

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE**Federal Accounting Standards
Advisory Board**

AGENCY: General Accounting Office.

ACTION: Notice of meeting on February 25 and 26; schedule of meetings in 1999.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board will hold a two-day meeting on Thursday, February 25 and Friday, February 26, 1999 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in room 7C13, the Comptroller General's Briefing Room, of the General Accounting Office building, 441 G St., NW., Washington, DC.

Agenda

The agenda for the meetings includes:

- Administrative Matters,
- Discussion of exposure drafts on:
 - Proposed Amendments to SFFAS No. 2—Accounting for Direct Loans and Loan Guarantees
 - Draft Recommended Accounting Standards—Amendments to National Defense PP&E Reporting Requirements
 - Draft Interpretation on Accounting for Roadbed Costs in Timber Sales Program
 - Management's Discussion and Analysis—Review of comments on the exposure drafts and draft recommendations
 - Social Insurance—Issues related to responses to the ED and draft recommended standards
 - Deferred Maintenance—Review of comment letters and draft recommendation

Schedule of Meetings

Remaining scheduled meetings dates in 1999 are as follows:

- April 12-13
- July 1-2
- September 16-17
- October 28-29
- December 13-14.

Any interested person may attend the meeting as an observer. Board discussions and reviews are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 441 G St., NW., Room 3B18, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, Section 10(a)(2), 86 Stat. 770, 774 (1972) (current version at 5 U.S.C. app. section 10(a)(2) (1988)); 41 CFR 101-6.1015 (1990).

Dated: January 28, 1999.

Wendy M. Comes,

Executive Director.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE**Advisory Council on Government
Auditing Standards; Notice of Meeting**

The Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards will meet Monday, February 22, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., and Tuesday, February 23, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in room 7C13 of the General Accounting Office building, 441 G St., NW., Washington, DC.

The Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards will hold a meeting to discuss issues that may impact Government Auditing Standards. Any interested persons may attend the meeting as an observer. Council discussions and reviews are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcia Buchanan, Assistant Director, Government Auditing Standards, AIMD, 202-512-9321.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

Marcia B. Buchanan,

Assistant Director.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES****Administration for Children and
Families****Invitation To Comment on Child
Welfare Outcomes and Measures**

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of plan to report on outcomes and performance of State child welfare programs, and invitation to comment.

SUMMARY: Section 203 of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA), signed into law in November 1997, requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) “* * * in consultation with Governors, State legislatures, State and local public officials responsible for administering child welfare programs, and child welfare advocates * * * to develop a set of outcome measures (including length of stay in foster care, number of foster care placements, and number of adoptions) that can be used to assess the

performance of States in operating child protection and child welfare programs * * *.” In addition, the law requires that “* * * to the maximum extent possible, the outcome measures should be developed from data available from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System.” Section 203 of ASFA also directs the Secretary to prepare and submit to Congress a report on the performance of each State on each outcome measure on May 1, 1999, and annually thereafter.

To meet these requirements, the Children's Bureau, the Federal agency charged with the task of implementing ASFA, engaged in a consultation process with various stakeholders. The outcomes presented in this notice are the result of the Children's Bureau's consultation process and reflect widely-held performance objectives for child welfare program practice. This notice is to advise the public of DHHS's plan to report on these outcomes for State child welfare programs and to invite public comment on them. This notice can be found at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/special/index.htm>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESS** section below on or before March 4, 1999.

ADDRESS: Mail written comments (in duplicate) to Marianne Ruffy at the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marianne Ruffy, Children's Bureau, 330 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20447.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nation's child welfare systems are designed to protect children who have suffered maltreatment, who are at risk for maltreatment, or who are under the care and placement responsibility of the State because their families are unable to care for them. These systems also focus on securing permanent living arrangements for children who are unable to return home. The Children's Bureau is the agency within the Federal Government that is responsible for assisting State child welfare systems by promoting continuous improvement in the delivery of child welfare services.

The Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) represents a significant effort on the part of the Federal Government to improve child welfare service systems. The ASFA establishes clear goals for children served by the Nation's child welfare systems—safety, permanency, and well-being. It calls on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), State officials, advocates, and other experts in the field to work together to identify useful outcome measures to gauge State and