

following points: (1) 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) 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) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Michele Russell-Einhorn, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Office for Protection from Research Risks, NIH, 6100 Executive Blvd., Suite 3B01, Rockville, MD 20892-7507, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496-7005 x236 or E-mail your request, including your address to:

<Einhornrm@OD31tm1.od.nih.gov>.

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before October 21, 1997.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

Gary B. Ellis,

Director, OPRR.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine; 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 National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting.

Name of SEP: National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 28, 1997.

Closed: 4:00 p.m. to adjournment.

Place: Conference Call, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bldg. 38A, Rm. 5S-504, Bethesda, Maryland 20894.

Contact: Peter Clepper, Acting Scientific Review Administrator, EP, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bldg. 38A, Rm. 5S-506, Bethesda, Maryland 20894, 301/496-4621.

Purpose/Agenda: To review Fellowship Grant applications.

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

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 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.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93-879—Medical Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health)

Dated: August 18, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NLM.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4263-N-09]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as requested by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due date: October 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8226, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald J. Sepanik at (202) 708-1060, Ext. 334 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed questions and other available documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as requested by the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 through the use of appropriate automation collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This Notice also lists the following information:

OMB Control Number: 2528-0016.

Title of Proposal: The 1998 American Housing Survey—Metropolitan Sample.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The 1998 American Housing Survey—Metropolitan Sample (AHS-MS) provides a periodic measure of the size and composition of the housing inventory in selected metropolitan areas. Title 12, United States Code, Sections 1701Z-1, 1701Z-2(g), and 1701Z-10a mandates the collection of this information.

The 1998 survey is similar to previous AHS-MS surveys and collects data on subjects such as the amount and types of changes in the inventory, the physical condition of the inventory, the characteristics of the occupants, the persons eligible for and beneficiaries of assisted housing by race and ethnicity, and the number and characteristics of vacancies.

Policy analysts, program managers, budget analysts, and Congressional staff use AHS data to advise executive and legislative branches about housing conditions and the suitability of policy initiatives. Academic researchers and private organizations also use AHS data in efforts of specific interest and concern to their respective communities.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) needs the AHS data for two important uses.

1. With these data, policy analysts can monitor the interaction among housing needs, demand and supply, as well as changes in housing conditions and costs, to aid in the development of housing policies and the design of housing programs appropriate for