

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Toxicology Program (NTP); NTP Workshop: Biomarkers for Toxicology Studies

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Workshop announcement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: For more than a quarter century, the NTP testing program has provided extensive and useful scientific information for predicting human health hazards and protecting public health. The NTP periodically conducts reviews of models used in its testing program to critically analyze their predictive power and determine whether study protocols should be altered. As part of this effort, the NTP is convening a workshop titled "Biomarkers for Toxicology Studies." The meeting will be held on September 20–21, 2006, at the NIEHS in Research Triangle Park, NC.

The workshop will include plenary sessions and three simultaneous breakout group sessions for in-depth discussion. The workshop's overall goal is to identify biomarkers for carbohydrate/lipid metabolism and lung and cardiac function and then evaluate their utility for inclusion in rodent toxicology studies to better characterize endpoints of environmentally induced diseases or biological processes related to disease etiology. This meeting is open to the public with time set aside for public comments during the plenary session on the first day. The public is invited to attend the breakout groups as observers.

A copy of the agenda and any additional information about the workshop, including background materials, public comments, and invited participants, will be posted on the NTP Web site when available (see NTP Web site <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov> select "Calendar of Upcoming Events").

DATES: The workshop will be held on September 20–21, 2006, and begin each day at 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. on September 20 and approximately 12:30 p.m. on September 21.

Comments: Written comments should be received by September 6, 2006, to allow time for adequate review before the meeting. Individuals wishing to make oral public comments are asked to contact Ms. Denise Lasko (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below)

by September 6, 2006, and if possible, to send a copy of the statement or talking points at that time.

Registration: Individuals who plan to attend are encouraged to register online at the NTP Web site <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/> select "Calendar of Upcoming Events" as soon as possible because seating is limited.

Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation in order to attend, should contact 919–541–2475 voice, 919–541–4644 TTY (text telephone), through the Federal TTY Relay System at 800–877–8339, or by e-mail to niehsoeeo@niehs.nih.gov. Requests should be made at least 7 days in advance of the event.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building at the NIEHS, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for public comment and any other correspondence should be submitted to Ms. Denise Lasko (NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD A3–01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919–541–0530, fax: 919–541–0295; or e-mail: lasko@niehs.nih.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The term *biomarker* is often used to refer to indicators of exposure and response in biological systems. Biomarker measurements can potentially be used as indicators of disease etiology or biological function; however, their utility is a function of how well the biomarker is understood. In addition, biomarkers measured in animal models should be applicable to humans.

The plenary session on the first day will include overview talks. Each breakout group will address the identification of biomarkers for lung function, cardiac function, or carbohydrate/lipid metabolism and discuss their possible inclusion in rodent toxicology studies to better characterize endpoints of environmentally induced diseases or biological processes related to disease etiology. The breakout groups will present their findings during plenary on September 21 followed by a general, open discussion.

Request for Comments

Each organization is allowed one speaker during the public comment period. At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each speaker and, if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes.

Registration for oral comments will also be available onsite, although time allowed for presentation by on-site registrants may be less than that for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting.

Written statements can supplement and may expand the oral presentation. If registering onsite and reading from written text, please bring 50 copies of the statement for distribution and to supplement the record. Written comments received in response to this notice will be posted on the meeting page for this event on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov> select "Calendar of Upcoming Events.") Persons submitting written comments should include their name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document.

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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 (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 on (240) 276–1243.

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: Protection and Advocacy for Individuals With Mental Illness (PAIMI) Final Rule, 42 CFR Part 51 (OMB No. 0930-0172)—Extension

These regulations meet the directive under 42 U.S.C. 10826(b) requiring the Secretary to promulgate final regulations to carry out the PAIMI Act. The regulations contain information collection requirements. The Act authorized funds to support activities on behalf of individuals with significant (severe) mental illness (adults) or emotional impairment (children/youth) 42 U.S.C. at 10802(4)]. However, only entities designated by the governor of each State and six (6) territories (the American Indian Consortium, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), and the Mayor of the District of Columbia to protect and advocate the rights of persons with developmental disabilities under Title I, Subtitle C—Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights, of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 [42 U.S.C. 150041 et seq.] are eligible to receive PAIMI grants [42 U.S.C. at 10802(2)]. PAIMI grants are based on a formula prescribed by the Secretary [42 U.S.C. at 10822(a)(1)(A)].

On January 1, each eligible State protection and advocacy (P&A) system is required to prepare and transmit to the Secretary and head of the State Mental Health Agency, in which the system is located, a report describing its activities, accomplishments, and expenditures during the most recently completed fiscal year. Section 10824(a) of the Act requires that the State P&A system’s annual reports to the Secretary, shall describe its activities, accomplishments, and expenditures to protect the rights of individuals with mental illness supported with payments from PAIMI Program allotments. These include:

- The number of (PAIMI-eligible) individuals with mental illness served;
- A description of the types of activities undertaken;
- A description of the types of facilities providing care or treatment to which such activities are undertaken;
- A description of the manner in which the activities are initiated;
- A description of the accomplishments resulting from such activities;
- A description of systems to protect and advocate the rights of individuals with mental illness supported with payments from PAIMI Program allotments;
- A description of activities conducted by States to protect and advocate such rights;

- A description of mechanisms established by residential facilities for individuals with mental illness to protect such rights; and,
- A description of the coordination among such systems, activities and mechanisms;
- Specification of the number systems that are public and nonprofit systems established with PAIMI Program allotments;
- Recommendations for activities and services to improve the protection and advocacy of the rights of individuals with mental illness and a description of the needs for such activities and services which have not been met by the State P&A systems established under the PAIMI Act** [The PAIMI Rules 42 CFR part 51 at section 51.32(b) States that P&A systems may place restrictions on case or client acceptance criteria developed as part of its annual PAIMI priorities. However, prospective clients must be informed of any such restrictions at the time they request service].

This summary report must include a separate section, prepared by the PAIMI Advisory Council, that describes the council’s activities and its assessment of the operations of the State P&A system. [42 U.S.C. 10805(7)].

The burden estimate for the annual State P&A system reporting requirements for these regulations is as follows:

42 CFR citation	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Burden per response (hrs.)	Total annual burden
51.(8)(a)(2) Program Performance Report	57	1	26.0	¹ 1,596
51.8(8)(a)(8) Advisory Council Report	57	1	10.0	1 570
51.10 Remedial Actions:				
Corrective Action Plan	6	1	8.0	48
Implementation Status Report	6	3	2.0	36
51.23(c) Reports, materials and fiscal data provided to advisory Council	57	1	1.0	57
51.25(b)(2) Grievance Procedure	57	1	.5	28.5
Total	126	2,335.5

¹ Burden hours associated with these reports are approved under OMB Control No. 0930-0169.

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 7-1044, One Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: May 18, 2006.

Anna Marsh,

Director, Office of Program Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of 60-day information collection under review: Petition for Alien Fiance(e); Form I-129F. OMB Control No. 1615-0001.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted an emergency information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with section 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The USCIS has determined that it cannot comply with the normal clearance procedures under this part because normal clearance procedures are likely