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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the Information Collection Request Title and document identifier HHS-OS-0990-New-30D for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: State and Territorial Health Disparities Survey Abstract: The Office of Minority Health (OMH), Office of the Secretary (OS) is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new data collection activity for the State and Territorial Health Disparities Survey (STHD Survey).

OMH has a long history of collaborating with states to improve minority health outcomes and reduce health and health care disparities. A strong partnership with state and territorial offices is a key to continue progress toward eliminating health disparities. To best facilitate continued

partnerships, OMH needs information about the current activities, challenges, and resources within state and territorial offices of minority health. The State and Territorial Health Disparities Survey is intended to support OMH informational needs by collecting, organizing, and presenting a variety of information about states and U.S. territories, including the current status of minority health and health disparities, the organization and operation of state and territorial offices of minority health, and state/territorial implementation of federal standards and evidence-based practices designed to address disparities and improve minority health. The STHD Survey, which will focus on the activities, staffing, and funding of State Minority Health Entities, is part of a larger project to catalog the extent of health disparities and the activities underway to reduce them in each state and U.S. territory. The STHD Survey supports OMH's goals of working with states and territories to improve the health of racial

and ethnic minority populations and eliminate health disparities. While existing, state/territorial-specific information sources (e.g., quantitative data points available from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's *National Healthcare Disparities Report State Snapshots*) offer important facts about the status of health disparities, they do not provide context around the efforts underway to reduce them. Likely Respondents—Data will be collected using semi-structured telephone interviews with state/territorial minority health entity directors (or their designees) in approximately 54 states and territories (50 states plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). The purpose of this interview is to collect qualitative information about state/territory program goals and activities, partnerships, and organizational structure, as well as quantitative data elements on staffing and funding.

| Form Name | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondents | Average hours per response | Total burden hours |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| State and Territorial Survey | 54 | 1 | 1.5 | 81 |
| Total | 54 | | | 81 |

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR is for renewal of the approved information collection assigned OMB control

number 0937-0166, scheduled to expire on October 31, 2015. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public on this ICR during the review and approval period.

DATES: Comments on the ICR must be received on or before November 13, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov* or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the OMB control number 0937-0166 for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: HHS 42 CFR part 50, subpart B; Sterilization of Persons in Federally Assisted Family Planning Projects—OMB No. 0937-0166—Extension—OASH, Office of Population Affairs—Office of Family Planning.

Abstract: This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection for the disclosure and record-keeping requirements codified at 42 CFR part 50, subpart B (“Sterilization of Persons in Federally Assisted Family Planning Projects”). The consent form solicits information to assure voluntary and informed consent to persons undergoing sterilization in programs of health services which are supported by federal financial assistance administered by the Public Health Service (PHS). Consent forms are signed by individuals undergoing a federally funded sterilization procedure and certified by necessary medical authorities. Forms are incorporated into the patient’s medical records and the agency’s records. Through periodic site audits and visits, PHS staff review completed consent forms to determine compliance with the regulation. Thus, the purpose of the consent form is twofold. First, it serves as a mechanism to ensure that a person receives information about sterilization and voluntarily consents to the procedure. Second, it facilitates compliance monitoring. The Sterilization Consent

Form has added the expiration date on the Required Consent Form.

Likely Respondents: American citizens seeking federally-funded sterilizations.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

| Type of respondent | Information collection | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response | Total hours |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Citizens Seeking Sterilization | Information Disclosure for <i>Sterilization Consent Form</i> . | 100,000 | 1 | 1 | 100,000 |
| Citizens Seeking Sterilization | Record-keeping for <i>Sterilization Consent Form</i> . | 100,000 | 1 | 15/60 | 25,000 |
| Total | | | | | 125,000 |

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Notice of Listing of Members of the Indian Health Service's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

The Indian Health Service (IHS) announces the individuals who will serve on the Indian Health Service's Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB). This action is being taken in accordance with Title 5, U.S.C., Section 4314 (c) (4), which requires that members of performance review boards be appointed in a manner to ensure consistency, stability, and objectivity in performance appraisals and requires that notice of the appointment of an individual to serve as a member be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following individuals will serve on the IHS PRB, which oversees the evaluation of performance appraisals of the IHS SES members:

- Elizabeth Fowler, Chair
- Richie Grinnell
- Susan Karol
- Christopher Mandregan
- Dean Seyler

For further information about the IHS PRB, contact the Office of Human Resources, Indian Health Service, 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP Suite 230, Rockville, Maryland 20852, telephone 301-443-6520 (not a toll-free number).

Dated: October 5, 2015.

Robert G. McSwain,
Deputy Director, Indian Health Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIDDK Ancillary Studies.

Date: October 27, 2015.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Elena Sanovich, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 750, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-2542, 301-594-8886, *sanovich@mail.nih.gov*.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; PAR-12-265: Ancillary Clinical Studies in Biomarkers of Diabetes Complications (R01).

Date: November 20, 2015.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Ann A. Jerkins, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 759, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, 301-594-2242, *jerkinsa@niddk.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Program Project on IBD.

Date: December 3, 2015.

Time: 1:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Maria E. Davila-Bloom, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 758, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-7637, *davila-bloomm@extra.nidk.nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: October 7, 2015.

David Clary,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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