (Legal authority: Section 803 (a) and (d) and 803C of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b and 2991b-3.)

### II. Required Forms

The Grant Application Data Summary (GADS) form (OMB Clearance Number 0970 0261 exp. 03/31/2007) is a new ANA form. The Commissioner for the Administration for Native Americans is required to collect and disseminate information related to the social and economic conditions of Native Americans for inclusion in its annual report to Congress. The data collected on the GADS is required to assist in gathering that data. The information is also used to ensure that ANA obtains the proper number of reviewers to review each category of grant applications. Although not included in prior announcements, GADS received OMB approval after the publication of the FY 2004 announcement. It will be included in this announcement and future announcements to be submitted as a part of the application package.