

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1194-DR]

**The Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands; Amendment to Notice
of a Major Disaster Declaration**AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (FEMA-1194-DR), dated December 24, 1997, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective December 17, 1997.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

Lacy E. Suiter,

Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 21, 1998.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank

holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.bog.frb.fed.us> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: January 14, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES****Agency for Health Care Policy and
Research****Meeting of the National Advisory
Council for Health Care Policy,
Research, and Evaluation**

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Foster, Coordinator of the Advisory Council at the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 502, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 594-1349 ext. 1307.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Linda Reeves, Assistant Administrator for Equal Opportunity, AHCPR, on (301) 594-6655 ext. 1055 no later than February 8, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Purpose**

Section 921 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299c) establishes the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation. The Council provides advice to the Secretary and the Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR), on matters related to AHCPR activities to

enhance the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health care services and access to such services through scientific research and the promotion of improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services.

The Council is composed of members of the public appointed by the Secretary and Federal ex-officio members.

II. Agenda

On Thursday, February 12, 1998, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chairman. The Administrator, AHCPR, will update the status of current Agency funding, programs, and initiatives. The Council will then discuss strategic directions for the Agency, ethical dilemmas in health services research, and how to assure AHCPR research is meeting the needs of clinicians.

The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

John M. Eisenberg,*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES****Food and Drug Administration****Arthritis Advisory Committee; Notice
of Meeting**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting is open to the public.

Name of Committee: Arthritis Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee:

To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on February 20, 1998, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, Versailles Ballrooms I and II, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Kathleen R. Reedy or LaNise S. Giles, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-5455, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-

741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12532. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will discuss preliminary planning of a claims structure for a future guidance for the development of drugs, biologics, and devices for the treatment of osteoarthritis.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by February 13, 1998. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before February 13, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: January 9, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) on February 3-4, 1998, at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

On February 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in accordance with provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and sec. 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of grant applications. These applications and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications, disclosure of which would

constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

On February 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., this portion of the meeting will be open to the public for announcements and reports of administrative, legislative, and program developments in the drug abuse field. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

A summary of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Ms. Camilla L. Holland, NIDA Committee Management Officer, National Institutes of Health, Parklawn Building, Room 10-42, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301/443-2755).

Substantive program information may be obtained from Dr. Teresa Levitin, Room 10-42, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville MD 20857, (301/443-2755).

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Dr. Levitin in advance of the meeting.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers: 93.277, Drug Abuse Research Scientist Development and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs)

Dated: January 8, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Purpose/Agenda: To review individual grant applications.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: January 20, 1998.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5060; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Samuel Rawlings, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5060, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1243.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: January 20, 1998.

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4148; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Philip Perkins, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4148, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1718.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological.

Date: January 21, 1998.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4150; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Marcia Litwack, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4150, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1719.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: January 8, 1998.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4150; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Marcia Litwack, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4150, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1719.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meetings due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review and funding cycle.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: February 22, 1998.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Sooja Kim, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5178, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1780.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological.

Date: February 18, 1998.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 9112.

Contact Person: Dr. Mushtaq Khan, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4124, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1778.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: February 23, 1998.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 6168; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Syed Amir, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6168, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1043.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: February 24, 1998.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4172; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Donald Schneider, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4172, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1165.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: March 18-20, 1998.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Radisson Hotel, Los Angeles, CA.
Contact Person: Dr. Bill Bunnag, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive,