

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; Neurotrauma and dementia.

Date: September 12, 2023.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Birgit Neuhuber, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, RM: 3208, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-3562, neuhuber@ninds.nih.gov. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.866, Aging Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; 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 at carlos.graham@samhsa.hhs.gov.

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.

Project: SAMHSA Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Research and Assessment

SAMHSA is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for their Generic clearance for purposes of conducting qualitative research. SAMHSA conducts qualitative research to gain a better understanding of emerging substance use and mental health policy issues, improve the development and quality of instruments, and to ensure SAMHSA leadership, centers and offices have recent data and information to inform program and policy decision-making. SAMHSA is requesting approval for at least four types of qualitative research: (a) interviews, (b) focus groups, (c) questionnaires, and (d) other qualitative methods.

SAMHSA is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation and to improve the lives of individuals living with mental and substance use disorders, and their families. It's mission is to lead public health and service delivery efforts that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and provide treatments and supports to foster recovery while ensuring equitable access and better outcomes. SAMHSA pursues this mission by providing grant funding opportunities and guidance to states and territories, as well as tribal and local communities; technical assistance to grantees and practitioners; publishing and sharing resources for individuals and family members seeking information on prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery; collecting, analyzing, and sharing behavioral health data; collaborating with other Federal agencies to evaluate programs and improve policies; and raising awareness of available resources through educational messaging campaigns and events. Integral to this role, SAMHSA conducts qualitative research and evaluation studies, develops policy analyses, and estimates the cost and benefits of policy alternatives for SAMHSA related programs.

Qualitative research and assessment are the main objectives of the activities included in this clearance. The goal of establishing the SAMHSA Generic Clearance for the Collection of

Qualitative Research and Assessment is to help public health officials, policymakers, community practitioners, and the public to understand mental health and substance use trends and how they are evolving; inform the development and implementation of targeted evidence-based interventions; focus resources where they are needed most; and evaluate the success of programs and policies. A key objective is to decrease the burden on stakeholders while expanding and improving data collection, analysis, evaluation, and dissemination. To achieve this objective, SAMHSA is streamlining and modernizing data collection efforts, while also coordinating evaluation across the agency to ensure funding and policies are data driven. Additionally, the agency is utilizing rigorous evaluation and analytical processes that are in alignment with the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018. SAMHSA, using robust methods to collect, analyze, and report valid, reliable, trustworthy, and protected data, is key to improving and impacting behavioral health treatment, prevention, and recovery for communities most in need. By using rigorous methods, and improving the quality and completeness of program data, data can be disaggregated across different population groups to assess disparities within the behavioral health care system. SAMHSA's vision will be accomplished by better leveraging optimal data to inform the agency's policies and programs.

The qualitative research participants will include grant recipients; policy experts; national, state, and local public health representatives; human service, and healthcare providers; and representatives of other health organizations. A variety of instruments and platforms will be used to collect information from respondents. The annual burden hours requested (15,000) are based on the number of collections we expect to conduct over the requested period for this clearance. The burden estimates were calculated based on the amount of IC submissions to the 0930-0393 Fast Track Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Service Delivery that are ineligible for OMB approval under it. This Generic information collection will provide a viable replacement option. Internal assessments of projected IC submission over the next three years estimate the burden hours for this information collection to be

approximately half that of the 0930–0393 Fast Track Generic Clearance for

the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on the Substance Abuse and Mental

Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Service Delivery.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Type of respondent	Form	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
SAMHSA internal and external stakeholders.	Qualitative Research	15,000	1	1	15,000

Send comments Carlos Graham, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E57–B, Rockville, Maryland 20857, OR email a copy to Carlos.Graham@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received by October 10, 2023.

Carlos Graham,
Reports Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Data Security Requirements for Accessing Confidential Data

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality; Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within the Department of Health and Human Services has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** on November 22, 2022 and no comments were received. SAMHSA is forwarding the proposed Data Security Requirements for Accessing Confidential Data information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this

notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carlos Graham, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E57–A, Rockville, Maryland 20857, OR email a copy to Carlos.Graham@samhsa.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SAMHSA may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments: Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of [agency], including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of [agency’s] estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information to be collected, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or other forms of information technology should be addressed to the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Title of collection: Data Security Requirements for Accessing Confidential Data.

OMB Control Number: 3145–0271.

Summary of Collection: Title III of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (44 U.S.C. 3583; hereafter referred to as the Evidence Act) mandates that OMB establish a Standard Application Process (SAP) for requesting access to certain confidential data assets. While

the adoption of the SAP is required for statistical agencies and units designated under the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018 (CIPSEA), it is recognized that other agencies and organizational units within the Executive Branch may benefit from the adoption of the SAP to accept applications for access to confidential data assets. The SAP is to be a process through which agencies, the Congressional Budget Office, State, local, and Tribal governments, researchers, and other individuals, as appropriate, may apply to access confidential data assets held by a federal statistical agency or unit for the purposes of developing evidence. With the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy (ICSP) as advisors, the entities upon whom this requirement is levied are working with the SAP Project Management Office (PMO) and with OMB to implement the SAP.

The SAP Portal is to be a single web-based common application designed to collect information from individuals requesting access to confidential data assets from federal statistical agencies and units. When an application for confidential data is approved through the SAP Portal, SAMHSA will collect information to fulfill its data security requirements. This is a required step before providing the individual with access to restricted use microdata for the purpose of evidence building. SAMHSA’s data security agreements and other paperwork, along with the corresponding security protocols, allow SAMHSA to maintain careful controls on confidentiality and privacy, as required by law. SAMHSA’s collection of data security information will occur outside of the SAP Portal.

The following bullets outline the major components and processes in and around the SAP Portal, leading up to SAMHSA’s collection of security requirements.

- *SAP Policy:* At the recommendation of the ICSP, the SAP Policy establishes the SAP to be implemented by statistical agencies and units and incorporates directives from the Evidence Act. The