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Dated: December 1, 2008.

Jeffrey Shuren,

Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning.

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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: Evaluation of SAMHSA's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP)—NEW

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) will conduct an independent evaluation of the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP).

In 1973, in response to a substantial lack of ethnic and racial minorities in the mental health professions, the Center for Minority Health at the National Institute of Mental Health established the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP). Since its move to SAMHSA in 1992, the MFP has continued to facilitate the entry of minority graduate students and psychiatric residents into mental health careers and has increased the number of psychology, psychiatry, nursing, and social work professionals trained to provide mental health and substance abuse services to minority groups. Up until FY 2007, grantees have been limited to the American Nurses Association (ANA), the American Psychiatric Association (ApA), the American Psychological Association (APA), and the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The MFP is supported by funds from all three SAMHSA centers, the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).

With input from SAMHSA staff, the four pre-2007 grantee organizations, and two advisory panels (of independent experts in the MFP and/or culturally competent behavioral health care, as well as consumer and family representatives), a logic model was designed and a set of data collection instruments have been developed for this evaluation. SAMHSA will employ information that is routinely collected under existing program requirements and also will be collecting additional data that also are necessary for the conduct of the evaluation. At the end of each grant year, the grantee organizations (the ANA, ApA, APA, and CSWE) will document their activities, accomplishments, and expenditures and assessment measures for the most recently completed fiscal year. In addition, each grantee will maintain a database with information on current and former Fellows. None of the data collection activities proposed for this evaluation will be redundant with these existing reporting requirements and data sources. The evaluation plan includes

gathering information about the MFP from persons with different experiences and perspectives on the MFP. Accordingly, SAMHSA proposes to conduct the following new data collection activities:

On-line (Internet-based) surveys:

1. Current SAMHSA MFP Fellows in each of the four academic disciplines;
2. MFP Alumni who were in the four programs during the time the program was administered by SAMHSA; and
3. Current and former members of Selection and Advisory Committees in each of the four grantee programs.

Telephone Interviews:

1. Current and former SAMHSA MFP Staff and other SAMHSA officials involved in the MFP;

2. Current and former MFP Program Directors or Senior Staff in each of the four grantee programs; and

3. Staff in each of the grantee's host organizations (i.e. staff in the ANA, APA, ApA, and CSWE).

The surveys and interview protocols have been developed to include questions relevant to each of the respective stakeholder groups named above, with similar core questions asked across all groups.

The resulting data will identify (1) The historical context in which the MFP has operated; (2) the processes and activities established by SAMHSA and by the grantees to implement the MFP; (3) the perceptions about how well the SAMHSA MFP is performing; and (4) the ability of the program to achieve particular goals under its purview.

Each new cohort of Fellows will develop and support the following goals:

1. Training/mentoring ethnic/racial minority students and professionals in mental health/substance abuse treatment;
2. Increasing the number of ethnic/racial minority professionals in mental health/substance abuse treatment;
3. Increasing diversity in mental health/substance abuse leadership;
4. Increasing professional contributions in mental health/substance abuse treatment for minority populations;
5. Increasing institutional involvement of ethnic/racial minority professionals in the areas of mental health and substance abuse treatment; and
6. Increasing mental health and substance abuse services to minority communities.

The burden estimate for conducting the surveys and interviews under the evaluation plan for the MFP is as follows:

Surveys	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Burden per response (hrs.)	Total burden (hrs.)
Current SAMHSA MFP Fellows Survey	100	1	1.5	150
SAMHSA MFP Alumni Survey	850	1	2	1,700
MFP Selection and Advisory Committees Survey	40	1	1.5	60
Current and former SAMHSA MFP Program Staff and other SAMHSA officials Interview Protocol	8	1	2	16
Current and former MFP Program Directors or Senior Staff (from the grantee organizations) Interview Protocol	8	1	2	16
Grantee host organization Interview Protocol	8	1	1	8
Totals	1,015			1,950

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 7-1044, One Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857 and e-mail her a copy at summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: November 28, 2008.

Elaine Parry,

Acting Director, Office of Program Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1810-DR]

California; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of California (FEMA-1810-DR), dated November 18, 2008, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 18, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated November 18, 2008, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of California resulting from wildfires beginning on November 13, 2008, and continuing, is of

sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of California.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance and assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B) under the Public Assistance program in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act that you deem appropriate. Direct Federal assistance is authorized. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation and Other Needs Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs, except for any particular projects that are eligible for a higher Federal cost-sharing percentage under the FEMA Public Assistance Pilot Program instituted pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 777.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Mark A. Neveau, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of California have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and Santa Barbara Counties for Individual Assistance.

Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and Santa Barbara Counties for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

All counties within the State of California are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant).

R. David Paulison,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1804-DR]

Arkansas; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Arkansas (FEMA-1804-DR), dated October 22, 2008, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 28, 2008.