

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice To Announce Commission of a Surgeon General's Report on Substance Use, Addiction, and Health

AGENCY: Office of the Surgeon General (OSG) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Office of the Surgeon General announce the commission of the first-ever Surgeon General's Report presenting the state of the science on substance use, addiction, and health. The report will examine the health effects of drug and alcohol misuse from the perspectives of prevention, treatment, recovery, neurobiology, and delivery of care.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of Problem: Substance use/misuse and addiction represent a significant and substantial public health challenge. Data from the 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) reveal that an estimated 27.0 million Americans aged 12 or older were currently illicit drug users (defined as using any of the following in the past 30 days: Marijuana/hashish, cocaine/crack, heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or non-medical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutics such as pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, and sedatives) and 16.3 million were heavy drinkers (defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on five or more days in the past 30 days). Approximately 6.5 million people aged 12 and older reported currently using psychotherapeutics non-medically.

According to the 2014 NSDUH, 21.5 million Americans aged 12 or older had a substance use disorder in the past year. Among them, 14.4 million Americans had dependence or abuse of alcohol but not illicit drugs, while another 4.5 million had dependence or abuse of illicit drugs but not alcohol, and 2.6 million had dependence or abuse of both alcohol and illicit drugs. People with alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse were defined in the 2014 NSDUH as meeting the

diagnostic criteria specified in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth edition (DSM-IV)*.

The Affordable Care Act and new mental health parity protections are expanding mental health and substance abuse treatment benefits to 60 million Americans. Despite this historic expansion of health insurance coverage and other advances, too many Americans are not benefiting from treatment services. Based on the 2014 NSDUH data, although 21.5 million people aged 12 or older met the DSM-IV criteria for alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse, only an estimated 2.3 million received substance use treatment in the past year.

Drug poisoning (overdose) was responsible for about 47,000 deaths in the U.S. in 2014 (now the latest year for which national data are available). Furthermore, substance misuse (to include excessive alcohol use) and related disorders contribute to injury and chronic illness, lost productivity, family disruptions, and increased transmission of sexually and injection-related infectious diseases; are associated with higher rates of domestic violence and child abuse; and prevent many individuals from realizing their full potential.

Approach: The report's scope is intended to be broad and comprehensive, with the goal of capturing the current landscape of the impact of alcohol and drug issues on health, referencing data sources such as NSDUH, the Monitoring the Future Survey, the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions, and the National Comorbidity Survey. These sources highlight trends over time as well as underscore the critical nature of this public health issue. The report is intended to: (1) Provide a comprehensive review of the research literature on substance use, addiction, and health, summarizing the science on substance misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery; (2) outline potential future direction; and (3) educate, encourage, and call upon all Americans to take action.

Potential Areas of Focus: Areas of focus in the report may include the history of the prevention, treatment, and recovery fields; components of the substance use continuum (*i.e.*, prevention, treatment, and recovery); epidemiology of substance use, misuse, and substance use disorders; etiology of substance misuse and related disorders; neurobiological base of substance misuse and related disorders; risk and protective factors; application of

scientific research in the field, including methods, challenges, and current and future directions; social, economic, and health consequences of substance misuse; co-occurrence of substance use disorders and other diseases and disorders; the state of health care access and coverage as it relates to substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery; integration of substance use disorders, mental health, and physical health care in clinical settings; national, state, and local initiatives to assess and improve the quality of care for substance misuse and related disorders; organization and financing of prevention, treatment, and recovery services within the health care system; ethical, legal, and policy issues; and potential future directions.

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Mental Health Services; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) National Advisory Council will meet February 24, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public and will include discussion of the Center's policy issues, and current administrative, legislative, and program developments. The meeting will be held at the SAMHSA building, Conference Room 5E29, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the Committee. Written submissions should be forwarded to the contact person on or before February 14, 2016. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled at the conclusion of the meeting. Individuals interested in making oral presentations are encouraged to notify the contact on or before February 14, 2016. Five minutes will be allotted for each presentation.

The meeting may be accessed via telephone and web conferencing might be available. To attend on site, obtain the call-in number, access code, and/or web access link; submit written or brief

oral comments, or request special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please register on-line at: <http://nac.samhsa.gov/Registration/meetingsRegistration.aspx>, or communicate by contacting the CMHS National Advisory Council Designated Federal Official, Ms. Deborah DeMasse-Snell (see contact information below).

