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Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience 7.

Date: June 12-13, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: One Washington Circle Hotel, One Washington Circle, Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Bernard F. Driscoll, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5158, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1242.

Name of Committee: Biobehavioral; and Behavioral Process Initial Review Group, Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes 2.

Date: June 12-13, 2003.

Time: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Sheraton Inner Harbor, 300 South Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 SSS-X 40P: Program Project: Bio-Microelectromechanical Systems.

Date: June 12-14, 2003.

Time: 7 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Constitution Inn, 150 Second Avenue, Charlestown, MA 02129.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, T35 Short Term Training Applications.

Date: June 13, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Sandy Warren, DMD, MPH, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5134, MDC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1019.

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

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

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: The Evaluation of the Buprenorphine Waiver Program: Longitudinal Patient Survey—New—*The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Division of Pharmacologic Therapies (DPT), is evaluating a program that permits office-based physicians to obtain Waivers from the requirements of the Narcotic Addict Treatment Act of 1974 (21 U.S.C. 823 (g)). Under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (21 U.S.C. 823 (g)(2)), the Waiver Program permits qualifying physicians to prescribe and dispense buprenorphine, a schedule III narcotic drug recently approved by the FDA for the treatment of opiate

addiction. Furthermore, the Drug Abuse Treatment Act specifies that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services make a determination of whether: (1) Treatments provided under the Waiver Program have been effective forms of maintenance treatment and detoxification treatment in clinical settings; (2) the Waiver Program has significantly increased (relative to the beginning of such period) the availability of maintenance treatment and detoxification treatment; and, (3) the Waiver Program has adverse consequences for the public health. In addition to the objectives above, the Evaluation of the Buprenorphine Waiver Program will examine other related objectives, including: (1) Describing the impact of the Waiver-based treatment on the existing treatment system; (2) providing information useful to guide and refine the processing/monitoring system being developed and maintained by CSAT/DPT; and (3) providing baseline data to inform future research and policy concerning the medicalization and mainstreaming of addiction treatment.

The evaluation of the Buprenorphine Waiver Program will be accomplished using three survey efforts. The first of these is a mail survey of addiction physicians from the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and/or the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP). That survey will assess early perceptions of physicians specializing in addiction medicine about whether buprenorphine, as it is prescribed and distributed under the Waiver, is a useful tool in the treatment of substance abuse, and whether they have encountered any negative consequences associated with it. Results from this survey will influence the focus and content of two additional proposed surveys to be fielded later in 2003.

The Longitudinal Patient Survey will focus on patients who have received buprenorphine and will assess its availability and effectiveness from the patients' point of view. Beginning in October of 2003, DPT plans to collect longitudinal data from a cohort of about 800 buprenorphine patients to assess the effectiveness of buprenorphine therapy. Patients will be recruited through a sample of prescribing physicians' offices. Office staff will give each eligible buprenorphine patient a study brochure that explains the importance of the study, offers an incentive worth \$50, and gives the

patient a toll-free telephone number to call at to complete the survey by telephone.

Patients will be asked a series of questions that will provide baseline data for the evaluation. Follow-up data on the services received, satisfaction with the treatment, and outcomes will be collected at 30 days and 6 months intervals. Survey domains include the following: Patient demographics; Buprenorphine dose over time; Items

from the short form of the Addiction Severity Index (ASI); Services being received in addition to medications; Needle-sharing and HIV status; Treatment and substance abuse history, in particular prior experience with medication-based treatment for opioid dependence; Experience, satisfaction with, and general knowledge of, buprenorphine.

A third survey will be conducted later, focusing on the clinical practice

and perceived effectiveness of buprenorphine among only those physicians who are actively prescribing the medication. A separate clearance request will be submitted for this physician survey.

The estimated response burden for the longitudinal survey of buprenorphine patients over a period of one year is summarized below.

	Number of respondents	Responses/ respondent	Total responses	Hours/ response	Total hour burden
Buprenorphine patients	800	3	2,400	.50	1,200

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.

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Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Summary for Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge, Monterey County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and a Summary for Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) are available for distribution. The CCP, prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to manage the Refuge for the next 15 years. The compatibility determinations for waterfowl hunting, surf fishing access, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation, research, and mosquito control are also available with the CCP.

DATES: The Final CCP is available now. The finding of no significant impact (FONSI) was signed on December 20, 2002. Implementation of the plan began after the FONSI was signed.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final CCP or Summary may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attn: Mark Pelz, California/Nevada Refuge Planning Office, Room W-1916, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, 95825. Copies of the plan may be viewed at this address or at the San Francisco Bay NWR Complex Headquarters, 1 Marshlands Road, Fremont, California. The Final CCP will also be available online for viewing and downloading at <http://pacific.fws.gov/planning>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Pelz, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California/Nevada Refuge Planning Office, Room W-1916, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, 95825; 916-414-6500; fax 916-414-6512.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Salinas River Refuge encompasses 367 acres 11 miles north of Monterey, California, where the Salinas River empties into Monterey Bay. The Refuge is part of the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, which has its headquarters in Fremont, California. Refuge lands include a range of terrestrial and aquatic habitats, including coastal dunes and beach, grasslands, wetlands, and riparian scrub. Because of its location within the Pacific Flyway, the Refuge is used by a variety of migratory birds during breeding, wintering, and migration periods. The Refuge also provides habitat for several threatened and endangered species, including western snowy plover, California brown pelican, Smith's blue butterfly, Monterey gilia, and Monterey spineflower. Approximately 40 species that exist or are suspected to exist on the Refuge are considered sensitive by Federal or State agencies. Current recreational uses on

the Refuge include wildlife observation and photography, waterfowl hunting, and access to surf fishing.

The availability of the Draft CCP/ Environmental Assessment (EA) for 30-day public review and comment was noticed in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 14, 2001, in volume 66, number 220. The Draft CCP/ EA identified and evaluated four alternatives for managing the Refuge for the next 15 years. Alternative 1 was the no-action alternative—current Refuge management would continue. Under Alternative 2, the Refuge would focus exclusively on protecting, enhancing, and restoring natural resources and would be closed to all public use except guided tours led by Service staff. Alternative 3 emphasized improving current management through inventories, monitoring, and increasing protection for threatened and endangered species. Existing public use of the Refuge would be improved but not substantially expanded. Under Alternative 4, public use of the Refuge would be improved and expanded. Management programs for endangered species and native habitats would also be expanded and improved to minimize and offset potential effects of increased public use. The Service received eight comment letters on the Draft CCP. The comments received were incorporated into the CCP and are responded to in an appendix to the CCP. Alternative 3 was selected for implementation and is the basis for the Final CCP.

With the management program described in the Final CCP, informational signs and interpretive exhibits will be installed on the Refuge and a wheelchair-accessible trail to the Salinas River will be constructed. In addition, the existing parking lot will be improved (*i.e.*, graded and covered with gravel). The seasonal waterfowl hunting area will be reduced by approximately 15 percent to protect roosting California