

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., February 11, 2004; 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., February 12, 2004.

Place: Embassy Suites Hotel (Buckhead), 3285 Peachtree Rd. NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30305, Telephone: (404) 261-7733.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This committee is charged with providing scientific and technical advice and guidance to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the need for, and the nature of, revisions to the standards under which clinical laboratories are regulated; the impact on medical and laboratory practice of proposed revisions to the standards; and the modification of the standards to accommodate technological advances.

Matters To Be Discussed: The agenda will include updates from CDC, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Food and Drug Administration; a report from the CLIAC Waiver Workgroup; and discussion on the CLIA waiver criteria and process, previous CLIAC recommendations related to such, and AdvaMed's CLIA waiver criteria proposal.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Providing Oral or Written Comments: It is the policy of CLIAC to accept written public comments and provide a brief period for oral public comments whenever possible.

Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting to make an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of five minutes (unless otherwise indicated). Speakers must also submit their comments in writing for inclusion in the meeting's Summary Report. To assure adequate time is scheduled for public comments, individuals or groups planning to make an oral presentation should, when possible, notify the contact person below at least one week prior to the meeting date.

Written Comments: For individuals or groups unable to attend the meeting, CLIAC accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated). However, the comments should be received at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Committee for their consideration and public distribution. Written comments, one hard copy with original signature, should be provided to the contact person below. Written comments will be included in the meeting's Summary Report.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Whalen, Chief, Laboratory Practice Standards Branch, Division of

Laboratory Systems, Public Health Practice Program Office, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, Mailstop F-11, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3717; telephone (770) 488-8042; fax (770) 488-8279; or via e-mail at RWhalen@cdc.gov.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: January 13, 2004.

Alvin Hall,
Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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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

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Protection and Advocacy for Individuals With Mental Illness (PAIMI) Annual Program Performance Report (OMB No. 0930-0169, Revision)

The Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Act (42 U.S.C. 10801 *et seq.*) authorized funds to support protection and advocacy services on behalf of individuals with severe mental illness and severe emotional impairment who are at risk for abuse and neglect and other civil rights violations while under treatment in a residential facility. This program is managed by SAMHSA's

Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS).

Under the PAIMI Act, formula grant awards are made to protection and advocacy (P&A) systems designated by the governors of the 50 states and 6 territories, and the District of Columbia to ensure that the rights of individuals with severe mental illness and severe emotional disturbance are not violated. In October 2000, the PAIMI Act was amended to create a 57th P&A system—the American Indian Consortium in Shiprock, New Mexico. Whenever the annual PAIMI appropriation reaches \$30 million or more, State P&A systems may serve eligible individuals with serious mental illness or severe emotional impairments, as defined under the Act, residing in the community, including their own homes. However, PAIMI eligible persons residing in public and private residential care or treatment facilities have priority for all P&A system services.

The PAIMI Act requires P & A systems to file an annual report on their activities and accomplishments and to provide information on such topics as: numbers of individuals served, types of complaints addressed, and the number of intervention strategies used to resolve the presenting issues. Under the Act, there is an Advisory Council which is also required to submit an annual report that assesses the effectiveness of the services provided to, and the activities conducted by, the P&A systems on behalf of PAIMI eligible individuals and their family members.

The PAIMI Annual Program Performance Report (PPR) will undergo minor changes consistent with current statutory and regulatory data requirements, specifically information on grievance procedures, issues and investigations related to incidents of seclusion, restraint, including serious injuries and deaths, and the Advisory Council assessment of State P&A system PAIMI Program activities. The revised report formats will be effective for the report due on January 1, 2005.

The annual burden estimate is as follows:

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
Annual Program Performance Report	57	1	28	1,596
Activities & Accomplishments			(20)	(1,140)
Performance outcomes			(3)	(171)
Expenses			(2)	(114)
Budget			(2)	(114)
Priority statements & objectives			(1)	(57)

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
Advisory Council Report	57	1	10	570
Total	114	2,166

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: SAMHSA Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503; due to potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, respondents are encouraged to submit comments by fax to: 202-395-6974.

Dated: January 13, 2004.

Anna Marsh,

Acting Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4908-N-01]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: American Healthy Homes Survey

AGENCY: Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement concerning an American Healthy Homes Survey in homes across the country will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* March 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Gail N. Ward, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John H. Miller, (202) 755-1758 ext. 106 (this is not a toll-free number), or *John_H_Miller@HUD.gov*, for copies of the proposed information collection instruments and other available documents electronically or on paper.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required 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 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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Title of Proposal: American Healthy Homes Survey.

OMB Control Number: To be assigned.

Need for the Information and Proposed Use: Lead is a highly toxic heavy metal that adversely affects virtually every organ system in the body. Young children are particularly susceptible to its effects. Lead poisoning remains one of the top childhood environmental health problems today. The most current national survey (1998-2000), conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shows that about 434,000 young children are lead poisoned. The most common source of lead exposure for children today is lead paint in older housing and the contaminated dust and soil it generates. The National Survey of Lead and Allergens in Housing, conducted by

HUD and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) in 1998-2000, estimated that 24 million homes had lead-based paint hazards at that time. New information is needed to identify the extent of progress toward achieving the goal of the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children of eliminating lead paint hazards in housing where children under six live.

Asthma is a chronic respiratory disease characterized by episodes of airway inflammation and narrowing. It is generally accepted that asthma results from the interaction between genetic susceptibility and environmental exposures. Exposure to indoor allergy-producing substances (allergens) is believed to play an important role in the development and exacerbation of asthma. The HUD-NIEHS survey, above, found that most U.S. homes had, near the end of the last decade, detectable levels of dust mite allergen associated with allergic sensitization and asthma. New information is needed to characterize changes in the residential prevalence of allergens since the survey.

Similarly, such airborne chemicals as carbon monoxide, airborne particulate matter, and such chemicals on surfaces as arsenic and pesticides, and such unintentional injury factors as conditions associated with falls, fires and poisons, are known to have adverse health or safety effects, but national residential prevalence estimates are unavailable, limiting the ability of HUD and other agencies to develop data-driven control strategies.

This information will be used in revising policy and guidance to target the housing with the greatest needs for lead hazard evaluation and control.

Results from this survey will provide current information needed for regulatory and policy decisions and enables an assessment of progress in making the U.S. housing stock safe.

Agency Form Number: None.

Members of Affected Public: Homeowners and rental housing tenants.

Total Burden Estimate (First Year):