

Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested 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/](http://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 November 15, 2002.

**Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (Susan Zubradt, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Commerce Bancorp, Inc.*, Duncan, Oklahoma; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Commerce, Duncan, Oklahoma (in organization).

2. *Community Bankshares, Inc.*, Greenwood Village, Colorado; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Community Banks of Tracy, Tracy, California (formerly known as Tracy Federal Bank, FSB).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 17, 2002.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has

determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 6, 2002.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Midwest Banc Holdings, Inc.*, Melrose Park, Illinois; to acquire Big Foot Financial Corporation, Long Grove, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Fairfield Savings Bank, F.S.B., Long Grove, Illinois, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y. Comments on this application must be received no later than November 15, 2002.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Signature Bancshares, Inc.*, Springfield, Missouri; to engage *de novo* through Signature Investment Services, LLC, Springfield, Missouri, in securities brokerage activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 17, 2002.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Establishment of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has determined that the

establishment of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the duties of the Secretary, HHS, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society is established to: (1) Provide a forum for expert discussion and deliberation and the formulation of advice and recommendations on the range of complex and sensitive medical, ethical, legal and social issues raised by new technological developments in human genetics; (2) assist the Department of Health and Human Services and, at their request, other Federal agencies in exploring issues raised by the development and application of genetic technologies; and, (3) make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning how such issues should be addressed.

The function of the committee is to explore, analyze, and deliberate on the broad range of human health and societal issues raised by the development and use, as well as potential misuse, of genetic technologies and make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary), and other entities as appropriate. The scope of the Committee's charge includes assessing how genetic technologies are being integrated into health care and public health; studying the clinical, ethical, legal and societal implications of new medical applications, such as preimplantation genetic diagnosis, and emerging technological approaches to clinical testing, identifying opportunities and gaps in research and data collection efforts; exploring the use of genetics in bioterrorism; examining current patent policy and licensing practices for their impact on access to genetic technologies; analyzing uses of genetic information in education, employment, insurance, including health, disability, long-term care, and life, and law, including family, immigration, and forensics; and serving as a public forum for discussion of emerging scientific, ethical, legal and social issues raised by genetic technologies.

The Committee shall consist of a core of 13 members, including the Chair. Members and the Chair shall be selected by the Secretary, or designee, from authorities knowledgeable about molecular biology, human genetics, health care, public health, bioterrorism, ethics, forensics, law, psychology, social sciences, education, occupational

health, insurance, and other relevant fields. Of the appointed members, at least two members shall be specifically selected for their knowledge of consumer issues and concerns and the view and perspectives of the general public.

Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society charter will expire two years from the date of establishment.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

**LaVerne Stringfield,**

*Director, NIH Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting**

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Standards and Security.

*Time and Date:* October 22, 2002; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. October 23, 2002; 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

*Place:* Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 705A, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* In the morning session on October 22, the Subcommittee on Standards and Security will review the current status of implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and will discuss best practices resulting from that implementation. In the afternoon the subcommittee will be briefed on drug terminologies from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and will discuss and prepare for the November full Committee meeting relating to the issues of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS. On October 23 the subcommittee will review a summary of the testimony from the expert panel in medical terminology heard at the August 28–29 subcommittee meeting. From the review and discussion the subcommittee intends to define the scope and the criteria for recommendations to the Department on the selection of Patient Record Medical Information (PMRI) terminologies under HIPAA.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of Committee members may be obtained from Karen Trudel, Senior Technical Advisor, Security and Standards Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, MD: C5-24-04, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, telephone: 410-786-9937; or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 1100, Presidential

Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone: (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/> where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

Dated: October 15, 2002.

**James Scanlon,**

*Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**Board of Scientific Counselors Meeting, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting:

*Name:* Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH).

*Time and Date:* 9 a.m.—3 p.m., November 20, 2002.

*Place:* Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001, telephone 202/628-2100, fax 202/879-7938.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

*Purpose:* The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and by delegation the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are authorized under Sections 301 and 308 of the Public Health Service Act to conduct directly or by grants or contracts, research, experiments, and demonstrations relating to occupational safety and health and to mine health. The Board of Scientific Counselors shall provide guidance to the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health on research and prevention programs. Specifically, the Board shall provide guidance on the Institute's research activities related to developing and evaluating hypotheses, systematically documenting findings and disseminating results. The Board shall evaluate the degree to which the activities of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: (1) conform to appropriate scientific standards, (2) address current, relevant needs, and (3) produce intended results.

*Matters to be Discussed:* Agenda items include a report from the Director of NIOSH; Response to the BSC Report on NIOSH Beryllium Research; Discussion of Public Health Infrastructure for Occupational Safety and Health; Update on Musculoskeletal

Research; Update on Approaches to Reducing Occupational Health Disparities; Closing Report.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Roger Rosa, Executive Secretary, BSC, NIOSH, CDC, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 715H, Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202)205-7856, fax (202)260-4464.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

**John Burckhardt,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

**Notice of Hearing: Reconsideration of Disapproval of Alaska State Plan Amendment 01-009**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of hearing.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an administrative hearing on October 24, 2002, at 10 a.m., Seattle Regional Office; 2201 Sixth Avenue; Room 1206; Seattle, Washington 98121, to reconsider our decision to disapprove Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) 01-009.

**CLOSING DATE:** Requests to participate in the hearing as a party must be received by the presiding officer by November 7, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathleen Scully-Hayes, Presiding Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2520 Lord Baltimore Drive, Suite L, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-2670, Telephone: (410) 786-2055.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider our decision to disapprove Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) 01-009. Alaska submitted SPA 01-009 on December 27, 2001.

The issue is whether the State's proposed rates are in compliance with the provisions of section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act),