

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 August 25, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *The Siwooganock Holding Company, Inc.*, Lancaster, New Hampshire; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Siwooganock Bank, Lancaster, New Hampshire.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire 10 percent of the voting shares of Lancaster National Bank, Lancaster, New Hampshire.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 25, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of a Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings.

A Special Emphasis is a group of experts in fields related to health care research who are invited by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and agree to be available, to conduct on an as needed basis, scientific reviews of applications for AHRQ support. Individual members of the Panel do not attend regularly-scheduled meetings and do not serve for fixed terms or a long period of time. Rather, they are asked to participate in

particular review meetings which require their type of expertise.

Substantial segments of the upcoming SEP meetings listed below will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. These discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. *SEP Meeting on: Limited Competition for AHRQ Research Infrastructure and Capacity Program: Phase II (BRIC).*

Date: August 18, 2003 (open on August 18 from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: Quality Suites and Conference Center, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

2. *SEP Meeting on: Coordinating Center for the AHRQ Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics Program and Limited Competition for AHRQ Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics Program (CERTS).*

Date: August 29, 2003 (open on August 29 from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: Quality Suites and Conference Center, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

3. *SEP Meeting on: Building the Evidence to Promote Bioterrorism and Other Public Health Emergency Preparedness in Health Care Systems.*

Date: September 4-5, 2003 (open on September 4 from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: Quality Suites and Conference Center, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

4. *SEP Meeting on: Safe Practices Implementation Challenge Grants.*

Date: September 4-5, 2003 (open on September 4 from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: Quality Suites and Conference Center, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

5. *SEP Meeting on: Small Research Grants for Primary Care Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRNs).*

Date: September 11-12, 2003 (open on September 4 from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: Quality Suites and Conference Center, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the nonconfidential portions of these meetings should contact Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research, Education, and Priority Populations, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room 2038, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Telephone (301) 427-1554.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: July 24, 2003.

Carolyn M. Clancy,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), authority vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-20), enacting the following authority: Part C, title II of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

This delegation shall be exercised under the Department's existing delegation of authority and policy on regulations

This delegation is effective upon signature. In addition, I hereby affirm and ratify any actions taken by the HRSA Administrator or other HRSA officials, which involved the exercise of this authority prior to the effective date of the delegation.

Dated: July 10, 2003.

Tommy G. Thompson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Request for Additional Hospital CAHPS® (HCAHPS) Test Sites

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

ACTION: Notice of Request.

SUMMARY: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is soliciting volunteer sites for the additional testing of a draft Hospital CAHPS (HCAHPS) instrument. The mutual goals of AHRQ and CMS are to develop a standardized survey that is reliable and valid, that will reside in the public domain, and that will make comparative non-identifiable