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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

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Proposed Project: Data Resource Toolkit Protocol for the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) – Revision

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) as part of an interagency agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides a toolkit to be used for the purposes of collecting data on the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP). The CCP provides supplemental funding to states and territories for individual and community crisis intervention services during a federal disaster.

The CCP has provided disaster mental health services to millions of disaster survivors since its inception and, as a result of 30 years of accumulated expertise, it has become an important model for federal response to a variety of catastrophic events. Recent State CCPs include programs in New Jersey and New York following 2012 Hurricane Sandy; two programs in Colorado, one related to a wildfire and the second to a flood; a program in Oklahoma in the aftermath of severe storms and tornadoes in 2013; and programs in Washington and Alaska related to flooding and mudslides in 2014. These programs have primarily addressed the short-term mental health needs of communities through (a) outreach and public education, (b) individual and group counseling, and (c) referral. Outreach and public education serve primarily to normalize reactions and to engage people who might need further care. Crisis counseling assists survivors to cope with current stress and symptoms in order to return to predisaster functioning. Crisis counseling relies largely on “active listening,” and crisis counselors also provide psycho-education (especially about the nature of responses to trauma) and

help clients build coping skills. Crisis counseling typically continues no more than a few times. Because crisis counseling is time-limited, referral is the third important functions of CCPs. Counselors are expected to refer clients to formal treatment if the person has developed more serious psychiatric problems.

Data about services delivered and users of services will be collected throughout the program period. The data will be collected via the use of a toolkit that relies on standardized forms. At the program level, the data will be entered quickly and easily into a cumulative database to yield summary tables for quarterly and final reports for the program. Additionally, we are in the process of developing and testing the feasibility of using mobile devices for data entry purposes. Because the data will be collected in a consistent way from all programs, they can be uploaded or linked into an ongoing national database that likewise provides CMHS and FEMA with a way of producing summary reports of services provided across all programs funded.

The components of the tool kit are listed and described below:

- Encounter logs. These forms document all services provided. Completion of these logs is required by the crisis counselors. There are three types of encounter logs: (1) Individual/Family or Household Crisis Counseling Services Encounter Log; (2) Group Encounter Log; and (3) Weekly Tally Sheet.
 - Individual/Family or Household Crisis Counseling Services Encounter Log.

Crisis counseling is defined as an interaction that lasts at least 15 minutes and involves participant disclosure. This form is completed by the Crisis Counselor for each service recipient, defined as the person or persons who actively participated in the session (e.g., by verbally participating), not

someone who is merely present. The same form may be completed with other family or household members who are actively engaged in the visit.

Information collected includes demographics, service characteristics, risk factors, event reactions, and referral data.

- Group Encounter Log. This form is used to identify either a group crisis counseling encounter or a group public education encounter. A check at the top identifies the class of activities (i.e., counseling or education). Information collected includes services characteristics, group identity and characteristics, and group activities.
- Weekly Tally Sheet. This form documents brief educational and supportive encounters not captured on any other form. Information collected includes service characteristics, daily tallies and weekly totals for brief educational or supportive contacts, and material distribution with no or minimal interaction.
- Assessment and Referral Tools. This tool provides descriptive information about intense users of services either child/youth or adults, defined as all individuals receiving a third individual crisis counseling visit. This tool will be used beginning three months postdisaster and will be completed by the crisis counselor.
- Participant Feedback. These surveys are completed by and collected from a sample of service recipients, not every recipient. A time sampling approach (e.g., soliciting participation from all counseling encounters one week per quarter) will be used. Information collected includes satisfaction with services, perceived improvements in self-functioning, types of exposure, and event reactions.

- CCP Service Provider Feedback. These surveys are completed by and collected from the CCP service providers anonymously at six months and one year postevent. The survey will be coded on several program-level as well as worker-level variables. However, the program itself will be identified and shared with program management only if the number of individual workers was greater than 20.

There are no changes to the Individual Encounter Log, Group Encounter Log, Weekly Tally, and the Assessment and Referral Tools since the last approval. Revisions include the addition of mobile device questions to the Service Provider Feedback Form and minor revisions to the gender question on the Participant Feedback Form and Service Provider Feedback Form.

The table below is the estimates of annualized hour burden.

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondents	Hours per responses	Total hour burden
Individual Crisis Counseling Services Encounter Log	200	196	.13	5,096
Group Encounter Log	100	33	.07	231
Weekly Tally Sheet	200	33	.2	1,320
Assessment and Referral Tools	200	14	.25	700
Participant Feedback Survey	1,000	1	.25	250
Service Provider Feedback Survey	100	1	.41	41
Total	1,800			7,638

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 2-1057, One Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857 OR e-mail her a copy at **summer.king@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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