

Agenda: This portion of the meeting will be open to the public for announcements and reports of administrative, legislative and program developments in the drug abuse field.

Place: Neuroscience Center, National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Teresa Levitin, Director, Office of Extramural Affairs, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, Bethesda, MD 20892-9547, (301) 443-2755.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 17, 2000.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Closed Meetings

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 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.

Date: August 22, 2000.

Time: 10 am to 12 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Michael Micklin, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3178, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1258, micklinm@csr.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 22, 2000.

Time: 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Michael Micklin, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3178, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1258, micklinm@csr.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 25, 2000.

Time: 11 am to 1 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Betty Hayden, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4206, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1223, haydenb@csr.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: September 1, 2000.

Time: 9 am to 5 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Contact Person: Julian L. Azorlosa, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3190, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1507.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: September 5, 2000.

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Eugene M. Zimmerman, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4202, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 345-1220, zimmerng@csr.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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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: Treatment Improvement Protocols (TIPs) Evaluation Project—Prospective Study—New—Since 1993, SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment has published 37 Treatment Improvement Protocols, which provide administrative and clinical practice guidance to the substance abuse treatment field. This is the third of three major studies and is designed to assess readers' use of TIPs and the impact of TIPs on changing substance abuse treatment practices.

The Prospective Study seeks to determine the most cost effective level of support needed by substance abuse treatment providers to implement in practice the information contained in TIPs. Specifically, this study will

examine the use of TIP #35, "Enhancing Motivation for Change in Substance Abuse Treatment," by treatment professionals in four different areas of the country. The study will use a pretest/post-test experimental design in which treatment facilities will be randomly assigned to one of four conditions: (1) The control group (which will receive the TIP and no additional support); (2) a TIP-plus

curriculum group; (3) a TIP-plus curriculum and training group; and (4) a TIP-plus curriculum, training, and ongoing support group.

Data will be collected at baseline and follow-up. Measures will include providers' awareness of TIP 35, their knowledge of the content contained in this TIP, their attitudes toward the TIP and its content, and their use of this TIP and its impact on practices within their

facilities. Burden for State substance abuse (SSA) agency directors in the four areas of the country chosen will consist of information gathering by telephone. Burden for other respondents will consist of completing the pretest and post-test questionnaires. The total estimated burden for this project, to be completed in a 1-year period, is summarized below.

Respondent	Number of respondents	Responses/respondent	Average burden/response (hrs.)	Total burden (hrs.)
SSA Directors	10	1	1.0	10
Facility Directors	560	2	.5	560
Clinical Supervisors	560	2	.5	560
Program Counselors	1,680	2	.5	1,680
Total				2,810

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.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska and Iowa

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska and Iowa will be available for public review on August 21, 2000. Comments and suggestions are requested.

DATES: Written comments are requested by September 25, 2000. A public open house meeting will be held on September 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Mr. Jim Salyer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 24385 State Highway 51, Puxico, Missouri 63960; Telephone: 800/686-8339 (toll-free) or 573/222-6001; Fax: 573/222-6150; E-

Mail: r3planning@fws.gov. Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may call the Missouri Relay Service at 800/735-2966 (TTY).

The public open house will be held at the DeSoto Refuge Visitor Center, 1434 316th Lane, Missouri Valley, Iowa, 51555 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. During the open house, information may be obtained by calling 712/642-4121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jimi Salyer or Ms. Judy McClendon, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 24385 State Highway 51, Puxico, Missouri 63960; Telephone: 800/686-8339 (toll-free) or 573/222-6001; Fax: 573/222-6150; E-Mail: r3planning@fws.gov. Individuals with speech or hearing or impairments may call the Missouri Relay Service at 800/735-2966 (TTY).

Individuals who would like copies of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for review should immediately use the contact information above. Copies of the document have been sent to all agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process and to all others who have already requested copies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Mr. Leon Kolankiewicz, Environmental Planner, The Mangi Environmental Group Inc. (Mangi), is the primary author of this document. The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), Department of the Interior, has contracted with Mangi to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) in Nebraska and Iowa which will guide management of the Refuge for the next 15 years.

The plan describes how the Refuge will provide for migratory and endangered species within its boundaries; work with partners to improve habitats beyond its boundaries; expand opportunities for wildlife viewing and fishing; further develop environmental education and interpretation of natural and cultural history; and provide outreach programs to describe appreciation of fish, wildlife, and the environmental influence of Western settlement.

The Environmental Assessment contains discussion of four alternatives under consideration that were analyzed and evaluated during planning:

(A.) No Action. No major changes in existing management goals and objectives would occur.

(B.) Maximize Restoration and Conservation of Historical Natural Resource Conditions. Management strategies would be to restore and conserve fish and wildlife populations, species and habitat diversity, composition and abundance to levels and conditions existing in the pre-development era (to about the mid-1800's).

(C.) Maximize Compatible Public Use Potentials. The six priority wildlife-dependent uses originating with the Refuge Improvement Act (interpretation, education, observation, photography, hunting, fishing) would be promoted and enhanced.

(D.) Optimize Natural Resource Conditions and Public use Potential (Preferred). This alternative seeks the best or optimal balance between the sometimes competing ideals of wildlife conservation, habitat restoration and public use.