DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse
Notice of May Advisory Council on Drug Abuse Meeting

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the NIH Reform Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 281(d)(4)), notice is hereby given that the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will host a meeting to enable public discussion on the Institute’s proposal to reorganize its extramural program in establishment of a Division of Extramural Research. The proposal seeks to clearly delineate functions and streamline the services provided within the Office of the Director, as well as capitalize on emerging scientific opportunities, while reducing barriers to scientific and interdisciplinary collaboration.

DATES: This public meeting will take place on May 7, 2014 with attendance limited to space available. Any interested person may file written comments by sending an email to NIDAERComment@mail.nih.gov, by May 12, 2014. The statement should include the individual’s name, contact information and, when applicable, professional affiliation.

ADDRESSES: Neuroscience Center, Conference Rooms C & D, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Daubert, Deputy Executive Officer, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Office of the Director, 6001 Executive Boulevard, NSC Building, Room 5274, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–402–1652, daubert@nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public wishing to attend must RSVP to the contact person on this notice by May 5, 2014. NIDA has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus and constituent facilities. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example a government-issued photo ID, valid driver’s license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit. Additionally, individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the contact person by the deadline provided above in advance of the meeting.

Individuals will also be able to view the meeting via NIH Videocast. Please go to the following link for Videocast access instructions at: http://videocast.nih.gov/faq/#setup. A portion of this meeting will be closed to the public. Information is available on the Institute’s Web site, http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/meetings-events/2014/05/national-advisory-council-drug-abuse, where details on the agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available. A portion of the agenda will include: A report by the Director, NIDA and a public discussion on the proposed reorganization plans for NIDA extramural program.

Dated: April 17, 2014.

Nora Volkow,
Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health.

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National Institute on Aging: Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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: National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel; Juvenile Protective Factor (JPF).

Date: May 22, 2014.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building 2C212, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Bita Nakhaib, Ph.D., Scientific Review Branch, National Institute on Aging, Gateway Bldg., 2C212, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–402–7701, nakhaib@nia.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.866, Aging Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: April 21, 2014.

Melanie J. Gray,
Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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 (SAMHSA) 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 (240) 276–1243.

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: 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (OMB No. 0930-0110)—Revision

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) is a survey of the U.S. civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 12 years old or older. The data are used to determine the prevalence of use of tobacco products, alcohol, illicit substances, and illicit use of prescription drugs. The results are used by SAMHSA, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Federal government agencies, and other organizations and researchers to establish policy, direct program activities, and better allocate resources.

In order to continue producing current data, SAMHSA’s Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ) must periodically update aspects of the NSDUH to reflect the changing substance use and mental health issues and to continue producing current data. CBHSQ has such plans for the 2015 NSDUH survey year to achieve two goals: (1) Revise the questionnaire to address changing policy and research data needs, and (2) modify the survey methodology to improve the quality of estimates and the efficiency of data collection and processing.

Planned revisions for the 2015 NSDUH to the questionnaire, methodology and materials, including an assessment of new computer equipment, were initially tested in 2012 as part of the NSDUH Questionnaire Field Test (QFT) (OMB No. 0930–0334), then further refined and tested again in 2013 during the NSDUH Dress Rehearsal (DR) (OMB No. 0930–0334). As such, most of the changes described herein were successfully tested as part of the QFT and/or DR unless otherwise specified.

The changes to the questionnaire content for 2015 will include: (a) Revisions to modules for smokeless tobacco, hallucinogens, inhalants, prescription drugs, special drugs, consumption of alcohol, and health care; (b) revisions to the educational attainment response categories; (c) a lower threshold of binge alcohol use for females; (d) a new methamphetamine module; (e) addition of two sexual orientation questions to be asked of adults; and (f) revisions to back-end demographics questions. Also, to aid respondent recall within the questionnaire, prescription drug images and a reference date calendar will display on the computer screen rather than being displayed in hard-copy, paper form.

There are a few additional changes to the questionnaire content for 2015 not tested during the DR, which include: (a) The term “Molly” will be added to questions about Ecstasy in the hallucinogens module; (b) routine updates to logic and wording for consistency and to maximize respondent comprehension; and (c) other minor changes to questions throughout the instrument to clarify intent.

Several changes are also planned to the methodology for 2015 in an effort to improve the efficiency of data collection and processing; these were tested during the QFT and DR.

