

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
(Cynthia C. Goodwin, Vice President)
104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta,
Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Whitney Holding Corporation*, New Orleans, Louisiana; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of American Bank, Houston, Texas.

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

1. *First Banks, Inc.*, St. Louis, Missouri, through its subsidiary, First Banks America, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The San Francisco Company, San Francisco, California, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Bank of San Francisco, San Francisco, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 25, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), National Health Information Infrastructure Workgroup, Health Statistics for the 21st Century Workgroup.

Time and Date: November 20, 2000, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Place: National Center for Health Statistics (New Facility), 4105 Hopson Road, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709, (919) 541-0171.

Status: Open.

Purpose: Two Workgroups of the NCVHS, the National Health Information Infrastructure Workgroup and the Health Statistics for the 21st Century Workgroup, are conducting a joint public hearing to solicit opinions from the public, including oral and written testimony, about the issues raised in two interim reports: "Toward a National Health Information Infrastructure" and "Shaping a Vision for 21st Century Health Statistics." The interim reports may be downloaded from the NCVHS homepage at: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/> and all participants are encouraged to review them before the meeting.

The hearing will explore challenges to the development and implementation of a National Health Information Infrastructure (NHII). As envisioned in the interim report,

the NHII is the set of technologies, standards, applications, systems, values, and laws that support all facets of individual health, health care, and public health. The broad goal of the NHII is to deliver information to individuals—consumers, patients, and professionals—when and where they need it, so they can use this information to make informed decisions about health and health care. Speakers invited by the NHII workgroup will discuss barriers to accomplishing the objectives described in the report, including financial and technical barriers to the NHII, along with recommendations for actions which could be taken by the Federal government and others to overcome constraints.

The hearing will also seek comments about major trends and issues in population health and their implications for future information needs described in the report, "Shaping a Vision for 21st Century Health Statistics." The report outlines themes that have emerged from national consultations involving health statistics users, public health providers, advocacy groups and health care providers at local, state, and Federal levels. Speakers invited by the 21st Century Workgroup will be asked to discuss specific local and state health statistics needs, specific means for generating private and public cooperation in defining health statistics needs and generating health statistics collaborations. Invited speakers will also be asked to provide specific comments and suggestions on the interim report, particularly as it relates to local and state health statistics needs and private and public cooperation.

The November hearing is the third of a series of joint public hearings to be conducted in several regions of the country through the fall of 2000 to solicit testimony on the reports. Information from the hearings will be incorporated in the final reports expected to be completed in early 2001.

Persons who would like to make a brief oral comment (3-5 minutes) during the November hearing will be placed on the agenda as time permits. To be included on the agenda, please submit testimony by November 8, 2000, to Patrice Upchurch at (301) 458-4540, by e-mail at puupchurch@cdc.gov, or postal address at NCHS, Presidential Building, Room 1100, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. Persons wishing to submit written testimony only (no more than 2-3 typewritten pages) should also adhere to the due date of November 8, 2000. Testimony will also be accepted on-site as time permits. Please consult Ms. Upchurch for further information about these arrangements. Additional information about the meeting will be provided on the NCVHS homepage at: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/> shortly before the meeting date.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from 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/>.

Dated: October 23, 2000.

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

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. 93612-2002]

Administration for Native Americans: Availability of Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Administration for Native Americans (ANA), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of competitive financial assistance to assist eligible applicants in assuring the survival and continuing vitality of their Native American languages.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2001 funds and other available funds for Native American language projects. Financial assistance provided by ANA is designed to assist applicants in designing projects which will promote the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages. The Administration for Native Americans advises all applicants that grant awards made under this announcement will have a September 30, 2001 project Start Date. Applicants should, therefore develop projects that begin no earlier than this date.

Application Kit: Application kits, approved by the OMB under control number 0980-0204, which expires April 30, 2003, containing the necessary forms and instructions to apply for a grant under this program announcement, may be obtained by calling toll free: The Applicant Help Desk, Administration for Native Americans, 1-877-922-9262. Or, copies of this program announcement and many of the required forms may also be obtained electronically at the ANA World Wide Web Page:

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ana>
Application kits may also be obtained from ANA training and technical assistance providers. ANA employs contractors to provide short-term training and technical assistance (T/TA) to eligible applicants. T/TA is available under these contracts for a wide range of grant application needs; however, the