Committee Name: SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services National Advisory Council.

Date/Time/Type: February 24, 2016; 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., OPEN.

Place: SAMHSA Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Conference Room 5E29, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Contact: Deborah DeMasse-Snell, M.A. (Than), Designated Federal Official, SAMHSA CMHS National Advisory Council, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14E53C, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (240) 276–1861, Fax: (240) 276–1850, Email: Deborah.DeMasse-Snell@samhsa.hhs.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Privacy Act of 1974; Systems of Records—Republication of HUD's Routine Use Inventory Notice

AGENCY: Office of Administration, HUD.

ACTION: Routine Use Inventory republication.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), notice is hereby given that the Department of Housing and Urban Development proposes to update and combine into one notice its Routine Use Inventory notice published in the **Federal Register** on July 17, 2012 at 72 FR 52572. The subsequent revisions will: (1) Implement substantive revisions for “two” of the original routine use statements, to provide greater clarity of what is to be expected by the disclosure requirements; (2) encompass editorial updates to the original formatted routine use statements to ensure that these statements are up-to-date and constructed in a format that is easier to understand and use; and (3) assign a specific “category” to each routine use condition to allow each condition to be sorted and referenced by a specific heading relevant to its disclosure purpose. This notice proposal

supersedes and retires the Department's Routine Use Inventory published in the **Federal Register** on July 17, 2012, and supplements prior instances translated by former systems of records.

DATES: *Effective date:* The substantive changes being made to this proposal shall become effective February 1, 2016, unless comments are received on or before that date that would result in a contrary determination.

All other changes shall be effective immediately without further notice, upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Comments Due Date: February 1, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the amended routine use statements or notice update to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500. Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. Faxed comments are not acceptable. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frieda B. Edwards, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 10139, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202–402–4254 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals who are hearing- and speech-impaired may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service telephone number at 800–877–8339 (this is a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department's Routine Use Inventory describes disclosure requirements commonly used by more than one of the Department's systems of records. This amendment modifies routine uses (10) and (14), under the original notice. Routine use (10) stated that records could be disclosed “To other Federal agencies or non-Federal entities, including but not limited to, state and local government entities with whom HUD has a contract, service agreement, grant, cooperative agreement, or computer matching agreement to assist such agencies with preventing and detecting improper payments, or fraud, or abuse in major programs administered by the Federal Government, or abuse by individuals in their operations and programs, but only to the extent that the information is necessary and relevant to preventing improper payments for services rendered under a particular Federal or

non-federal benefits programs of HUD or any of their components to verify pre-award and pre-payment requirements prior to the release of Federal funds.” Routine use (14) stated that records could be disclosed “To a court, magistrate, administrative tribunal in the course of presenting evidence, including disclosures to opposing counsel or witnesses in the course of civil discovery, litigation, mediation, or settlement negotiations or in connection with criminal law proceedings or in response to a subpoena or to a prosecution request when such records to be released are specifically approved by a court provided order.” Subsequently, these routine use conditions precisely specified that records could only be disclosed for purposes relevant to a HUD specific program, or to a specific set of individuals or entities, limiting the Department's ability to respond to and share its records as warranted. Accordingly, this notice corrects these misrepresentations and amends the routine use conditions under the original publication. The amended routine use conditions appear under this revised notice proposal at heading (6) entitled “Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Disclosure Routine Use” and heading (11) entitled, “Disclosures for Law Enforcement Investigations Routine Uses.” Further, the Department implements minor editorial changes to simplify and implement administrative changes needed to keep published information in an up-to-date format that is easier to understand and use.

Title 5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended (e)(r) and (11) requires that the public be afforded a 30-day period in which to comment on any use of information by this notice and requires published notice of the existence and characters of the systems of records impacted by this change. The new system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, was submitted to the United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A–130, Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records about Individuals, dated June 25, 1993 (58 FR 36075, July 2, 1993). The Department permits disclosure(s) from its systems of records to be made from its systems of records to such agencies, entities, and persons in the following instances, when authorized by statute, to assist in