

Pursuant to the Consent Agreement, Tyco is required to divest the Sheridan Line to Hudson RCI within ten days of the date the Commission places the Order on the public record. If the divestiture to Hudson RCI is not accomplished, Tyco must divest the Sheridan Line to a Commission-approved acquirer within six months. Should Tyco fail to do so, the Commission may appoint a trustee to divest the business.

The Consent Agreement includes a number of provisions that are designed to ensure that the transition of Tyco's endotracheal tube business to the acquirer is successful. The Consent Agreement requires Tyco to provide incentives to certain key employees to accept employment, and remain employed, by the acquirer. Tyco employees who had been involved with selling the Sheridan endotracheal tube line are prohibited from selling the Mallinckrodt endotracheal tube products for a period of one year. Tyco is also prohibited from inducing key hospital group purchasing organizations from terminating their contracts with the acquirer for a period of two years. Finally, Tyco employees involved with the endotracheal tube business are prohibited from disclosing any confidential information to employees involved with the Mallinckrodt line.

In order to ensure that the Commission remains informed about the status of the Tyco endotracheal tube business pending divestiture, and about efforts being made to accomplish the divestiture, the Consent Agreement requires Tyco to report to the Commission within 30 days, and every thirty days thereafter until the divestiture is accomplished. In addition, Tyco is required to report to the Commission every 60 days regarding its obligations to provide transitional services and facilities management.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the Consent Agreement, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the Consent Agreement or to modify in any way its terms.

By direction of the Commission.

Benjamin I. Berman,

Acting Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History

AGENCY: General Services Administration.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History will hold an open meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2000, at the George Washington University, Marvin Center Room 403.

PURPOSE: To discuss the Commission's final report and how to elaborate its message to the President.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha Davis (202) 501-0705, Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Communications, General Services Administration. Also, inquiries may be sent to martha.davis@gsa.gov.

Dated: October 17, 2000.

Beth Newburger,

Associate Administrator for Communications.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

1. Voluntary Industry Partner Surveys to Implement Executive Order 12862—Extension—0990-0220—The Department of Health and Human Services plans to conduct surveys of its contractors in each agency to obtain feedback for improving the Department's procurement process.

Respondents: Contractors of the Department;

Number of Respondent: 2400;

Average Burden per Response: 12 minutes.

Total Annual Burden: 480 hours.

OMB Desk Officer: Allison Eydt.

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: October 10, 2000.

Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, November 3, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 6010 Executive Boulevard, Fourth Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Lebbon, Coordinator of the Advisory Council, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 594-7216. For press-related information, please contact Karen Migdail at 301/594-6120.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Linda Reeves, Assistance Administrator for Equal Opportunity, AHRQ, on (301) 594-6662 no later than November 1, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Purpose**

Section 921 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299c) established the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Council is to advise the Secretary and the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), on matters related to actions of the Agency to enhance the quality, improve outcomes, reduce costs of health care services, improve access to such services through scientific research, the promotion of improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services.

The Council is composed of members of the public appointed by the Secretary and Federal ex-officio members. Donald M. Berwick, M.D., the Council chairman, will preside.

II. Agenda

On Friday, November 3, 2000, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chairman. The Director, AHRQ, will present the status of the Agency's current research, programs and initiative. Tentative agenda items include evidence-based practice centers, patient safety, translating research into practice (T.R.I.P.), and Office of Priority Populations Research. The official agenda will be available on AHRQ's website at www.ahrq.gov no later than October 20, 2000. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Dated: October 13, 2000.

John M. Eisenberg,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control And Prevention**

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is providing opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is 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 for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Anne O'Connor, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Projects

Telephone Survey Measuring HIV/STD Risk Behavior Using Standard Methodology—New—National Center for HIV, STD, Tuberculosis Prevention (NCHSTP), CDC. The goal of the overall project is to conduct testing of a set of survey questions intended to obtain measures of risk behaviors for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs). This proposed data collection is for the second phase of this 2-year project. During the first phase questions were developed and tested, and a pretest of 203 interviews was conducted. During this second phase a pilot survey with a larger number of respondents will be conducted, and a small number of additional questions will be included measuring HIV-related stigma.

Knowledge about the level of HIV risk behaviors in populations is essential for effective HIV prevention programs. Currently, survey-based assessment of these behaviors depends on a range of survey questions that differ across surveys, and that are difficult to compare and to reconcile. Therefore, the Behavioral Surveillance Working Group,

coordinated by the National Center for HIV, STD and Tuberculosis Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has developed a draft set of items to be proposed as standard survey questions on the topics of sexual behavior, HIV testing, drug use, and other behaviors related to risk of contracting HIV and/or STDs. As part of this effort, CDC will sponsor a telephone-based pilot of 400 persons aged 18-59, selected randomly from within an urban area, in order to test these questions.

Further, because some of the survey questions are private and potentially sensitive, the project will entail the testing of a survey administration mode: Telephone-based audio computer-assisted self-interview (T-ACASI), in which a computer will be used to administer the most sensitive questions, and in which the surveyed individual enters responses directly onto the telephone keypad. This procedure eliminates the need for communication of sensitive questions from the interviewer to the respondent, as well as the need for respondents to answer the questions verbally. In order to test the effectiveness of this procedure, half of the interviews will be conducted using the T-ACASI procedure for the most sensitive questions, and half using standard, interviewer-based administration of all questions. Data analysis will rely on an assessment of the response rate under each mode, and on the nature of the data obtained to the sensitive questions. The larger sample size of the year 2 pilot survey will enable us to test statistical significance of the effectiveness of the T-ACASI procedure.

Information and data obtained from this evaluation will help direct future surveys, by determining whether it is feasible to attempt to administer these standard risk questions using a telephone survey, and whether a T-ACASI-based procedure represents a technological innovation that will positively contribute to such an effort, through improvements in data quality. The total cost to respondents is \$1355.52.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses/ respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Screening	1872	1	0.02	37.4
Interview	400	1	0.33	132.0