DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Request for Nominations of Candidates To Serve on the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (BSC, NCEH/ATSDR)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is soliciting nominations for membership on the BSC, NCEH/ATSDR.

The BSC, NCEH/ATSDR consists of 16 experts knowledgeable in the field of environmental public health or in related disciplines, who are selected by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The BSC, NCEH/ATSDR provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, HHS; the Director, CDC; and the Director, NCEH/ATSDR, regarding program goals, objectives, strategies, and priorities in fulfillment of the agencies’ mission to protect and promote people’s health. The Board provides advice and guidance to help NCEH/ATSDR work more efficiently and effectively with its various constituents and to fulfill its mission in protecting America’s health.

Nominations are being sought for individuals who have expertise and qualifications necessary to contribute to the accomplishments of the Board’s objectives. Nominees will be selected from experts knowledgeable in the field of environmental public health or related disciplines (e.g., environmental law, preventive medicine, epidemiology, occupational and environmental health, environmental toxicology, environmental justice, laboratory sciences, risk assessment, public policy, behavioral social science, and health economics). Members may be invited to serve up to four-year terms.

The HHS policy stipulates that committee membership be balanced in terms of points of view represented and the board’s function. Consideration is given to a broad representation of geographic areas within the U.S., as well as gender, all ethnic and racial groups, persons with disabilities, and several factors including: (1) The committee’s mission; (2) the geographic, ethnic, social, economic, or scientific impact of the advisory committee’s recommendations; (3) the types of specific perspectives required, for example, those of consumers, technical experts, the public at-large, academia, business, or other sectors; (4) the need to obtain divergent points of view on the issues before the advisory committee; and (5) the relevance of State, local, or tribal governments to the development of the advisory committee’s recommendations. Nominees must be U.S. citizens.

The following information must be submitted for each candidate: Name, affiliation, address, telephone number, and current curriculum vitae and area(s) of expertise. Email addresses are requested if available. Nominations should be sent, in writing, and postmarked by April 29, 2016 to: Amanda Malasky and Sandra Malcom, Committee Management Specialists, NCEH/ATSDR, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway (MS–F45), Atlanta, Georgia 30341. Email addresses: amalasky@cdc.gov and smalcom@cdc.gov. Telephone and facsimile submissions cannot be accepted.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Claudette Grant,
Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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 a meeting for the initial review of applications in response to Funding Opportunity Announcement, RFA–EC–16–002, Research to Advance Primary Care-Pharmacy Linkage for Medication Review to Reduce Older Adult Falls.

Time and Date: 11:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., EDT, April 21, 2016 (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 for Discussion: The meeting will include the initial review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to “Research to Advance Primary Care-Pharmacy Linkage for Medication Review to Reduce Older Adult Falls” FOA Number RFA–EC–16–002.

Contact Person for More Information: Jane Suen, Dr. P.H., M.S., Scientific Review Officer, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway NE., Mailstop F63, Atlanta, Georgia 30341–3724, Telephone: (770) 488–4281.

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Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; the National Maltreatment Reporting System

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) 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 National Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS). The proposed collection of information tools may be found in the NAMRS section of the ACL Web site.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by: May 23, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to Stephanie Whittier Eliason at stephanie.whittiereliason@acl.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Whittier Eliason at 202.795.7467.

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, ACL is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

Authority

This data collection effort is in response to the Elder Justice Act of 2009, which amended title XX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 13976 et seq.). These provisions require that the Secretary of HHS “collects and disseminates data annually relating to the abuse, exploitation, and neglect of elders in coordination with the Department of Justice” (Sec. 2041(a)(1)(B)), and “conducts research related to the provision of adult protective services” (Sec. 2041(a)(1)(D)). Furthermore, the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (EJCC) included as its third recommendation for increasing federal involvement in addressing elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation: Develop a national adult protective services (APS) system based upon standardized data collection and a core set of service provision standards and best practices.

Background

From 2013–2015, ACL, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services’ Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), developed and pilot tested NAMRS. When implemented, NAMRS will be the first comprehensive, national reporting system for APS programs. NAMRS is intended to collect quantitative and qualitative data on the practices and policies of adult protective services (APS) agencies, as well as the outcomes of investigations into the maltreatment of older adults and adults with disabilities.

In developing NAMRS, ACL and ASPE convened key stakeholders to identify data elements that are the most critical for a national system. More than 40 state administrators, researchers, service providers, and other stakeholders provided input in focus group conference calls. Additionally, more than 30 state representatives from 25 different states met in three in-person working sessions to discuss the uses of collected data and the key functionalities.

A pilot version of NAMRS was tested in nine (9) diverse states, and refined based on feedback from the pilot and additional stakeholder engagement. A full discussion on the background of NAMRS, including the development of the system, the public engagement process, and the pilot testing can be found in the NAMRS section of the ACL Web site.

Proposed Collection Effort

NAMRS has been developed as a voluntary system to collect annually both summary and de-identified case-level data on APS investigations. NAMRS consists of three components:

1. ACL proposes to collect descriptive data on state agency policies and practices from all states through the “Agency Component,” and

2. Case-level, non-identifiable data on persons who receive an investigation by APS in response to an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation through the “Case Component.”

3. For states that are unable to submit a case-level file through the “Case Component,” a “Key Indicators Component” will be available for them to submit data on a smaller set of core items.

ACL will provide technical assistance to states to assist in the preparation of their data submissions. Respondents will be state APS agencies and APS agencies in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas Islands, Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. No personally identifiable information will be collected. ACL has calculated the following burden estimates (information on how the estimates were calculated is available in the NAMRS section of the ACL Web site):

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