DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this Information Collection Request must be received no later than August 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to paperwork@hrsa.gov or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 10–29, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email paperwork@hrsa.gov or call the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (301) 443–1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Develop a Strategic Communication Plan for the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC).

OMB No. 0915–xxxx—New.

Abstract: Health centers (which include those entities funded under Public Health Service Act section 330 and those designated as Health Center Program Look-Alikes) deliver comprehensive, high quality, cost-effective primary health care services to patients regardless of their ability to pay. Health centers have become an essential primary care provider for America’s most vulnerable populations. Health centers advance the health care home model of coordinated, comprehensive, and patient-centered primary health care providing a wide range of medical, dental, behavioral, and social services. Nearly 1,400 health centers operate more than 9,800 service delivery sites that provide care in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin.

The Health Center Program is administered by BPHC. BPHC provides accurate, timely, and valuable information to internal and external stakeholders in order to support its mission to improve the health of the Nation’s underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services.

BPHC will engage with key external stakeholder populations to collect data that will inform the creation of a data-driven strategic communication plan that serves BPHC’s stakeholders and facilitates clear, timely, and well-coordinated communication. This comprehensive strategic plan will identify communication priorities for BPHC, leading to a more efficient and effective communication operations with a focus on establishing BPHC’s capacity for leading external affairs activities.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: Data collected from Health Center Program stakeholders are critical to the development of a communication plan and will be used to identify audiences and their preferences for communication; develop effective key messages regarding the Health Center Program grant and non-grant processes; increase health centers’ and the public’s understanding of the program requirements; develop BPHC communication goals, strategies, and tactics; and develop meaningful metrics for communication process improvement. This systematic exploration will inform the development of cost-efficient and effective business processes that will centralize and streamline external communication within BPHC.

Likely Respondents: Health Center Program grantees and Look-Alikes, entities with national cooperative agreements, and state and regional primary care associations.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this Information Collection Request are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized burden hours:
HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Minority Health**

**AGENCY:** Office of Minority Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 300u–6, Section 1707 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The Advisory Committee is governed by provisions of Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Minority Health (OMH), is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health (hereafter referred to as the “Committee or ACMH”). In accordance with Public Law 105–392, the Committee provides advice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health on improving the health of racial and ethnic minority groups, and on the development of goals and specific program activities of OMH designed to improve the health status and outcomes of racial and ethnic minorities. Nominations of qualified candidates are being sought to fill vacancies on the Committee.

**DATES:** Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on September 8, 2016, at the address listed below.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations should be mailed to Dr. Minh Wendt, Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on Minority Health, Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Minh Wendt, Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on Minority Health, Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Tower Building, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Phone: 240–453–8222; fax: 240–453–8223.

A copy of the ACMH charter and list of the current membership can be obtained by contacting Dr. Wendt or by accessing the Web site managed by OMH at www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov. Information about ACMH activities can be found on the OMH Web site under the heading About OMH.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Public Law 105–392, the Secretary of Health and Human Services established the ACMH. The Committee provides advice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health in carrying out the duties stipulated under Public Law 105–392. This includes providing advice on improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations and in the development of goals and specific program activities of OMH, which are to:

(1) Establish short-range and long-range goals and objectives and coordinate all other activities within the Public Health Service that relate to disease prevention, health promotion, service delivery, and research impacting racial and ethnic minority populations;

(2) Enter into interagency agreements with other agencies of the Public Health Service;

(3) Support research, demonstrations, and evaluations to test new and innovative models;

(4) Increase knowledge and understanding of health risk factors;

(5) Develop mechanisms that support better information dissemination, education, prevention, and service delivery to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including individuals who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups;

(6) Ensure that the National Center for Health Statistics collects data on the health status of each minority group;

(7) Enter into contracts with public and non-profit private providers of primary health services for the purpose of increasing the access of individuals who lack proficiency in speaking the English language by developing and carrying out programs to provide bilingual or interpretive services;

(8) Support a national minority health resource center which provides resources to the public such as information services and assistance in capacity building;

(9) Carry out programs to improve access to health care services for individuals with limited proficiency in speaking the English language; and

(10) Advise in matters related to the development, implementation, and evaluation of health professions education in decreasing disparities in health care outcomes, including cultural competency as a method of eliminating health disparities.

Management and support services for the ACMH are provided by OMH.

**Nominations:** The Committee is composed of 12 voting members. The Committee composition also can include non-voting ex officio members. This announcement is seeking nominations for voting members. Voting members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary from individuals who are not officers or employees of the federal government and who have expertise regarding issues of minority health. To qualify for consideration of appointment to the Committee, an individual must possess demonstrated experience and expertise working on issues impacting the health of racial and ethnic minority populations. The Committee charter stipulates that the racial and ethnic minority groups shall be equally represented on the Committee membership. ACMH is comprised of

**Number of respondents** | **Number of responses per respondent** | **Total responses** | **Average burden per response** | **Total burden in hours**
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Online Surveys | 200 | 1 | 200 | .2 | 40
Focus Groups | 80 | 1 | 80 | 1.5 | 120
One-on-One Interviews | 50 | 2 | 100 | .75 | 75

**Total** | **330** | **380** | **235**