

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/.

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 May 12, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Sue Costello, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *SunTrust Banks, Inc.*, Atlanta, Georgia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Lighthouse Community State Bank, Hilton Head, South Carolina. Lighthouse Community State Bank is currently operating as Lighthouse Community Bank, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 11, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability will meet on Thursday May 1, 2003, and Friday May 2, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20001. The meeting will be entirely open to the public.

The purpose of this meeting will be to examine the economics of blood and where blood fits into the overall cost of health care.

Public comment will be solicited at the meeting. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Those who wish to have printed material distributed to Advisory Committee members should submit 30

copies to the Acting Executive Secretary prior to close of business April 25, 2003. Those who wish to utilize electronic data projection in their presentation to the Committee must submit their material to the Acting Executive Secretary prior to close of business April 25, 2003. In addition, anyone planning to comment is encouraged to contact the Acting Executive Secretary at her/his earliest convenience.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

CAPT Lawrence C. McMurtry, Acting Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health and Science, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Room 275, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-2823, FAX (301) 443-4361, e-mail lmcmurtry@osophs.dhhs.gov

Dated: April 11, 2003.

Lawrence C. McMurtry,

Acting Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

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

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure.

Time and Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., April 22, 2003.

Place: Sheraton Buckhead Hotel, 3405 Lenox Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30326.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The Workgroup will hear testimony about issues related to the population health dimension of the national health information infrastructure, including public health surveillance, disease registries, and privacy issues.

Contact Person For More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Mary Jo Deering, Lead Staff Person for the NCVHS Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure, Office of Public Health and Science, DHHS, Room 738G, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 260-2652, or Majorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 436-7050. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS Web site: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

James Scanlon,

Acting Director, Office of Science and Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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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. 299c, 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 2003. 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