DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request; State Grants for Assistive Technology Program Annual Progress Report (AT APR)

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on ACL's intention to collect information necessary to determine grantee compliance with Section 4 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended (AT Act). Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the proposed action. This notice solicits comments on a proposed revision to an existing data collection related to the State Grants for Assistive Technology Program Annual Progress Report (AT APR), formerly the 572 Report (0985–0042).

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by September 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: *Robert.Groenendaal@acl.hhs.gov.* Submit written comments on the collection of information by mail to Robert Groenendaal, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, 330 C Street SW., Room 1317B, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Groenendaal at (202) 795–7356 or *Robert.Groenendaal@acl.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. ''Collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or update of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. The proposed data collection represents a revision of a currently approved collection (ICR-Rev). In order to comply with the above requirement, ACL is requesting approval of a revision of a previously approved collection, the State Grants for Assistive Technology Program Annual Progress Report (AT APR), formerly known as the 572 report (0985–0042).

The AT APR is submitted annually by all State Grantees for AT programs receiving formula funds under Section 4 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as Amended (AT Act). The AT APR is used by ACL to assess grantees' compliance with Section 4 of the AT Act and with applicable provisions of the HHS regulations at 45 CFR part 75. The AT APR enables ACL to analyze qualitative and quantitative data to track performance outcomes and efficiency measures of the State Grants for AT programs; support budget requests; comply with the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRAMA) reporting requirements; provide national benchmark information; and inform program development and management activities. This information collection has 3 pieces: (A) a web-based system that collects data from states; (B) a performance measure survey on the access and acquisition of AT devices and services that states collect from individuals; and, (C) a customer satisfaction survey that states collect from individuals on their experiences accessing and acquiring AT through the State AT program. The burden table below identifies the data collection activities for the three surveys above as well as the estimates for record keeping and entry of aggregate data. In addition to submitting a State Plan every three years, states and outlying areas are required to submit annual progress reports on their activities. The data required for these progress reports is specified in Section 4(f) of the AT Act. The State Grants for AT program conduct the following state-level and state leadership activities: state financing, device demonstration, device loans, device reutilization, training and technical assistance, public awareness, and information and referral.

The proposed State Grants for Assistive Technology Program Annual Progress Report may be found on the ACL Web site at: *https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/public-input.*

Burden Estimates

ACL estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

The total estimated hour burden per respondent for the proposed AT APR will decrease from the 406 hours per respondent estimated in FY 2014 to 404 hours estimated for FY 2017, an estimated reduction of two hours per respondent or 112 in total. These are in addition to substantial reductions made during the last information collection process. The reduction in burden is a result of a data collection workgroup composed of State AT program staff that met to suggest revisions to the current instrument. The workgroup solicited feedback from all of the grantees through face-to-face meetings and webinar presentations. The number of hours is multiplied by 56 AT State Grants programs, resulting in a total estimated hour burden of 22,624 hours.

Respondent/data collection activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Annual burden hours
State Grants for AT Annual Progress Report (AT APR)	56	1	80.0	4,480
Performance Measure Surveys	56	1	54.0	3,024
Customer Satisfaction Surveys	56	1	54.0	3,024
Data Entry for the Instruments	56	1	208.0	11,648
Record Keeping Burden	56	1	8.0	448
Total	56	1	404.0	22,624

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Mary Lazare,

Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Announcement of Intent To Establish the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group and Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Working Group Membership

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces establishment of the Working Group. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is responsible for ensuring the conduct of and support for epidemiological, basic, translational, and clinical research related to vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases.

The Working Group will assist in this effort. The Working Group will consist of representatives of appropriate federal agencies and non-federal entities who represent diverse scientific disciplines and views. The Working Group will provide expertise and review all efforts within the Department of Health and Human Services related to all tick-borne diseases, to help ensure interagency coordination and minimize overlap, and to examine research priorities.

This notice also will serve to announce that HHS is seeking nominations of individuals who are interested in being considered for appointment to the Working Group. Resumes or curricula vitae from qualified individuals who wish to be considered for appointment as a member of the Working Group are currently being accepted.

DATES: Nominations must be received no later than close of business August 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be sent to: CAPT Richard Henry, Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 330 C Street SW., Room L001 Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT Richard Henry, Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy; Telephone: (202) 795–7615; Fax: (202) 691–2101; Email address: *richard.henry@hhs.gov.* When the charter for the Working Group has been filed with the appropriate Congressional committees and the Library of Congress, this document will be made available online. Web site information about activities of the Working Group will be provided when the URL has been identified. The charter will include detailed information about the purpose, function, and structure of the Working Group.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2062 of the 21st Century Cures Act authorizes establishment of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group (Working Group). The Working Group will be governed by provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

The 21st Century Cures Act is intended to advance the research and development of new therapies and diagnostics and make substantial federal investments in a wide range of health priorities.

Under Section 2062 of the 21st Century Cures Act, it is mandated that the Secretary of Health and Human Services establish the Working Group. The Working Group will be comprised of representatives of appropriate federal agencies and non-federal entities. The Working Group membership will represent diverse scientific disciplines and views.

The charter for the Working Group has been drafted. When the charter is approved, it will be filed with the appropriate Congressional committees and the Library of Congress; hard copies of this document will be made available upon request. The approved charter also will be accessible on line. The Working Group will be established as a non-discretionary federal advisory committee.

Objectives and Scope of Activities. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is responsible for ensuring the conduct of and support for epidemiological, basic, translational, and clinical research related to vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases. The Working Group will provide assistance for this effort. The Working Group membership will provide expertise and will review all efforts within the Department of Health and Human Services related to all tick-borne diseases, to help ensure interagency coordination and minimize overlap, and to examine research priorities.

Membership and Designation. The Working Group will consist of 14 voting members who represent diverse scientific disciplines and views. The composition will include seven federal members and seven non-federal public members. The federal members will consist of one or more representatives of each of the following: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institutes of Health. The non-federal public members will consist of representatives of the following categories: Physicians and other medical providers with experience in diagnosing and treating tick-borne diseases; scientists or researchers with expertise; patients and their family members; nonprofit organizations that advocate for patients with respect to tick-borne disease. Individuals who are appointed to represent federal entities will be classified as regular government employees. The non-federal public members will be classified as special government employees. Invitations of membership will be extended to other agencies and offices of the Department of Health and Human Services and other individuals as determined by the Secretary to be appropriate and beneficial for accomplishing the mission of the Working Group.

The federal members will be appointed to serve for the duration of time that the Working Group is authorized to operate. Participation of the appointed federal members will be at the discretion of their respective agency head. The non-federal public members will be invited to serve overlapping terms of up to four years. Any non-federal public member who is appointed to fill the vacancy of an unexpired term will be appointed to serve for the remainder of that term. A non-federal public member may serve after the expiration of their term until their successor has taken office, but no longer than 180 days. Terms of more than two years are contingent upon renewal of the charter of the Working Group.

Pursuant to advance written agreement, non-federal public members of the Working Group will receive no stipend for the advisory service that they render as members of the Working Group. However, non-federal public members will receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in relation to performing duties for the Working Group, as authorized by law under 5 U.S.C. 5703 for persons who are employed intermittently to perform services for the federal