communications and constituency relations plan; and, (3) ensuring that all communications activities are developed and implemented consistent with and in support of this plan. The Office’s activities promote ONC’s broader mission of the nationwide implementation of interoperable health information technology in both the public and private health care sectors. Such activities include identifying ways to increase awareness of the value of electronic health records (EHRs) to improve health care and to create awareness of the HITECH Act provisions among all stakeholders.

X. Delegation of Authority. Pending further delegation, directives or orders by the Secretary or by the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, all delegations and redelegations of authority made to officials and employees of affected organizational components will continue in them or their successors pending further redelegations, provided they are consistent with this reorganization.


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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call (404) 639–7570 or send an email to omb@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project


Background and Brief Description

In 2005, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that 80,187 African Americans were diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, which represents 51% of all cases diagnosed. African-American men with HIV/AIDS represented 44% of all cases among males (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2005). These statistics have been consistently disproportional since the late 1990s, with African Americans bearing the greatest burden of new HIV cases in most regions of the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that at the end of 2006, Blacks were disproportionately affected by HIV. The 2006 HIV infection rate in Blacks was nearly twice the rate of Whites (92 out of every 100,000 Blacks compared to 48 per 100,000 Whites and 31 per 100,000 Hispanics). Among males, Black males accounted for the largest number of diagnosed HIV infections and have the highest HIV infection rate of any race/ethnicity group (144 per 100,000, compared to 94 per 100,000 for White males and 50 per 100,000 for Hispanic males).

While many HIV prevention and intervention studies include samples of African-American men and African-American Men who have Sex with Men (AAMSM), beyond demonstrating disparities in seroconversion between and among racial groups, few have been specifically designed and evaluated for efficacy among African American men. Because few HIV prevention interventions targeting AAMSM have been developed and rigorously evaluated, while their HIV infection rates remain disproportionately high and continue to rise, identifying effective interventions for AAMSM is a public health imperative.

The purpose of this project is to test the efficacy of an HIV transmission prevention intervention for reducing sexual risk among African American men who have sex with men in Chicago, Illinois. The intervention is a 3-day weekend retreat, group-level CTCA intervention that combines cultural affirmation with critical thinking and empowerment, to increase reasoning skill, problem solving capacity, self-protective behavior change, and well-being which facilitates the reduction of risky sexual behaviors. A convenience sample of 438 AAMSM will be recruited to participate in the study. We anticipate recruiting potential participants for the CTCA RCT through a variety of community venues, using both active (i.e., venue outreach) and passive (i.e., referral, flyers/handcards, Internet) recruitment techniques. The intervention will be evaluated using baseline, 3-month and 6-month follow-up assessments. This project will also conduct exit surveys to identify men who were more favorable—men who agreed with positive comments about the intervention and those who were less favorable—men who disagreed with positive comments about the intervention. Exit interviews will be conducted with 15 favorable and 15 less favorable men identified by the Exit Survey to help understand participants’ experiences with the CTCA intervention and their thoughts about the content of the intervention and ways in which it could be improved. Using the participant responses to the exit survey, we will categorize participants into two categories: Favorable (those men reporting a favorable reaction to the intervention) and unfavorable (those men reporting an unfavorable reaction to the intervention). Once we have 50 participants in each category, we will randomly select 15 participants from each group and invite them to participate in the exit interview. We anticipate that we will need to repeat these procedures and extend an invitation to at least 65 participants in order to reach and successfully interview 15 participants in each group.

CDC is requesting approval for a 3-year clearance for data collection. The data collection system involves a pre and full screening, brief locator information, record locator information, baseline assessment, 3-month follow-up assessment, 6-month follow-up assessment, participant evaluation forms, exit survey, and exit interviews. An estimated 1000 men will be pre-screened and 515 will be full-screened for eligibility in order to enroll 438 men. The baseline and follow up questionnaires will be administered electronically using audio computer assisted self-interview (ACASI). The ACASI interview includes questions about participants’ socio-demographic information, health and healthcare, sexual activity, substance use, and other psychosocial issues. The duration of each baseline, 3-month, and 6-month assessments are estimated to be 60 minutes; the exit survey 10 minutes; the exit interview 30 minutes; pre-screening form 5 minutes; full-screening form 10 minutes; brief locator information form 5 minutes; record locator information form 10 minutes; each participant evaluation survey 5 minutes.

There is no cost to participants other than their time. The total estimated annual burden hours are 527.
The meeting will be held at the Emory Conference Center’s at 1615 Clifton Road Atlanta, GA 30329. Information regarding logistics will be available on the Community Guide Web site (www.thecommunityguide.org), Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allyson Brown, The Community Guide Branch, Epidemiology and Analysis Program Office, Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–E–69, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, phone: (404) 498–0937, email: CPSTF@cdc.gov

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is for the Task Force to consider the findings of systematic reviews and issue recommendations and findings to help inform decision making about policy, practice, and research in a wide range of U.S. settings.

Matters To Be Discussed: Updates on Cancer, Motor vehicle-related injuries, Tobacco, Health Equity, and Alcohol.

Meeting Accessibility: This meeting is open to the public, limited only by space availability.


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Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control; Special Interest Projects (SIPs): Initial Review

The meeting announced below concerns Examination of Environmental Characteristics that Enable and/or Promote Frequent Indoor Tanning among Young Adults to Inform Future Public Health Policy Efforts to Prevent Skin Cancer, SIP12–054, Pilot Study to Evaluate Strategies for Reducing Medical Radiation Exposure in Children, SIP12–055, and Innovative Message Framing to Increase Support for Evidence-based Tobacco Control, SIP12–060, Panel A, initial review.

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the aforementioned meeting:

Time and Date

11:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m., June 20, 2012 (Closed).

Place: Teleconference.

Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92–463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the initial review, discussion, and evaluation of “Examination of Environmental Characteristics that Enable and/or Promote Frequent Indoor Tanning among Young Adults to Inform Future Public Health Policy Efforts to Prevent Skin Cancer, SIP12–054, Pilot Study to Evaluate Strategies for Reducing Medical Radiation Exposure in...