

**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, AHCP, 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 (AHCP), on matters related to AHCP 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, AHCP, 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 AHCP 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-