

**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.*

[FR Doc. 98-1143 Filed 1-15-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6718-02-P**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 bankholding 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.*

[FR Doc. 98-1222 Filed 1-14-98; 11:23 am]

BILLING CODE 6210-01-P**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 toenhance 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.*

[FR Doc. 98-1107 Filed 1-15-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4160-90-M**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-

741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12532. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will discuss preliminary planning of a claims structure for a future guidance for the development of drugs, biologics, and devices for the treatment of osteoarthritis.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by February 13, 1998. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before February 13, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: January 9, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

[FR Doc. 98-1083 Filed 1-15-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4160-01-F

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) on February 3-4, 1998, at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

On February 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in accordance with provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and sec. 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of grant applications. These applications and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications, disclosure of which would

constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

On February 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., this portion of the meeting will be open to the public for announcements and reports of administrative, legislative, and program developments in the drug abuse field. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

A summary of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Ms. Camilla L. Holland, NIDA Committee Management Officer, National Institutes of Health, Parklawn Building, Room 10-42, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301/443-2755).

Substantive program information may be obtained from Dr. Teresa Levitin, Room 10-42, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville MD 20857, (301/443-2755).

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Dr. Levitin in advance of the meeting.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers: 93.277, Drug Abuse Research Scientist Development and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs)

Dated: January 8, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

[FR Doc. 98-1121 Filed 1-15-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4140-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Purpose/Agenda: To review individual grant applications.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: January 20, 1998.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5060; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Samuel Rawlings, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5060, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1243.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: January 20, 1998.

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4148; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Philip Perkins, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4148, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1718.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological.

Date: January 21, 1998.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4150; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Marcia Litwack, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4150, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1719.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: January 8, 1998.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4150; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Marcia Litwack, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4150, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1719.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meetings due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review and funding cycle.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: February 22, 1998.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Sooja Kim, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5178, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1780.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological.

Date: February 18, 1998.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 9112.

Contact Person: Dr. Mushtaq Khan, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4124, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1778.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: February 23, 1998.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 6168; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Syed Amir, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6168, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1043.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: February 24, 1998.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4172; Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Donald Schneider, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4172, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1165.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: March 18-20, 1998.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Radisson Hotel, Los Angeles, CA.

Contact Person: Dr. Bill Bunnag, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive,