

submit your statement. Written comments should be submitted to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, by close of business on October 5, 2006. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided. Comments received on or before October 5, 2006, will be provided to the committee before the meeting.

Location: Hilton Washington DC/ Silver Spring, The Ballrooms, 8727 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, MD. The hotel phone number is 301-589-5200.

Contact Person: Cicely Reese, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, (for express delivery, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093), Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7001, FAX: 301-827-6776, e-mail:

cicely.reese@fda.hhs.gov, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512531. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: On both days, the committee will discuss clinical trial design issues in the development of products for treatment of chronic hepatitis C infection. This meeting is being convened in response to the growing number of products in development for this indication. The primary objectives for committee deliberations are to discuss issues relating to the identification of appropriate control arms, populations for study, endpoints, and long-term followup. On October 20, 2006, the meeting will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, unless public participation does not last that long; from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information.

The background material will become available no later than 1 business day before the meeting and will be posted on FDA's Web site at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/acmenu.htm>. (Click on the year 2006 and scroll down to the Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee meeting.)

Procedure: On October 19, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on October 20, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the Division of Dockets Management on or before October 5, 2006, as previously stated (see *Addresses*). Oral

presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on October 19, 2006. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and contact information of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before October 5, 2006.

Closed Presentation of Data: On October 20, 2006, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)).

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Cicely Reese at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: August 2, 2006.

Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for 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 (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: School Climate Survey for the National Cross-Site Evaluation of Safe School/Healthy Student (SS/HS) Initiative Grants—NEW

The SS/HS Initiative is a collaborative grant program supported by three Federal departments—the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, and Justice. The program is authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, and the Higher Education Act of 1965, Title IV, part A, subpart 2 (National Programs), Section 4121 (Federal Activities).

This initiative, instituted by Congress following the murderous assaults at Columbine High School in Colorado, is designed to provide Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), including school districts and multi-district regional consortia, with three years of funding to simultaneously improve school safety, student access to mental health services, the reduction of violence and substance abuse, school relationships with the larger community, and early childhood preparation for learning. Collectively, Congress expects these changes to be reflected in improved school climate.

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) serve as the primary applicants for SS/HS grants, but the LEAs are required to establish formal partnerships with the local mental health system, the local law enforcement agency, and the local juvenile justice agency. Other partners often include public and private social services agencies, businesses, civic organizations, the faith community, and private citizens. As a result of these partnerships, comprehensive plans are developed, implemented, evaluated, and sustained with the goals of promoting the healthy development of children and youth, fostering their resilience in the face of adversity, and preventing violence.

From FY-1999 through FY-2004, grants of \$1 million to \$3 million annually for three years were awarded

to 190 LEAs, for a total of \$916 million. Approximately 40 new SS/HS grants were awarded in FY–2005. These grants are providing support for rural, tribal, suburban, and urban communities that include diverse racial and ethnic groups across the country.

In compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, grantees are required to collect and report data that measure the results of the programs implemented with this grant. Specifically, grantees are required to collect and report information on the following GPRA indicators:

1. The percentage of SS/HS grant sites that experience a decrease in the number of violent incidents at schools.
2. The percentage of SS/HS grant sites that experience a decrease in substance abuse.
3. The percentage of SS/HS grant sites that improve school attendance.
4. The percentage of SS/HS grant sites that increase mental health services to students and families.

In addition to GPRA measures, the Federal Evaluation Work Group of the Safe School/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Initiative national evaluation, comprised of Federal officials representing the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice, determined that information on changes in school climate is also required to provide a direct basis of comparison for performance with subsequent cohorts of grantees.

Although GPRA measures monitor changes in individual outcomes among students, GPRA measures have been found to provide an incomplete metric of performance in terms of observed changes in overall “school climate.”

The SS/HS National Evaluation Team proposes to adopt the staff version of the California Healthy Kids Survey for this purpose. This instrument contains 43 multiple choice questions that are used to obtain school staff perceptions of student behavior and attitudes, school programs and policies, and the overall

school climate as they relate to student well-being and learning. It deals with such issues as truancy, safety, harassment, substance abuse, school connectedness and learning supports. The instrument, modified slightly to form the SS/HS School Climate Survey, will track changes in school climate in schools targeted for program services under the SS/HS Initiative. In the absence of the School Climate Survey, there would be no common, cross-site measure of performance across SS/HS initiative grantees. In practice, the School Climate Survey will be administered electronically among approximately 67,500 local educational system employees. These employees will be encouraged to log onto a Web site during each year that their school benefits from the grant to answer questions concerning their perception of student behavior and safety at the school.

The burden estimate for the annual survey is as follows:

Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Burden response (hours)	Total annual burden (hours)
67,500	1 per year	0.5	33,750

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: August 1, 2006.

Anna Marsh,

Director, Office of Program Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the

requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

Title: Metropolitan Firefighter Demographics Study.

OMB Number: 1660–NW17.

Abstract: Data products and reports exist that contain fragmented or estimated information about firefighter demographics, but there is no single reference source today that aggregates this data to provide an accurate profile of firefighters on a per department basis. The USFA ¹ receives many requests for information related to firefighters, including gender, race and ethnicity, as well as the number of firefighters holding chief officer and line officer positions. The USFA is working to identify the demographic makeup of metropolitan fire departments in the

¹ The USFA is currently being transferred to the newly created Preparedness Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security. During this transition FEMA, also part of the Department of Homeland Security, will continue to support this program as the new Directorate stands up. Ultimately this data collection will be transferred to the Preparedness Directorate.

United States to provide input for program planning and to inform stakeholders of the demographic composition of firefighters. The database will be used by USFA to guide programmatic decisions and provide the Fire Service and the public with information about firefighter demographics at an aggregate level. Fire departments are able to complete the demographic firefighter questionnaire by filling out a paper form and faxing the completed form, or sending it in a return envelope.

Affected Public: Federal, State, local government, and career fire departments.

Number of Respondents: 115.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 20 minutes (.33 hour).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 39 hours.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or facsimile number (202) 395–7285. Comments must be submitted on or before September 8, 2006.