

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, the Cardiovascular Health Study**

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the National Institutes of Health has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 8, 1997, pages 52567-52668, and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, and information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Proposed Collection**

Title: The Cardiovascular Health Study. Type of Information Collection Requested: NEW. Need and Use of Information Collection: This study will qualify associations between conventional and hypothetical risk factors and coronary heart disease and stroke in people age 65 and older. The primary objectives include quantifying associations of risk factors with subclinical disease, characterize the natural history of coronary heart disease, stroke and identify factors associated with clinical course. The findings will provide important information on cardiovascular disease in an older U.S. population and lead to early treatment of risk factors associated with disease and identification of factors which may be important in disease prevention. Frequency of response: 5.36 (annual number of responses/annual number of respondents). Affected public: Individuals or households. Types of Respondents: Individuals recruited for CHS and their selected proxies and physicians. The annual reporting burden is as follows: Estimated Number of Responses per respondent: 5.4; and Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested: 8,098. There are no costs for respondents. Estimated annualized cost for information collection for a 13-year

period is \$6,820 thousand per year. This is based on CHS Field, Coordinating and Reading Centers costs in thousands per year. Personnel, \$3,627; Equipment, \$47; Subcontracts, \$257; Others \$1,437; Overhead, \$1,437. The annualized cost of monitoring the project by the NHLBI is \$207 thousand.

**Request for Comments**

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function 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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Direct Comments to OMB**

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Robin Boineau, MD, Epidemiology and Biometry Program, Division of Epidemiology and Clinical Applications, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, II Rockledge Centre, 6701 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7934, Bethesda, MD 20892. Phone, (301) 435-0707, Facsimile (301) 480-1667, or electronic mail: boineau@gwgate.nhlbi.nih.gov.

**Comments Due Date**

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before April 27, 1998.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

**Shelia E. Merritt,**

*Executive Officer, NHLBI*

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**National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel:

*Agenda/Purpose:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Committee Name:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* April 9, 1998.

*Time:* 1 p.m.

*Place:* Parklawn, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

*Contact Person:* Donna Ricketts, Parklawn, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-3936.

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

This notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers 93.242, 93.281, 93.282)

Dated: March 18, 1998.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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**National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 United States Code Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting:

*Name of SEP:* Trauma and Burn (Teleconference).

*Date:* March 25, 1998.

*Time:* 3:00 p.m.—adjournment.

*Place:* NIH, NIGMS, Natcher Building, Room IAS-13, Bethesda, Maryland.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Bruce Wetzels, Scientific Review Administrator, NIGMS.