

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 19, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Christopher J. McCurdy, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045:

1. *The Royal Bank of Canada*, Montreal, Canada; to engage *de novo* through an unnamed wholly-owned subsidiary, in the activity of making and servicing loans or other extensions of credit, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

2. *Unidanmark A/S and Unibank A/S*, both of Copenhagen, Denmark (collectively, Notificants); to retain 100 percent of the voting interests in Aros Securities, Inc., New York, New York (Aros), and thereby engage in providing investment and financial advisory services; providing discount and full-service brokerage services; buying and selling all types of debt and equity securities on the order of customers as a "riskless principal"; and acting as agent in the private placement of all types of debt and equity securities. The Board previously has determined that the proposed activities are closely related to banking. 12 CFR 225.25(b)(4), and (15); *Bankers Trust New York Corporation*, 75 Fed. Res. Bull. 829 (1989); *J.P. Morgan & Company Incorporated*, 76 Fed. Res. Bull. 26 (1990); see also Order Revising the Limitations Applicable to Riskless Principal Activities, 82 Fed. Res. Bull. 759 (1996). Notificants would engage in the proposed activities pursuant to the limitations contained in Regulation Y and the Board's prior orders relating to the proposed activities. Aros would engage in the proposed activities throughout the United States and the world.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *Cattail Bancshares, Inc.*, Atwater, Minnesota; to engage *de novo* in making and servicing loans, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y. These activities will be conducted throughout Atwater, Kimball, and St. Augusta Township and other surrounding communities (all in Minnesota).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 30, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

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

TIME AND DATE: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, November 12, 1996.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st 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 items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: November 1, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, The Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS).

Times and Dates: 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., November 14, 1996; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., November 15, 1996.

Place: Room 503A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The meeting will focus on the Committee's new responsibilities as outlined in the administrative simplification provisions of Public Law 104-191, as well as on related matters. Departmental officials will brief the Committee on recent developments, activities of the HHS Data Council, and related data policy activities. The Committee also is scheduled to begin the first of a series of discussions on health data standards: ANSI HSB representatives are scheduled to brief the Committee on an inventory of administrative transaction data standards; representatives from the health

data standards community, the health quality assurance community, the public health and research communities, State and local governments and other interested and affected parties are scheduled to describe their perspectives on health data standards. The Committee also will discuss its priorities and work plans.

Notice: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card should plan to arrive at the building each day either between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. or 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. so they can be escorted to the meeting. Entrance to the meeting at other times during the day cannot be assured.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained from James Scanlon, NCVHS, Executive Staff Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Room 440-D, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, telephone (202) 690-7100, or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Acting Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone 301/436-7050.

Dated: October 29, 1996.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy.

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Office of the Secretary

Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

Melissa A. Harrington, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center: Based upon an investigation conducted by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, information obtained by ORI during its oversight review, and Dr. Harrington's own admission, ORI found that Melissa A. Harrington, Ph.D., former postdoctoral research fellow, Department of Pharmacology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, engaged in scientific misconduct by falsifying the methodology and figures in a manuscript that was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Neuroscience* ("G_{αq} and G_{βγ} open two Bradykinin-gated potassium channels via a membrane-delimited pathway"). The research was supported by a grant

from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Specifically, ORI found that Dr. Harrington had (1) falsely described the addition of GDP to a G-protein subunit buffer, when she had omitted it from some of the experiments; (2) falsified three figures (a) by falsely depicting the course of an electrophysiological response as being due to a combination of two substances that had not been combined and (b) by falsely representing a single channel current record as being an example of a distinct channel type that was elicited by the substance $G_{\alpha q}$, which had not been added prior to the recording; and (3) intentionally incorporated the falsified data from the experiments in which GDP had been omitted into her statistical descriptions.

The Journal of Neuroscience manuscript was withdrawn and was never published.

Dr. Harrington has accepted the ORI finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in which she has voluntarily agreed, for the three (3) year period beginning October 23, 1996:

(1) To voluntarily exclude herself from serving in any advisory capacity to the Public Health Service (PHS), including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant; and

(2) That any institution that submits an application for PHS support for a research project on which the respondent's participation is proposed or which uses the respondent in any capacity on PHS supported research must concurrently submit a plan for supervision of her duties. The supervisory plan must be designed to ensure the scientific integrity of the respondent's research contribution. The institution must submit a copy of the supervisory plan to ORI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5330.

Chris B. Pascal,

Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity.
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Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Notice of Health Care Policy and Research; Special Emphasis Panel Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following special emphasis panel scheduled to meet during the month of November 1996:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date and Time: November 13, 1996, 3:15 p.m.

Place: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20852.

Open November 13, 1996, 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: This Panel is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications proposing conferences on issues relevant to health services research.

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on November 13, from 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the panel will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, AHCPR, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or other relevant information should contact Carmen Johnson, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1449 x1613.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: October 30, 1996.

Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summaries of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. HCFA-R-143 *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Analysis of Malpractice Premium Data; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-143; *Use:* The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1989 section 1848(e)(P.L.101-239) requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop and update geographic adjustment factors for existing payment localities used in calculating the Medicare fee schedule. HCFA is also required by the law to compute the annual rate of increase in malpractice premiums for use in the Medicare Economic Index in setting the Medicare physician fee schedule update; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, local or tribal govt., business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 50; *Total Annual Responses:* 50; *Total Annual Hours:* 150.

2. HCFA-644 *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Intake and Assessment Survey Package for the Community Nursing Organization Demonstration; *Form No.:* HCFA-644; *Use:* The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1987 section 4079 requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct a demonstration project, testing capitated payment for community nursing and ambulatory care services (primarily Medicare-covered home health services, medical devices and durable medical equipment, and certain ambulatory care) provided to Medicare beneficiaries by community nurse organizations sites. This aspect of the demonstration is aimed at replacing the multiple payment mechanisms, such as reasonable cost, predetermined fee