—Budget and Budget Justification 15 points.

For FY 2011, the two criteria for the SEDS–AFI FOA will be titled and weighted as follows:

—Approach 90 points and
—Budget and Budget Justification 10 points.

The criteria titles will match the titles found in the project description section of the FOAs. Matching titles will help applicants to better understand the connection between the two sections of the FOAs. The assigned weights better reflect what ANA considers to be the most important elements of the project application. (Legal authority: Section 803(c) of NAPA, as amended.)

ii. ANA Evaluation Criteria: Included here is a summary of each criterion. The FOAs will include a more detailed description of the evaluation criteria and the associated project description.

(a) Objectives and Need for Assistance: Under this criterion, applications will be evaluated on the applicant’s community and applicant identification, connection to the community, community participation in the project development, the problem statement, and the briefly stated objectives.

(b) Outcomes Expected: Under this criterion, applications will be evaluated on the strength of the project outcomes expected, which include the project goal, the results and benefits expected, and one project-specific impact indicator. For language applications that are designed to teach a Native language, applicants must include an impact indicator that shows advancement of language fluency. All other language projects should provide an impact indicator that measures an increase in community interest to preserve the language.

(c) Approach: Under this criterion, the application will be evaluated on the strength of the project approach. This criterion includes two sub-criteria: the project strategy and the OWP. The project strategy sub-criterion includes a detailed description of the implementation plan, community involvement and outreach during implementation, and contingency planning to support project implementation. In addition, partnerships and leveraged resources will be evaluated as to their contribution within the overall strategy of project implementation and its sustainability; however, the target numbers will not be evaluated or scored. In this section reviewers will also consider organizational capacity and project sustainability. The OWP sub-criterion includes a review of the OWP form and its strength as an effective implementation tool.

(d) Budget: Under this criterion, the application will be evaluated on the strength of the budget and how well it supports successful completion of the project objectives. This criterion includes a line-item budget and budget justification for each line item for each budget period.

The changes to the content of evaluation criteria, and the complementary changes to the project description section of the FOA, will more effectively guide panel reviewers and applicants on what ANA believes are critical components of a project application. (Legal authority: Section 803(c) of NAPA, as amended.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, e-mail paperwork@hrsa.gov or call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443–1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: Health Center Controlled Networks Progress Reports (OMB No. 0915–0315)—Revision

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) collects network outcome measures, conducts evaluation of those measures, and has an electronic reporting system for the following types of grantees: Health Information Technology Planning Grants, Electronic Health Record Implementation (including High Impact Electronic Health Records Implementation) for Health Center Controlled Networks, and Health Information Technology Innovations for Health Center Controlled Networks. In order to help carry out its mission, HRSA created a set of performance measures that grantees use to evaluate the effectiveness of their service programs and monitor their progress through the use of performance reporting data. Grantees report to HRSA on their grants to accomplish the following goals: Increase access to needed data and services; improve quality, efficiency and effectiveness of network services; and enhance ability to track and monitor patient outcomes. Grantees submit their progress reports in a mid-