DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Program Announcement and Grant Application Instructions Template for the Older Americans Act Title IV Discretionary Grant Program

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to the standard Program Announcement and Grant Application Instructions template for Older Americans Act Title IV Discretionary Grant Program.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by April 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: lori.stalbaum@aoa.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Stalbaum at (202) 357–3452 or lori.stalbaum@aoa.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency request or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, AoA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document. With respect to the following collection of information, AoA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AoA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of AoA’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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

AoA plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget for approval Program Announcement and Grant Application Instructions Template for the Older Americans Act Title IV Discretionary Grants Program. The Program Announcement and Application Instructions provide the requirements and instructions for the submission of an application for funding opportunities of the Administration on Aging under Title IV of the Older Americans Act. Through its Title IV Program, the Administration on Aging (AoA) supports projects for the purpose of developing and testing new knowledge and program innovations with the potential for contributing to the well-being of older Americans. The Program Announcement template may be found on the AoA Web site at http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Grants/Funding/overview.aspx. AoA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: Frequency: Based on the budget authorization for that Fiscal Year, AoA publishes 10 to 15 program announcements on average. Respondents: States, public agencies, private nonprofit agencies, institutions of higher education, and organizations including tribal organizations. Estimated Number of Responses: 300 annually. Total Estimated Burden Hours: 14,400.


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Minority Health.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, and Office of Minority Health is announcing a public meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health. The Committee was established by the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294(c)).

The purpose of the meeting is to: (a) Discuss and provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on Public Health Service program activities that have an effect on eliminating health disparities among racial and ethnic minority groups; (b) consider the effect of health care reform on health disparities; (c) consider recommendations developed by other Federal agencies that may have an effect on addressing health disparities; and (d) other matters relating to the Committee's purpose and function.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on March 9, 2010, at the Rachel Carson Federal Building, 3174 Lima Road, Room 1000, Cincinnati, Ohio 45268. Information about the Committee is available at http://www.odoh.ohio.gov/ohiohealth/minorityhealth/.


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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 (SAMHSA) 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 at (240) 276–1243.

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.


The Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (the “STOP Act”) states that the “Secretary of Health and Human Services shall annually issue a report on each State’s performance in enacting, enforcing, and creating laws, regulations, and programs to prevent or reduce underage drinking.” The Secretary has delegated responsibility for this report to SAMHSA. Therefore,

SAMHSA is developing a Survey of State Underage Drinking Prevention Policies and Practices (the “State Survey”) to provide input for an Annual Report on State Underage Drinking Prevention and Enforcement Activities (the “State Report”).

The STOP Act also requires the Secretary to develop “a set of measures to be used in preparing the report on best practices” and to consider categories including but not limited to the following:

Category #1: Sixteen specific underage drinking laws/regulations enacted at the State level (e.g., laws prohibiting sales to minors; laws related to minors in possession of alcohol).

Category #2: Enforcement and educational programs to promote compliance with these laws/regulations.

Category #3: Programs targeted to youths, parents, and caregivers to deter underage drinking and the number of individuals served by these programs.

Category #4: The amount that each State invests, per youth capita, on the prevention of underage drinking broken into five categories: (a) Compliance check programs in retail outlets; (b) Checkpoints and saturation patrols that include the goal of reducing and deterring underage drinking; (c) Community-based, school-based, and higher-education-based programs to prevent underage drinking; (d) Underage drinking prevention programs that target youth within the juvenile justice and child welfare systems; and (e) Any other State efforts or programs that target underage drinking.

Congress’ purpose in mandating the collection of data on State policies and programs through the State Survey is to provide policymakers and the public with currently unavailable but much needed information regarding State underage drinking prevention policies and programs. SAMHSA and other Federal agencies that have underage drinking prevention as part of their mandate will use the results of the State Survey to inform Federal programmatic priorities. The information gathered by the State Survey will also establish a resource for State agencies and the general public for assessing policies and programs in their own State and for becoming familiar with the programs, policies, and funding priorities of other States.

Because of the broad scope of data required by the STOP Act, SAMHSA will rely on existing data sources where possible to minimize the survey burden on the States. SAMHSA will employ data on State underage drinking policies from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism’s Alcohol Policy


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1 Public Law 109–422. It is assumed Congress intended to include the District of Columbia as part of the State Report.