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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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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: Voluntary Customer Satisfaction Surveys To Implement Executive Order 12862 in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)—(OMB No. 0930–0197)—Extension

SAMHSA provides significant services directly to the public, including treatment providers and State substance abuse and mental health agencies, through a range of mechanisms, including publications, training,

meetings, technical assistance and websites. Many of these services are focused on information dissemination activities. The purpose of this submission is to extend the existing generic approval for such surveys.

The primary use for information gathered is to identify strengths and weaknesses in current service provisions by SAMHSA and to make improvements that are practical and feasible. Several of the customer satisfaction surveys expected to be implemented under this approval will provide data for measurement of program effectiveness under the Government Performance and Results Act. Information from these customer surveys will be used to plan and redirect resources and efforts to improve or maintain a high quality of service to health care providers and members of the public. Focus groups may be used to develop the survey questionnaire in some instances.

The estimated annual hour burden is as follows:

Type of data collection	Number of respondents	Responses/ respondent	Hours/ response	Total hours
Focus groups	250	1	2.50	625
Self-administered, mail, telephone and email surveys	89,750	1	.250	22,438
Total	90,000	23,063

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Proposed Project: SAMHSA’s Publications and Digital Products Website Registration Survey (OMB No. 0930–0313)—Revision

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

(SAMHSA) is requesting OMB approval for a revision of SAMHSA’s Publications and Digital Products website Registration Survey (OMB No. 0930–0313). SAMHSA is authorized under section 501(d)(16) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)(16)) to develop and distribute materials for the prevention, treatment, and recovery from mental and substance use disorders. To improve customer service and lessen the burden on the public to locate and obtain these materials, SAMHSA has developed a website that includes more than 500 free publications from SAMHSA and its component Agencies. These products are available to the public for ordering and download. When a member of the public chooses to order hard-copy publications, it is necessary for SAMHSA to collect certain customer information in order to fulfill the request. To further lessen the burden on the public and provide the level of customer service that the public has come to expect from product websites, SAMHSA has developed a voluntary registration process for its publication website that allows customers to create

accounts. Through these accounts, SAMHSA customers are able to access their order histories and save their shipping addresses. During the website registration process, SAMHSA will also ask customers to provide optional demographic information that helps SAMHSA to evaluate the use and distribution of its publications and improve services to the public.

SAMHSA is employing a web-based form for information collection to avoid

duplication and unnecessary burden on customers who register for an account. Customer information is submitted electronically via web forms on the *samhsa.gov* domain. Customers can submit the web forms at their leisure, or call SAMHSA’s toll-free Call Center and an information specialist will submit the forms on their behalf. The electronic collection of information reduces the burden on the respondent and streamlines the data-capturing process.

The following revisions were made to the SAMHSA Publications and Digital Products website Registration Survey:

- Revision of the SAMHSA Publications website Registration Survey Questions.
- Addition of a SAMHSA Main Site Survey version.
- Addition of a SAMHSA Store Survey version.

SAMHSA estimates the burden of this information collection as follows:

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

	Number of respondents	Annual frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Website Registration Survey	21,082	1	21,082	.033 (2 min.) ..	696

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Proposed Project: SAMHSA SOAR Web-Based Data Form (OMB No. 0930–0329)—Revision

In 2009 the SAMHSA created a Technical Assistance Center to assist in the implementation of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) effort in all states. The primary objective of SOAR is to improve the allowance rate for the Social Security Administration’s (SSA) disability benefits for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and who have serious mental illnesses.

During the SOAR training, the importance of keeping track of SSI/SSDI applications through the process is stressed. In response to requests from states implementing SOAR, the Technical Assistance Center under SAMHSA’s direction developed a web-based data form that case workers can use to track the progress of submitted applications, including decisions received from SSA either on initial application or on appeal. This password-protected web-based data form is hosted on the SOAR Online Application Tracking (OAT) website (<https://soartrack.samhsa.gov>). Use of this form is completely voluntary.

There are two parts to the SOAR Web-based Data Form. Part I of the SOAR Web-based Data Form is intended for SOAR-trained case workers to enter the outcomes of SOAR-assisted SSI/SSDI applications. Part II of the SOAR Web-based Data Form includes two sections

reserved for SOAR State Team Leads to report annually. The first section of Part II collects quantitative summary data from states that do not track SOAR-assisted SSI/SSDI applications using the SOAR Web-based Data Form Part I. The second section of Part II collects qualitative (open-ended) questions on annual SOAR accomplishments, identified challenges, and collaborations.

Data from Part I of the SOAR Web-based Data Form can be compiled into reports on decision results and the use of SOAR critical components, such as the SSA–1696 Appointment of Representative, which allows SSA to communicate directly with the case worker assisting with the application. These reports will be reviewed by agency directors, SOAR state-level leads, and the SAMHSA SOAR Technical Assistance Center to quantify the success of the effort overall and to identify areas where additional technical assistance is needed.

There are four proposed changes to Part I of this form. Four additional demographic questions will be asked in Demographic section of the SOAR Data Form Part I to include race, ethnicity, gender, and expanded response options re: involvement in the criminal justice or legal system. These questions will be answered by all 700 case worker respondents, on average 3 times per year. There are two proposed changes to Part II. Two additional response options were added into the Collaborations section of the Qualitative Questionnaire to provide respondents the opportunity to describe collaborations with child-serving organizations along with whether meetings and trainings were for SOAR for Adults or SOAR for Children. These questions will be answered by 75 respondents once per year.