

Titles I, II, and III, HIV community-based organizations; State and local health agencies; Ryan White Title IV HIV comprehensive family-centered care projects, prevention, education and peer support activities; national and local consumer organizations, including the National Hemophilia Foundation and its Chapters (5 points);

- Evidence of formal patient choice and grievance policies and procedures (5 points);
- Participation in other significant activities, and a description of any involvement with factor replacement product programs (5 points).
- The extent to which (A) the project personnel are well qualified by training and/or experience for their roles in the project and the applicant organization has adequate facilities and personnel; and (B) there is a plan for management of the regional network of hemophilia diagnostic and treatment centers (15 points). In addressing this criterion please describe the following items:
  - Regional program management;
  - Fostering communication among and providing technical assistance and training to HTC's;
  - Other significant regional activities;
  - The extent to which the estimated cost to the government of the project is reasonable, considering the anticipated results (10 points).
  - The strength of the project's plan for evaluation (10 points).

*Additional criteria may be used to review and rank applications for this competition. Any such criteria will be identified in the program guidance included in the application kit.*

Applicants should pay strict attention to addressing these criteria, in addition to those referenced above. Also, to the extent that regulatory review criteria generally applicable to all Title V programs (at 42 CFR part 51a.5) are relevant to this specific project, such factors will be taken into account.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

OMB approval for any data collection in connection with this grant will be sought, as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

#### **Public Health System Reporting Requirements**

This program is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements (approved under OMB No. 0937-0195). Under these requirements, the community-based non-governmental applicant must prepare and submit a Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS). The PHSIS is intended to provide information to State and local health officials to keep them apprised of

proposed health services grant applications submitted by community-based non-governmental organizations within their jurisdictions. The project abstract may be used in lieu of the one-page PHSIS.

Community-based non-governmental applicants are required to submit the following information to the head of the appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be impacted no later than the Federal application receipt due date:

- (a) A copy of the face page of the application (SF 424).
- (b) A summary of the project (PHSIS), not to exceed one page, which provides:
  - (1) A description of the population to be served.
  - (2) A summary of the services to be provided.
  - (3) A description of the coordination planned with the appropriate State and local health agencies.

#### **Executive Order 12372**

The MCH Federal Set-Aside program has been determined to be a program which is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 concerning intergovernmental review of Federal programs.

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**Dennis P. Williams,**

*Deputy Administrator.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **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 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 on (301) 443-7978.

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.

*Proposed Project:* Practitioner Services Network Initiative—New—SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), plans to obtain information about the providers, care and characteristics of clients with substance abuse disorders and related co-morbidities that receive treatment from practitioners in private practice and organizational settings. This information is needed to complement available information about the substance abuse treatment provided in institutional and publicly funded settings, in order to more completely describe the full range and nature of substance abuse problems affecting the nation.

The CSAT Practitioner Services Network initiative provides support to six of the largest behavioral health associations in the nation to design and implement surveys using representative samples of their members and the clients they serve. The membership of the selected Associations collectively represent a significant proportion of the behavioral health professionals in the country. Two of these associations, the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association, have separately functioning internet-based PSN infrastructures; from these two groups CSAT will be able to purchase reports based on the data they have already collected.

For four other associations (*i.e.*, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; the American Counseling Association; NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals; and the National Association of Social Workers), CSAT will sponsor new data collection efforts to provide a core set of data elements to be collected in their upcoming membership surveys. The four Associations conduct periodic sample surveys of their memberships through their individual Practitioner Services Network infrastructures and will incorporate a common set of specific substance-abuse questions that are of importance to CSAT into these studies. CSAT will sponsor data collection and purchase, from each Association, a report that addresses the characteristics of practitioners who may be expected to encounter clients with substance abuse disorders, the characteristics of clients with behavioral

and/or substance abuse disorders, and the nature of services rendered to these clients.

The reports to be purchased by CSAT will be based on the Associations' surveys of a representative sample of 400 of their members. Practitioners in the sample will abstract demographic and encounter-specific data from two of

their current patients' records. No client identifying information will be collected as part of this study. Data collection methods will include mailed surveys with mailed reminders and follow-up phone calls in order to achieve a target response rate of 80 percent.

This information will complement CSAT's and SAMHSA's existing data

collection efforts and provide a more comprehensive view of the populations in need of services, the prevalence of substance abuse and mental health comorbidities, and the qualifications and training of private practitioners who serve these clients.

The burden estimates are summarized in the following table.

Estimated number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated completion time (hours)	Total burden hours
1,600	1	.33	532

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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**Richard Kopanda,**

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#### Proposed Project

National Outcomes Performance Assessment of the Collaborative Initiative to Help End Chronic Homelessness—New—This Initiative is coordinated by the U.S. Interagency Council on the Homeless and involves the participation of three Council members: the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Within HHS, SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services is the lead agency.

This project will monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the Initiative. A national assessment of client outcomes is needed to assure a high level of accountability and to identify which models work best for which people, using the same methods for all sites. To this end, this project will provide a site-by-site description of program implementation, as well as descriptive information on clients served; services received; housing quality, stability, and satisfaction; and client outcomes in health and functional domains. The VA Northeast Program Evaluation Center (NEPEC), based at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System in West Haven, Connecticut, will be responsible for conducting this project.

Data collection will be conducted over a 36-month period. At each site, a series of measures will be used to assess (1) program implementation (e.g., number and types of housing units produced and intensity and types of treatment and supportive services provided), (2) client descriptive information (e.g., demographic and clinical characteristics, and housing and treatment services received) and, (3) client outcomes.

Client outcomes will be measured using a series of structured instruments administered by evaluation personnel employed and funded by the local VA medical center or outpatient clinic involved at each Initiative site who will

work closely with central NEPEC staff. Assessments will be conducted through face-to-face interviews and, when needed, telephone interviews. Interviews (approximately one hour in length) will be conducted at baseline, defined as the date of entry into the clinical treatment program leading to placement into permanent housing, and quarterly (every 3 months) thereafter for up to three years. Discharge data will be collected from program staff at the time of official discharge from the program, or when the client has not had any clinical contact from members of the program staff for at least 6 months. In addition to client interviews, key informant interviews with up to 15 program managers at each site will be conducted annually.

At most Initiative sites, it is expected that more people will be screened and/or evaluated for participation in the program than receive the full range of core housing and treatment services. We have conceptualized entry into the Initiative as a two-phase process involving an Outreach/Screening/Assessment Phase (Phase I), and an Active Housing Placement/Treatment Phase (Phase II) that is expected to lead to exit from homelessness. In some programs these two phases may be described as the Outreach and Case Management Phases. It will be important to have at least some minimal information on all clients so as to be able to compare those who enter Housing/Treatment with those who do not.

Client-level data at the time of first contact with the program (i.e., before the client receives more intensive treatment or housing services) will be collected using a screener form. The screener form will be completed by the Evaluation assistant or member of the clinical staff when prospective clients are first told about the program, and express interest in participating in the program (i.e., when they enter Phase I). The purpose of this form is to identify the sampling frame of the evaluation at