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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the below proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call 404-639-7570 or send comments to LeRoy Richardson, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is 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; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. 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. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

### **Proposed Project**

Assessing Community-Based Organizations' Partnerships with Schools for the Prevention of HIV/STDs - New - Division of

Adolescent and School Health (DASH), National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### Background and Brief Description

HIV infections remain high among young men who have sex with men (YMSM). The estimated number of new HIV infections increased between 2008 and 2010 both overall and among MSM ages 13 to 24. Furthermore, sexual risk behaviors associated with HIV, other sexually transmitted disease (STD), and pregnancy often emerge in adolescence. For example, 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) data revealed 47.4% of U.S. high school students reported having had sex, and among those who had sex in the previous three months, 39.8% reported having not used a condom during last sexual intercourse. In addition, 2001-2009 YRBSS data revealed high school students identifying as gay, lesbian, and bisexual and those reporting sexual contact with both males and females were more likely to engage in sexual risk-taking behaviors than heterosexual students.

Given the disproportionate risk for HIV among YMSM ages 13-24, it is important to find ways to reach the younger youth (i.e., ages 13-19) in this range to decrease sexual risk behaviors and increase health-promoting behaviors such as routine HIV testing. Schools provide one opportunity for this.

Because schools enroll more than 22 million teens (ages 14-19) and often have existing health and social services infrastructure, schools and their staff members are well-positioned to connect youth to a wide range of needed services, including housing assistance, support groups, and sexual health services such as HIV testing. As a result, CDC's DASH has focused a number of HIV and STD prevention efforts on strategies that can be implemented in or centered on schools.

However, conducting HIV and STD prevention work (particularly work that is designed to specifically meet the needs of YMSM) can be challenging. School is not always a welcoming environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Harassment, bullying, and verbal and physical assault are often reported, and such unsupportive environments and victimization among LGBTQ youth are associated with a variety of negative outcomes, including truancy, substance use, poor mental health, HIV and STD risk, and even suicide. Schools build partnerships with community-based organizations to increase access to needed services of LGBTQ youth.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requests a 3-year OMB approval to conduct a new information collection entitled, "Assessing Community-Based Organizations' Partnerships with Schools for the Prevention of HIV/STDs." The

information collection will allow CDC to conduct assessment of selected staff from community-based organizations (CBOs) and health and/or wellness centers (HWCs), including school-based health centers, at participating schools or to which YMSM from participating schools are referred. This is part of the HIV and STD prevention efforts that are taking place in conjunction with local education agencies (LEAs) funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) under strategy 4 (School-Centered HIV/STD Prevention for Young Men Who Have Sex with Men) of PS13-1308: *Promoting Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance*. This information collection will provide data and reports for the three funded LEAs, and will allow each LEA to identify areas of the partnerships with CBOs and HWCs that are working well and other areas that will need additional improvement. In addition, the findings will allow CDC to determine the potential impact of currently recommended strategies and make changes to those recommendations if necessary.

This information collection system involves administration of a web-based questionnaire to no more than 60 total staff members who work for up to 60 CBOs and HWCs that are participating in the HIV/STD prevention project with the three LEAs (Broward County Public Schools in Broward County, Florida;

Los Angeles Unified School District in Los Angeles, California; and San Francisco Unified School District in San Francisco, California) funded by CDC cooperative agreement PS13-1308. These LEAs represent all funded LEAs under Strategy 4 of PS13-1308. The questionnaire will include questions on the following topics: services offered by the organization and the organization's relationships with the school district and participating schools in the LEA.

The Web-based instrument will be administered in 2015 and again in 2016 and 2018. These data collection points coincide with the initiation of project activities, the mid-way point, and endpoint of the PS13-1308 cooperative agreement. Although some respondents may participate in the data collection in multiple years, this is not a longitudinal design and individual staff member responses will not be tracked across the years. No personally identifiable information will be collected and data will only be reported in the aggregate to protect the CBOs and HWCs being represented.

All respondents will receive informed consent forms prior to participation in the information collection. The consent form explains the study and also explains that participants may choose not to complete the Web-based questionnaire with no penalty and no impact on their job or relationship with the LEA. Participation is completely voluntary.

For the Web-based questionnaire, the estimated burden per response is about 60 minutes (1 hour). This estimate of burden is an average and takes into account that the length of the questionnaire for each respondent will vary slightly due to the skip patterns that may occur with certain responses, variations in the reading speed of respondents, and variations in the time required to collect the information needed to complete the questionnaire.

The estimated annualized burden of this data collection is 60 hours. There are no costs to respondents other than their time.

Estimated Annualized Burden to Respondents

Respondents	Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden per Response (in hours)
CBO staff	CBO Assessment Questionnaire	30	1	1
HWC staff	HWC Assessment Questionnaire	30	1	1

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