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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee; Solicitation of Nominations for Delegates

AGENCY: Office of Minority Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of nominations for delegates for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) hereby gives notice that OMH is establishing a Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee (CIIHE TAC) and accepting nominations of qualified candidates to serve as primary and alternate delegates for the CIIHE TAC, in alignment with the 12 geographic areas served by the Indian Health Service (IHS).

DATES: Nomination letters for the CIIHE TAC must be sent to the address noted below no later than 6:00 p.m. EST on October 29, 2021.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be emailed to: Violet Woo, Designated Federal Officer for the CIIHE TAC, at Violet.Woo@hhs.gov. Please use the subject line “OMH CIIHE Tribal Advisory Committee”.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information and guidance about the nomination process for CIIHE TAC delegates, please contact Violet Woo, Designated Federal Officer at Violet.Woo@hhs.gov. CIIHE TAC nomination guidance and sample nomination letters also are available on the OMH website’s Tribal Leader Letters section: <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvlid=62#tribal-leader-letters>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authorized under Section 1707 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300u–6, as amended, the mission of OMH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that help eliminate health disparities. OMH awards and other activities are intended to support the identification of effective policies, programs, and practices for

improving health outcomes and to promote the sustainability and dissemination of these approaches.

Under the authority of Public Law 116–260 (2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act), Congress directed OMH to create a CIIHE to support research, education, service, and policy development advancing Indigenous solutions that ultimately address health disparities in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) populations. OMH is establishing the CIIHE TAC to ensure that Tribal Leaders have meaningful and timely input in the development of the priorities and activities established to address the focus areas of the CIIHE. The CIIHE TAC shall support, but not supplant, government-to-government consultation activities that OMH undertakes.

TAC Membership: The CIIHE TAC will consist of 16 delegate positions: One from each of the 12 geographic areas served by the Indian Health Service and four National At-Large Member positions.

Alaska Area
Albuquerque Area
Bemidji Area
Billings Area
California Area
Great Plains Area
Nashville Area
Navajo Area
Oklahoma Area
Phoenix Area
Portland Area
Tucson Area
National At-Large Members (4)

OMH recommends a two (2) year term length for each delegate, but delegates’ term length will be established by the TAC’s charter.

Eligibility: The CIIHE TAC delegates must be: (1) Elected tribal officials from a federally recognized tribe acting in their official capacity as elected officials of their tribe, with authority to act on behalf of the tribe; or (2) individuals designated by an elected tribal official. Designees must have the authority to act on behalf of the tribal official and the tribe and be qualified to represent the views of the AI/AN tribes in the area from which they are nominated. No delegate of the CIIHE TAC may be an employee of the federal government.

Nomination Procedures: CIIHE TAC candidates must be nominated by an elected tribal leader. The nomination letter must be on tribal letterhead and signed by an elected tribal leader, and must include the following information:

- Name of the nominee
- Nominee’s official title
- Name of the nominee’s tribe

- Date of nominee’s election to official tribal position and term length
- Nominee’s contact information (mailing address, phone, and email)
- Nominee’s expertise that is relevant to the CIIHE TAC
- Name of tribal leader submitting the nomination
- Official title of tribal leader submitting the nomination
- Contact information for tribal leader submitting the nomination and/or administrative office for tribal government

CIIHE TAC nomination guidance and sample nomination letters are available on the OMH website’s Tribal Leader Letters section: <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvlid=62#tribal-leader-letters>.

Selection Process: OMH is responsible for selecting and finalizing CIIHE TAC members.

Eligible nominees will be considered in the following priority order:

1. Tribal President/Chairperson/Governor
2. Tribal Vice-President/Vice-Chairperson/Lt. Governor
3. Elected or Appointed Tribal Official
4. Designated Tribal Official with authority to act on behalf of Tribal leader

In the event that there is more than one nomination for a given IHS area, OMH will make a determination of representation based on submitted nomination materials.

Nominees will be notified of the status of delegate selection in November 2021.

Dated: September 24, 2021.

Violet Woo,

Designated Federal Officer, Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Request for Public Comment: 60 Day Notice for Extension of Fast Track Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery: IHS Customer Service Satisfaction and Similar Surveys

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments. Request for extension of approval.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Indian Health Service (IHS) invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on the information collection Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0917–0036, “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.” This notice announces our intent to submit this previously approved information collection, which expires January 31, 2022, to OMB for approval of an extension and solicit comments on specific aspects for the proposed information collection.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 30, 2021.

For Comments: Submit comments to Evonne Bennett by Email at Evonne.Bennett@ihs.gov.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be made available to the public by publishing them in the 30 day **Federal Register** notice for this information collection. For this reason, please do not include information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If comments are submitted via email, the email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

A copy of the draft supporting statement is available at www.regulations.gov (see Docket ID [IHS_FRDOC_0001]).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IHS is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, and its implementing regulations. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies as required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d) concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality,

utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery: IHS Customer Service Satisfaction and Similar Surveys.

Type of Information Collection Request: Three year extension approval of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 0917–0036.

Abstract: The proposed information collection activity provides a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. Qualitative feedback is information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but is not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: Timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the agency’s services will be unavailable.

The agency will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- Information gathered will be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;

- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions;
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study;

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;

- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;

- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future; and

- With the exception of information needed to provide remuneration for participants of focus groups and cognitive laboratory studies, personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

As a general matter, information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

Current Actions: Extension of approval for a collection of information.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals and households, businesses and organizations, and Tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 105,000.

Below are projected annual average estimates for the next three years:

Average Expected Annual Number of activities: 100.

Average number of Respondents per Activity: 1,050.

Annual responses: 105,000.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average minutes per response: 10.

Burden hours: 17,500.

There are no direct costs to respondents to report.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comment Due Date: Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Elizabeth A. Fowler,

Acting Director, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting 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., as amended. The grant applications 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: NIDCR Special Grants Review Committee.

Date: October 28–29, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Nisan Bhattacharyya, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NIDCR, NIH, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 668, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–451–2405, nisan.bhattacharyya@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.121, Oral Diseases and Disorders Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: September 28, 2021.

Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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., as amended. The grant applications 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; OD–21–005: Short Courses on Innovative Methodologies and Approaches in the Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Date: October 25, 2021.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Sara Louise Hargrave, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3170, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 443–7193, hargravesl@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Genes, Genomes, and Genetics Integrated Review Group; Genetics of Health and Disease Study Section.

Date: November 1–2, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Christopher Payne, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Rm. 2208, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–402–3702, christopher.payne@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Population Sciences and Epidemiology Integrated Review Group; Biostatistical Methods and Research Design Study Section.

Date: November 2–3, 2021.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Victoriya Volkova, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3140, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–7781, victoriya.volkova@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Musculoskeletal, Oral and Skin Sciences Integrated Review Group; Oral, Dental and Craniofacial Sciences Study Section.

Date: November 4–5, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Yi-Hsin Liu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4214, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1781, liuyh@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Applied Immunology and Disease Control Integrated Review Group; Drug Discovery and Mechanisms of Antimicrobial Resistance Study Section.

Date: November 4–5, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Susan Daum, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3202, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–827–7233, susan.boyle-vavra@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowship: Infectious Disease and Immunology B.

Date: November 4–5, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Uma Basavanna, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–827–1398, uma.basavanna@nih.gov.