

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated in the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee (CFSAC) will hold a meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Department of Health and Human Services, Room 800 Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR John Eckert; Acting Executive Secretary, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee; Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 716G, Washington, DC 20201; (202) 690-7694.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CFSAC was established on September 5, 2002 to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health, on a broad range of topics including (1) the current state of knowledge and research about the epidemiology and risk factors relating to chronic fatigue syndrome, and identifying potential opportunities in these areas; (2) current and proposed diagnosis and treatment methods for chronic fatigue syndrome; and (3) development and implementation of programs to inform the public, health care professionals, and the biomedical, academic, and research communities about chronic fatigue syndrome advances.

The agenda for this meeting is being developed and will be posed on the CFSAC Web site, <http://www.hhs.gov/advcomcfs>, when it is finalized.

Public attendance at the meeting is limited to space available. Individuals must provide a photo ID for entry into the meeting. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the designated contact person. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. Pre-registration is required for public comment by April 19, 2006. Any individual who wishes to participate in the public comment session should call the telephone number listed in the contact information to register. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any member of the public who wishes to have printed material distributed to CFSAC members should

submit materials to the Acting Executive Secretary, CFSAC, whose contact information is listed above prior to the close of business April 19, 2006.

Dated: April 3, 2006.

CDR John J. Eckert,

Acting Executive Secretary, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; State Annual Long-Term Care Ombudsman Report and Instructions

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by May 10, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by fax 202.395.6974 or by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW., rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Brenda Aguilar, Desk Officer for AoA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue Wheaton, telephone: (202) 357-3587; e-mail: sue.wheaton@aoa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, AoA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

To comply with this requirement, AoA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document. With respect to the following collection of information, AoA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AoA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of AoA'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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology. The reporting system, the National Ombudsman Reporting System (NORS), was developed in response to the needs and directives pertaining to the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and approved by the Office of Management and Budget for use in FY 1995-96 and extended with slight modifications for use in FY 1997-2001 and again for FY 2002-2006.

This request is to institute the use of the revised information collection, State Annual Long-Term Care Ombudsman Report (and Instructions), from state agencies on aging and state long-term care ombudsman programs under Titles III and VII of the Older Americans Act. The data collected on complaints filed with ombudsman programs and narrative on long-term care issues provide information to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and others on patterns of concerns and major long-term care issues affecting residents of long-term care facilities. Both the complaint and program data collected assist the states and local ombudsman programs in planning strategies and activities, providing training and technical assistance and developing performance measures.

A list of the proposed changes and the revised reporting form and instructions may be viewed in the ombudsman section of the AoA Web site, http://www.aoa.gov/prof/aoaprogram/elder_rights/LTCombudsman/NORS/nors_form_instructions.asp. These documents represent the results of work with the states and local ombudsmen to revise and update the form and instructions for use beginning in FY 2007. AoA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: Approximately 10 minutes per case, per respondent, for a total annual hour burden of 10,258 hours, with 52 State Agencies on Aging responding annually.

Dated: April 5, 2006.

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Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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