

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Notice of Listing of Members of the National Institutes of Health's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board (PRB)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces the persons who will serve on the National Institutes of Health's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board. This action is being taken in accordance with Title 5, U.S.C., Section 4314 (c) (4), which requires that members of performance review boards be appointed in a manner to ensure consistency, stability, and objectivity in performance appraisals and requires that notice of the appointment of an individual to serve as a member be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following persons will serve on the NIH Performance Review Board, which oversees the evaluation of performance appraisals of NIH Senior Executive Service (SES) members:

Ms. Colleen Barros (Chair)  
 Dr. Norka Ruiz Bravo  
 Mr. Gahan Breithaupt  
 Dr. Michael Gottesman  
 Dr. Raynard Kington  
 Dr. Michael Marron  
 Dr. Lore Anne McNicol  
 Dr. Ellen Stover

For further information about the NIH Performance Review Board, please contact the Office of Human Resources, Workforce Relations Division, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room B3C07, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, telephone 301-402-9203 (not a toll-free number).

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### 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: The National Cross-Site Evaluation of Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Initiative Grants—In Use Without Approval

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students (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), and 42 U.S.C., Section 290hh (Children and Violence).

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 multidistrict regional consortia, with funding to simultaneously improve school safety, improve student access to mental health services, reduce violence and substance use, and strengthen both 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, in partnership with the local mental health system, the local law enforcement agency, and the local juvenile justice agency. Other community partners often involved in these grants 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 3 years were awarded to 190 LEAs, for a total of \$916 million. In FY-2005, 40 new SS/HS grants were awarded; in FY-2006, an additional 19 grants were awarded; and in FY-2007, an additional 27 grants will be awarded. 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 use.
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.

As authorized by 42 U.S.C. 290hh, item (f), SAMHSA has begun a national evaluation of the Safe School/Healthy Students (SS/HS) projects. In addition to GPRA measures, a Federal Evaluation Work Group of the national evaluation, comprising Federal officials representing the U.S. Departments of Education, and Health and Human Services, has determined that information is also required to address four overarching questions:

1. Do conditions and resources in the pre-grant environment facilitate or impede the implementation of the SS/HS Initiative at both the local education agency (LEA) and school levels?
2. Do SS/HS activities lead to the intended system changes (comprehensive policies, enhanced services, and improved coordination)?
3. Do system changes (near-term outcomes) associated with the SS/HS Initiative lead to improvements in long-term outcomes (reduction in substance use and violence, increased access to mental health services, and improvement in attendance and school climate)?
4. Overall, does the SS/HS Initiative meet the Federal Government's