application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Any comment on an application that requests a hearing must include a statement of why a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute and summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received not later than August 17, 1995.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261:

1. Mercantile Banksshares Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The Sparks State Bank, Sparks, Maryland

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690:

1. Beaman Bancshares, Inc., Beaman, Iowa; to acquire an additional 20.10 percent, for a total of 24.98 percent of the voting shares of Producers Savings Bank, Green Mountain, Iowa.

2. F&M Bancorporation, Inc., Kaukauna, Wisconsin; to acquire 90 percent of the voting shares of Peoples State Bank of Bloomer, Bloomer, Wisconsin.


C. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. UB&T Financial Corporation, Dallas Texas, and UB&T Delaware Financial Corporation, Dover, Delaware; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Southeast Bancshares, Inc., Dallas, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Commercial National Bank, Dallas, Texas.


Jennifer J. Johnson, Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; General Reorganization; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority


Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Under heading Section HP–20, Organization and Functions, beginning with the title, Office of the Administrator (HPA), delete all titles and statements and substitute the following:

Office of the Administrator (HPA). Directs the activities of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research to ensure the achievement of strategic objectives. Specifically: (1) Determines that Agency programs support Administration goals and objectives; (2) plans, directs, coordinates, and evaluates the administrative policies and procedures, the research and training programs, and the dissemination activities of the Agency; (3) manages the Equal Employment Opportunity programs; (4) maintains the scientific integrity of the research program and the staff; (5) establishes Agency programs and budget priorities; (6) represents the Agency within the Public Health Service, at the highest levels of Government, and to the public; (7) makes recommendations to the Secretary on Federal reimbursement programs with respect to health care technologies and health care policies and research.

Office of Management (HPA6). Directs and coordinates Agency-wide administrative activities. Specifically: (1) Manages and coordinates the human resource activities of the Agency.
including personnel operations and the allocation of personnel resources; (2) provides organizational and management analysis, develops policies and procedures, and implements Agency management policies; (3) coordinates the Agency Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and Privacy Act activities; (4) plans and directs financial management activities including budget formulation, presentation, and execution functions and supports the linking of the budget and planning process; (5) conducts all business management aspects of the review, negotiation, award, and administration of Agency grants and contracts; (6) manages the analysis, selection, and implementation of the information resource management and telecommunication systems; (7) provides Agency support services including the acquisition, management, and maintenance of supplies, equipment, and space.

Office of Planning and Evaluation (HPA7). Directs and coordinates the strategic planning, program evaluation, and legislative activities of the Agency. Specifically: (1) Directs and coordinates program planning activities of the Agency and prepares the strategic plan; (2) plans and manages the program evaluation activities of the Agency including evaluations of dissemination, training, and research programs; (3) plans and coordinates Agency research activities that focus on special populations and initiatives; (4) coordinates the legislative activities of the Agency including evaluations of institutional and extramural research centers program on terms of patient outcomes; (2) directs an extramural research program on the use and cost of care provided by health care systems. Specifically: (1) Manages and conducts research, demonstrations, and support activities to improve methods and measures for effectiveness research; (2) directs extramural research centers program on medical effectiveness and outcomes research. Specifically: (1) Supports the development and evaluation of clinical practice guidelines. Specifically: (1) Supports the development and evaluation of clinical practice guidelines dealing with the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of illness; (2) provides national leadership on guideline development and assessment of methodologies; (3) supports development of medical review criteria, performance measures, and standards of quality; (4) conducts and supports studies of the economic impact of Agency guidelines; (5) represents the Agency in meetings with experts and organizations involved in producing, implementing, and evaluating clinical practice guidelines.

Center for Health Care Technology (HPK). Conducts and supports a comprehensive program of health care technology assessment. Specifically: (1) Manages and conducts studies of the safety, efficacy, effectiveness, and cost-effectiveness of health technologies; (2) prepares recommendation on whether specific technologies should be paid for by Federal programs that provide or reimburse for health services including recommendations that such payment be subject to specific conditions, requirements, or limitation; (3) maintains liaison with other public and private organizations and entities with regard to assessment strategies, priorities, and methodologies; (4) represents the Agency in meetings with international and domestic experts and organizations concerned with health technology assessment.

Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research (HPB). Conducts and supports studies of the outcomes and effectiveness of diagnostic, therapeutic, and preventive health care services and procedures. Specifically: (1) Manages and conducts research, evaluations, and demonstrations of the effectiveness of clinical interventions in terms of patient outcomes; (2) directs an extramural research centers program on medical effectiveness and patient outcomes; (3) directs and supports a program of clinical research on the effectiveness of diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to illness; (4) manages and conducts research and related activities to improve methods and measures for effectiveness research; (5) represents the Agency in meetings with domestic and international experts and organizations concerned with medical effectiveness and outcomes research.

Center for Delivery Systems Research (HPL). Conducts and supports studies of the structure, behavior, and performance of acute and long term health care systems. Specifically: (1) Manages and conducts studies of trends in the use and cost of care provided by public and private health care systems; (2) directs epidemiological studies of patterns of care and changes in the treatment of illness; (3) designs and manages large administrative data sets produced by states or claims processors for intramural and extramural research including policy and methodological studies; (4) conducts information research, demonstrations, and evaluations of institutional and
community based long term care; (5) represents the Agency in meetings with international and domestic experts and organizations involved in developing analytic data sets and analyzing patterns of treatment and regional and institutional differences in care.

Center for Health Expenditures and Insurance Studies (HPM). Conducts and supports studies of expenditures and sources of payment for personal health care services and the development of large primary data sets for policy research and analyses. Specifically: (1) Plans and manages national medical expenditure surveys; (2) plans and directs surveys of employers and other sources of insurance coverage and health benefits; (3) plans and conducts policy research on patterns of health expenditures, insurance coverage, and use of personal health services; (4) develops microsimulation models for policy research; (5) conducts and supports statistical and methodological research on survey design, sampling and estimation techniques, and data quality; (6) provides statistical support to the Agency; (7) represents the Agency in meetings with Federal agencies and experts on health policy issues especially issues related to health expenditures and insurance and Federal and state health care programs.

Center for Cost and Financing (HPN). Conducts and supports studies of the cost and financing of health care services. Specifically: (1) Manages and conducts research, demonstrations, and evaluations of primary care settings and systems; (2) manages and conducts studies of rural health care services and systems; (3) directs studies of the care of special populations; (4) directs studies of the effectiveness of education, supply, and distribution of the health care workforce; (5) represents the Agency in meetings with international and domestic experts and organizations concerned with primary care.

Center for Health Information Dissemination (HPG). Designs, develops, implements, and manages programs for disseminating the results of Agency activities. Specifically: (1) Conducts and supports research on the techniques of providing information to the health care industry, health care providers, consumers, policy makers, researchers, and the media; (2) manages the editing, publication, and information distribution processes of the Agency; (3) provides the administrative support for reference services and the distribution of technical information to Agency staff; (4) manages the public affairs activities of the Agency, an Agency clearinghouse for responding to requests for information and technical assistance, and a consumer information program; (5) directs a user liaison program to provide health care research and policy findings to Federal, state and local public officials, providers, payers, business, and the health care industry; (6) evaluates the effectiveness of Agency dissemination strategies and implements changes indicated by such evaluations; (7) represents the Agency in meetings with Department and Public Health Service representatives on press releases, media events, and publication clearance.

Under the heading Section HP-30, Delegations of Authority, delete the statement and retitle as Section HP-30, Order of Succession and add the following: During the absence or disability of the Administrator, or in the event of a vacancy in that office, the first official listed below who is available shall act as Administrator, except during planned periods of absence, when the Administrator may specify a different order of succession. The order of succession will be: (1) Deputy Administrator (2) Executive Officer (3) Director, Office of Scientific Affairs (4) Director, Office of Planning and Evaluation (5) Director, Office of Policy Analysis Insert heading Section HP-40, Delegations of Authority and add the following: All delegations and redelegations of authority to officers and employees of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this reorganization shall continue in effect pending further redelegation, provided they are consistent with this reorganization.


Donna E. Shalala,
Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Medford District Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability, Medford District Resource Management Plan and record of decision.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1500.2), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, (43 CFR 1610.2 (g)), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Medford District provides notice of availability of the Approved Resource Management Plan (ARMP) and Record of Decision (ROD) for the Medford District. The Approved RMP will provide the framework to guide land and resource allocations and management direction for the next 10 to 20 years in the Medford District. This ARMP supersedes the existing Josephine and Jackson/Klamath management framework plans and other related documents for managing BLM administered lands and resources in the subject area. The Medford District is responsible for management of BLM administered lands and minerals in all or portions of Jackson, Josephine,