Along with the new laptop, text to speech (TTS) software is being programmed and tested for implementation within the questionnaire for 2015. TTS uses a computer-generated voice to read text displayed on-screen, rather than relying on the pre-recorded audio files from a human voice used previously with the audio computer-assisted self-interviewing (ACASI) portions of the interview. Though TTS was not tested as part of the QFT or DR, during an evaluation of the software, there were no problems understanding any words or phrases produced by the TTS voices in English or Spanish, so it will be implemented for the 2015 NSDUH unless there is a significant problem shown during testing. If TTS is not implemented, the current method of using pre-recorded audio files will be continued for the 2015 NSDUH.

In addition, interviewers will now have the option of showing a short video via the multimedia capability of the touch screen tablet. The video (approx. 50 seconds in run time) will provide a brief explanation of the study and why participation is important. Also contained within the tablet and new for 2015 is a parental introductory script, designed to be read to a parent or guardian once a youth respondent is selected to complete an interview. This script will standardize the introductory conversations with parent/guardians.

As with all NSDUH/NHSDA (prior to 2002, the NSDUH was referred to as the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA)) surveys conducted since 1999, the sample size of the survey for 2015 will be sufficient to permit prevalence estimates for each of the fifty States and the District of Columbia. The sample design for 2015 will be the same as the design used for 2014 data collection. This design places more sample in the 26 or older age groups to more accurately estimate drug use and related mental health measures among the aging drug use population, and allows for the possible adoption of address-based sampling in the future. The total annual burden estimate is shown in Table 1.

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Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 2–1057.

One Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857 or email her a copy at summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received by June 23, 2014.

Summer King, Statistician.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG–2013–1065]

Towing Safety Advisory Committee; June 2014 Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference meeting.

SUMMARY: The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) will meet via teleconference to receive tasking related to the report of investigation into the Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) KULLUK grounding incident and receive final reports or status reports from seven active TSAC Subcommittees. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The teleconference will take place on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST. This meeting may close early if all business is finished. If you wish to make oral comments at the teleconference, notify Mr. William J. Abernathy before the teleconference, as specified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section, or the designated Coast Guard staff at the meeting. If you wish to submit written comments or make a presentation, submit your comments or request to make a presentation by May 28, 2014. Also, if you want to come to the teleconference host location in person, you must request building access by May 28, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet via teleconference. To participate by phone, please contact Mr. William J. Abernathy listed below in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to request directions and building access. You must request building access by May 28, 2014, and present a valid, government-issued photo identification to gain entrance to the Coast Guard Headquarters building.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the teleconference, contact Mr. William J. Abernathy listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section, as soon as possible.

If you want to make a presentation, send your request by May 28, 2014, to Mr. William J. Abernathy listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. To facilitate public participation we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the Committee as listed in the “Agenda” section below. You may submit a written comment on or before May 28, 2014, or make an oral comment during the public comment portion of the teleconference.

To submit a comment in writing, use one of the following methods:


Email: William.J.Abernathy@uscg.mil. Include the docket number (USCG–2013–1065) on the subject line of the message.

Fax: (202) 372–8283. Include the docket number (USCG–2013–1065) on the subject line of the fax.


Hand Delivery: Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these methods.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this notice. All comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public docket in the January 17, 2008, issue of the Federal Register (73 FR 3316).

Docket: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this Notice, go to http://www.regulations.gov, insert USCG–2013–1065 in the Search box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

 Lieutenant Commander William Nabach, Alternate Designated Federal Official (ADFO) of TSAC, Commandant (CG–OES–2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE., Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593–7509; telephone (202) 372–1386, fax (202) 372–8283 or Mr. William J. Abernathy, Alternate Designated Federal Official (ADFO) of TSAC, Commandant (CG–OES–2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Cheryl Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826 or 1–800–647–5527.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770. As stated in 33 U.S.C. 1231a, the Towing Safety Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Department of Homeland Security on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety.

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda for the June 4, 2014, teleconference includes:

(1) Assignment of new tasking to the committee for recommendations on the U.S. Coast Guard’s Report Of Investigation (ROI) into the MODU KULLUK grounding incident.

(2) Receive the draft final report from the Subcommittee on Recommendations for Designation of Narrow Channels.

(3) Status updates from the following Subcommittees:

(a) Recommendations Regarding Manning of Inspected Towing Vessels.

(b) Recommendations for Evaluating Placement of Structures Adjacent to or Within the Navigable Channel.

(c) Recommendations for the Maintenance, Repair and Utilization of Towing Equipment, Lines and Couplings.

(d) Recommendations for Mid-Stream Liquefied Natural Gas and Compressed Natural Gas Refueling of Towing Vessels.

(e) Recommendations for Improvement of Coast Guard Marine Casualty Reporting.

(f) Recommendations to Establish Criteria for Identification of Air Draft for Towing Vessels and Tows.

(4) TSAC member comments.

(5) Public comments.

There will be a comment period for TSAC and a comment period for the