

October 3, 2006

NOTE TO: Alice Bettencourt

FROM: Sherrette Funn-Coleman

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of SAMHSA Clearance Request

TITLE: **Social Network Analysis of a Service System for Transition Aged Youth**

Type: This is a request for an approval on a new collection. The primary affected public are "State, Local or Tribal Government." This collection does employ statistical methods.

Need/ Used: The purpose of this study is to determine if it is possible to achieve this goal using the resources provided through a federal grant program (Partnerships for Youth Transition (PYT), Center for Mental Health Services, of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency). In order to examine this question, a social network analysis will be conducted in one local community. Because network analysis is a costly and significantly burdensome procedure it is important to approach the question by obtaining sufficient information while not adding undue burden. Detailed examination of one site can answer the essential question, if the site is well chosen.

Burden: The burden hours requested for this new program is 137.50.

Certification

Issues: SAMHSA certifies that this collection instrument complies with 5 CFR 1320.9. The notice required by 5 CFR 1320.8 (d) was published in the Federal Register on February 6, 2006 and no comments were received.

Recommendation:

I recommend the approval of this request (attached OMB 83-1).