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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) 276-0361.

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: 988 Cooperative Agreements Monitoring Program (OMB No. 0930–0394)—Revision

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the revision to the information collection activities for monitoring all of SAMHSA’s 988 Cooperative Agreements.

In order to help meet the standards and requirements set forth in legislation, ongoing communication of key outcomes within this OMB request must be received and reviewed to ensure connection and quality of care through 988. A revision is needed to update and streamline existing materials, add new, and remove discontinued instruments to support the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline network administrator grants, the 988 state and territory grant program, the Crisis Center Follow-up grant program, and the 988 Tribal Response grant program.

Congress designated 988 in 2020 and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline transitioned to the 3-digit number in July 2022. As a part of the federal government's commitment to addressing the mental health crisis in America, unprecedented federal resources have been invested to expand crisis centers in support of 988. In 2023 appropriations funding and again in 2026 appropriations funding, Congress called for enhanced program evaluation, including performance measures to assess program response and improve readiness and performance of the service, including review of each contact to ensure timely connection of service and quality provision in line with evidence-based care. Congress called for enhanced program evaluation, including performance measures to assess program response and improve readiness and performance of the service, including review of each contact to ensure timely connection of service and quality provision in line with evidence-based care.

The information being collected will be used by SAMHSA to ensure individuals in suicidal crisis can contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and are connected to crisis centers that provide evidence-based care and receive critical resource referral and linkage, including opportunities for mobile crisis support, crisis receiving and stabilizing facilities, peer respite centers and withdrawal management services. The four programs to be evaluated are the Tribal Cooperative Agreements, State and Territory Cooperative Agreements, 988 Crisis Center Follow-up Cooperative Agreements, and the 988 Lifeline Administrator. Revisions have been made to some instruments, there are several new instruments, and others have been removed.

The purpose of the 988 Lifeline Administrator Cooperative Agreement is to manage, enhance, and strengthen the 988 Lifeline network that routes individuals in the United States to a network of certified crisis centers that link to local emergency, mental health, and social services resources. The information collection instrument is the monthly Lifeline Key Metrics and Progress Report.

The purpose of the Tribal Cooperative Agreements is to improve connection and response to 988 contacts (including calls, chats, and texts) originating in Tribal communities and/or initiated by American Indians / Alaska Natives.

The information collection instruments are the Tribal Government: Semi-Annual Progress Report Template, Tribal Government: GPO Meeting Agenda Template, and the Tribal Government: Optional Local Evaluation Plan Template.

The purpose of the State and Territory Cooperative Agreements is to improve state and territory response to 988 contacts (including calls, chats, and texts) originating in the state/territory. The information collection instruments are the State/Territory: Semi-Annual Progress Report Template, State/Territory: Semi Annual Key Metrics Report Template, State/Territory: GPO Meeting Agenda Template, State/Territory: Sustainability Plan Template, and the State/Territory: Communications Plan Template.

The purpose of the 988 Crisis Center Follow Up Cooperative Agreements is to provide a crisis center response that ensures the systematic follow-up of suicidal persons who contact a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (988 Lifeline) Crisis Center; provides enhanced coordination of crisis stabilization, crisis respite, mobile crisis outreach (MCO) response services, and other services on the crisis continuum of care; reduces unnecessary police engagement and; improves connections for high-risk populations. The information collection instruments are the Crisis Center: Semi Annual Progress Report Template, Semi-Annual CSPDC Key Metrics Report Template, and the Crisis Center: GPO Meeting Agenda Template.

The total annualized burden to an estimated 416 respondents for the 988 Cooperative Agreements programs combined monitoring is estimated to be 1,613 hours. Burden estimates are based on the data collection requirements and the number of respondents. The annualized estimated burden hours are as follows:

Estimated Total Burden for 988 Cooperative Agreements Monitoring Program

SAMHSA Tool	Number of Respondents	Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Hours per Response	Total Hour Burden	Hourly Wage Cost	Total Hour Cost[1]
Tribal Govt: Semi Annual Progress Report Template	19	2	38	2	76	$45.61	$3,466.36

Tribal Govt: GPO Meeting Agenda Template	19	12	228	0.5	114	$45.61	$5,199.54
Tribal Govt: Optional Local Evaluation Plan Template	19	1	19	2	38	$45.61	$1,733.18
State/ Territory: Semi-Annual Progress Report Template	53	2	106	2	212	$45.61	$9,669.32
State/ Territory: Semi-Annual Key Metrics Report Template	53	2	106	1	106	$45.61	$4,834.66
State/Territory: GPO Meeting Agenda Template	53	12	636	0.5	318	$45.61	$14,503.98
State/ Territory: Communications Plan Template	53	1	53	1	53	$45.61	$2,417.33
State/ Territory: Sustainability Plan Template	53	1	53	2	106	$45.61	$4,834.66
Crisis Center: Semi-Annual Progress Report Template	31	2	62	2	124	$45.61	$5,655.64
Crisis Center: Semi-Annual Key Metrics Report Template	31	2	62	2	124	$45.61	$5,655.64
Crisis Center: GPO Meeting Agenda Template	31	12	372	0.5	186	$45.61	$8,483.46
988 Network Admin: Lifeline Key Metrics and Progress Report (Monthly)	1	12	12	13	156	$45.61	$7,115.16
Total	**416**	**61**	**1,447**	**28.5**	**1,613**		**$73,568.96**

[1] The hourly wage of $45.61 was calculated based on the Occupational Employment and Wages, Mean Hourly Wage rate for Community and Social Service Occupations (https://www.bls.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for Send comments to SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fisher Lane, Room 15E57A, Rockville, MD 20852 *OR* email a copy at

samhsapra@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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