

report to the Commission. The four subcommittees are: Career Advancement, which aims to (a) assess current executive training programs and other career development programs that target minorities and women in the telecom industries; (b) identify recommendations and "best practices" that would facilitate opportunities in upper level management and ownership; and (c) focus both on industry-specific measures, as well as recommendations extending across the telecom sectors; Financial Issues, which aims to (a) identify the obstacles to capital access faced by minorities and women in the telecommunications industries; (b) assess current practices regarding the access to capital; (c) develop recommendations and identify "best practices" to address these obstacles; and (d) focus both on industry-specific measures, as well as issues that extend across the telecommunications sectors; New Technologies, which aims to (a) assess what ownership and career advancement opportunities are available in new and emerging technologies (e.g., broadband, digital television, cable, satellite, low power FM) and the convergence of these technologies; and (b) develop recommendations for facilitating opportunities for minorities and women in new industries as they form; and Transactional Transparency, which aims to (a) identify what enhancements or additions are needed, and develop suggested "best practices" in order to increase the participation of minorities and women; (b) assess current practices of how potential investment opportunities in telecom industries are identified and how that information is disseminated; and (c) focus both on industry-specific measures, as well as recommendations extending across the telecom sectors.

Information concerning the activities of the Diversity Committee can be reviewed at the Committee's Web site <http://www.fcc.gov/DiversityFAC>. Material relevant to the June 14th meeting will be posted there.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. However, admittance will be limited to the seating available. A live RealAudio feed will be available over the Internet; information on how to tune in can be found at the Commission's Web site <http://www.fcc.gov>.

The public may submit written comments to the Committee's Designated Federal Officer before the meeting.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 1, 2004.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Cross County Bankshares, Inc.*, Wynne, Arkansas; to acquire 9.90 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Pocahontas, Pocahontas, Arkansas, which will be relocated to Bentonville, Arkansas, prior to his acquisition, and renamed Pinnacle Bank immediately after the acquisition.

2. *Lonoke Bancshares, Inc.*, Lonoke, Arkansas; to acquire 9.90 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Pocahontas, Pocahontas, Arkansas, which will be

relocated to Bentonville, Arkansas, prior to this acquisition, and renamed Pinnacle Bank immediately after the acquisition.

3. *TrustBanc Financial Group, Inc.*, Mountain Home, Arkansas; to acquire 9.90 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Pocahontas, Pocahontas, Arkansas, which will be relocated to Bentonville, Arkansas, prior to this acquisition, and renamed Pinnacle Bank immediately after the acquisition.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *America West Bank Members, LC*, Layton, Utah; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of America West Bank, Layton, Utah.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 30, 2004.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality: Request for Nominations for Public Members

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations for public members.

**SUMMARY:** 42 U.S.C. 229c, section 921 of the Public Health Service (PHS Act), established a National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality (the Council). The Council is to advise the Secretary of HHS and the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on matters related to actions of the Agency to enhance the quality, improve the outcomes, and reduce the costs of health care services, as well as improve 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.

Seven current members' terms will expire in November 2004. To fill these positions in accordance with the legislative mandate establishing the Council, we are seeking individuals who are distinguished in the conduct of

research, demonstration projects, and evaluations with respect to health care; individuals distinguished in the fields of health care quality research or health care improvement; individuals distinguished in the practice of medicine; individuals distinguished in the other health professions; individuals either representing the private health care sector (including health plans, providers, and purchasers) or individuals distinguished as administrators of health care delivery systems; individuals distinguished in the fields of health care economics, management science, information systems, law, ethics, business, or public policy; and individuals representing the interests of patients and consumers of health care. Individuals are particularly sought with experience and success in activities specified in the summary paragraph above, through which the Agency carries out its work.

**DATES:** Nominations should be received on or before June 1, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Ms. Deborah Queenan, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room 3238, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Nominations also may be faxed to (301) 594-1341.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Deborah Queenan, AHRQ, at (301) 594-1330.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 42 U.S.C. 299c, section 921 of the PHS Act, provides that the national Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality shall consist of 21 appropriately qualified representatives of the public appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and, in addition, ex officio representatives from other Federal agencies specified in the authorizing legislation, principally agencies that conduct or support health care research, as well as Federal officials the Secretary may consider appropriate. The Council meets in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, generally in Rockville, Maryland, approximately three times a year to provide broad guidance to the Secretary and AHRQ's Director on the direction and programs for AHRQ.

Seven individuals will presently be selected by the Secretary to serve on the Council beginning with the meting in the fall of 2004. Members generally serve 3-year terms. Appointments are staggered to permit an orderly rotation of membership. Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Council. Nominations shall include a copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, and state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Council.

Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning their financial interests, consultant positions, and research grants and contracts, to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

The Department is seeking a broad geographic representation and has special interest in assuring that women, minority groups, and the physically handicapped are adequately represented on advisory bodies and, therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations for appropriately qualified female, minority, and/or physically handicapped candidates.

Dated: April 28, 2004.

**Carolyn M. Clancy,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Request for Measures of Family Assessment of Nursing Home Care

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for measures.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is soliciting a voluntary submission by researchers, survey firms, stakeholders and other interested parties of survey instruments, or items from survey instruments, measuring family assessments of nursing home care. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) established as a priority, support for the development of a standardized survey for measuring and publicly reporting family and residents' assessments of nursing home care that could be used nation wide, and asked AHRQ for assistance in the development and testing of the survey instruments. A resident survey has been developed that is the process of field testing. The next step is the development of a standardized instrument for investigation of family perspectives on residents' nursing home care. As part of the feasibility study, AHRQ is reviewing existing instruments that capture family members' assessments of resident's nursing home care. To conduct as inclusive a review as possible of successful or informative measures of care, the agency is requesting voluntary submission of such instruments or individual measures along with documentation for administration of the

instruments or individual measures, and, if possible, critical evaluations of particular measures or related survey administration techniques. If selected for incorporation into a standardized CAHPS instrument for comparing family assessments of nursing home care, measure(s) will be made freely available to encourage their widespread use and the creation of uniform criteria by which nursing homes can be compared by consumers and other interested individuals and organizations. The final instrument will carry a CAHPS trademark to assure that if it is distributed or implemented as a CAHPS instrument, it will be used in accordance with CAHPS instructions and documentation. It should be noted that though the term "family" is used throughout, the term should be construed broadly to include all persons who periodically observe the care of a nursing home resident (e.g., a "significant other") and, based on their contact, are able to provide the perspective and assessment of a concerned third party regarding the resident's care received in the nursing home.

**DATES:** Please submit instruments and supporting information on or before July 6, 2004, to Judith Sangl (see address below). AHRQ will inquire and determine whether each submitter wishes to be identified. Submitters will not respond individually to submitters, but will consider all submitted instruments and measures and publicly report the results of the review of the submissions in aggregate. Prior to releasing the names of submitters we will inquire and determine whether each submitter wishes to be identified. Submitters will not be identified with specific items in the final instrument.

**ADDRESSES:** Submissions should include a brief cover letter, a copy of the instrument or items for consideration and supporting information as specified under "Submission Criteria", below. Submissions may be in the form of a letter or e-mail, preferably with an electronic file in a standard word processing format on a 3½-inch floppy disk or as an e-mail attachment. Electronic submissions are encouraged. Please do not use any acronyms. Responses to this request should be submitted to: Judith Sangl, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850, Phone: (301) 427-1308, Fax: (301) 427-1341, E-mail: [jsangl@ahrq.gov](mailto:jsangl@ahrq.gov).

To facilitate handling of submissions, please include full information about the instrument developer or contact: (a) Name, (b) title, (c) organization, (d)