

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**[OMB Control No. 2900–NEW]****Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Suicide Prevention 2.0 Program—Community Opinion Survey****AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW.”

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501–21.*Title:* Suicide Prevention 2.0

Program—Community Opinion Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2900–NEW.*Type of Review:* New collection.

Abstract: VA authority for this data collection is found under 38 U.S.C., Part I, Chapter 5, Section 527, which authorizes the collection of data that will allow measurement and evaluation of VA Programs, the goal of which is improved health care for veterans. The information will be used to accomplish three aims: (1) Collect baseline data on the knowledge and attitudes of adult US citizens living in specified communities about veterans, veteran suicide, and resources available to veterans to reduce suicide, prior to the implementation of suicide prevention programs; (2) collect follow-up data in the same communities to assess whether those knowledge and attitudes have changed over time; and (3) determine whether the programs and policies implemented by a community resulted in positive change in knowledge and attitudes.

The data will be utilized by the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in VA Central Office to measure the return on investment of significant resources that have been invested to support communities in their efforts to reduce veteran suicide. Specifically, the Community-Based Interventions (CBI) arm of VA’s “Suicide Prevention 2.0” (SP2.0) program has launched two different initiatives whose goals are to increase the successful implementation of best practices to prevent veteran suicide in local communities. The data will allow

VA to measure a baseline level of expected outcomes, follow-up levels, and explore the role of new programs in any changes, as well as inform program planning and evaluation.

In addition, the data collected will be used by State teams that are engaged in the Governor’s Challenge (GC) initiative. GC is one of the initiatives supported by SP2.0 and is structured so that State teams are provided training and technical assistance by VA to expand their efforts to implement suicide prevention programs in their State. This data collection will assist the State teams to assess the effects of their new programming or policies.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 86 FR 218 on November 16, 2021, page 63455.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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