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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, September 10, 1997.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, NW., Washington, DC 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 items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: September 3, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2010

AGENCY: DHHS/OS/Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP).

ACTION: Call for (1) comments on the proposed structure for Healthy People 2010 national health objectives for the year 2010 and (2) proposed objectives.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services is soliciting comments on the proposed structure for Healthy People 2010, the third set of decade-

long national health promotion and disease prevention objectives. The Department is also soliciting proposed objectives for 2010. Guidance for comments is provided in the DHHS publication Developing Objectives for 2010. During the fall of 1997, individuals and organizations are encouraged to submit (1) comments on the proposed framework envisioned for 2010 (see Appendix to this Notice) and/or (2) objectives for 2010. In the fall of 1998, a draft document of Healthy People 2010 objectives will be made available for public review and comment.

DATES: The comment and submission period is September 15 through December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: By mail, comments postmarked no later than December 15 can be submitted to—Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Attention: Healthy People 2010 Objectives, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 738-G Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201. Comments sent by courier service will be accepted until 5 p.m. EST on December 15. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Healthy People Home Page—<http://web.health.gov/healthypeople>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Room 738-G Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 205-8583.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In 1979, the Department of Health and Human Services began an initiative to use health promotion and disease prevention objectives to improve the health of people living in the United States. The first set of national health targets was published that year in *Healthy People: The Surgeon General's Report on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention*, which included five goals to be achieved by 1990 to reduce mortality among four different age groups and increase independence among older adults. The goals were supported by objectives that were released in 1980, also with 1990 targets.

Healthy People 2000, the second and current national prevention initiative, reflects the progress and experience of ten years, as well as an expanded science base and surveillance system. With the collaboration of an extensive network of voluntary and professional organizations, businesses, and

individuals, the framework of *Healthy People 2000* was designed with three broad goals—increasing the span of healthy life, reducing health disparities, and achieving access to clinical preventive services. To help meet these goals, 319 objectives and 319 special population targets, organized into 22 priority areas, aim to achieve improvements in health status, risk reduction, and service delivery.

Structure of Healthy People 2010

The healthy People 2010 process will build on *Healthy People 2000*. To ensure that the year 2010 goals and objectives address the needs of their many stakeholders, your input is requested. ODPHP is soliciting public assessment and comments on a preliminary framework (see Appendix to this Notice), which was developed with the assistance of focus groups composed of representatives from Healthy People 2000 Consortium member organizations. This draft framework includes a vision statement "Healthy People in Healthy Communities." Two overarching goals for the Nation are proposed: (1) Increase years of healthy life, and (2) eliminate health disparities. This first goal continues the year 2000 goal with an emphasis on increasing quality life years, not just life expectancy. The second goal strengthens the Healthy People 2000 goal of reducing health disparities by calling for the elimination of those disparities. Four proposed enabling goals accompany the overarching ones. Their purpose is to provide strategies to achieve the overarching goals by: (Promoting healthy behaviors; (2) protecting health; (3) assuring access to quality health care; and (4) strengthening community prevention activities.

The proposed focus areas are analogous to, and for the most part use the same names as, Healthy People 2000 priority areas. The term "focus area" was chosen to avoid any implication of prioritization. New focus areas have been suggested in response to changes in health care and public health during the last 10 years and those anticipated over the next decade. These include mental and physical impairment and disability, and public health infrastructure. Since one of the overarching goals is to eliminate health disparities, specific special population focus areas—low income, race/ethnicity, gender, age, and people with disabilities—are under consideration to address this goal. In each of these focus areas, special population objectives would target the most significant

disparities in health status, health risk, and service delivery.

Comments on the framework are invited to address (1) The proposed framework in its entirety; (2) the proposed vision statement; (3) the two proposed overarching goals; (4) the four proposed enabling goals; (5) the proposed focus areas; (6) the proposed arrangement of focus areas; or (7) entirely new proposals. For each heading addressed, the commenter should consider the appropriateness and usefulness of the proposed approach and/or offer alternative approaches. After the close of the comment period, the framework will be reconsidered and recast on the basis of comments received. A revised framework will be included in the draft 2010 document and a notice calling for public comment on the draft will be published in the **Federal Register** in the fall of 1998.

Objectives for Healthy People 2010

Objectives for Healthy People 2010 can be updated or modified Healthy People 2000 objectives or entirely new ones submitted by commenters. The proposed approach for Healthy People 2010 calls for two broad types of objectives—measurable and developmental objectives. Recommendations for both types will be accepted during the comment period.

Measurable objectives provide direction for action. They have baselines that use valid and reliable data derived from currently established, nationally recognized data systems. These baseline data provide the point from which a 2010 target can be set. Whenever possible, objectives should be measured with national systems that either build on, or are comparable with, state and local data systems. However, state data are not a prerequisite for developing an objective. Proxy data may be used when national data are not available or when regional data provide better measurability. When providing an idea for a measurable objective, please cite the data source. An example of a measurable objective is "Reduce the infant mortality rate by (XX) percent to no more than (X) per 1,000 live births." The current Healthy People 2000 baseline is 10.1 per 1,000 live births in 1987, as recorded by National Vital Statistics System, the data source.

Developmental objectives describe a desired outcome or achieved health status. However, current surveillance systems do not provide data on these objectives. The purposes of developmental objectives is to identify areas that are important and to stimulate the development of data systems to measure them. An example of a developmental objective is "Increase to at least 90 percent the proportion of

pregnant women and infants who receive risk-appropriate care." Baseline data to measure such an objective are not currently available.

Proposals for 2010 objectives received by ODPHP will be assigned for consideration to lead agencies of DHHS, which will select proposed objectives for inclusion in the draft 2010 document. This draft will be available for public review and comment from October to December 1998. A listing of lead agencies is contained in the DHHS publication *Developing Objectives for Healthy People 2010*. This publication is for sale by the U.S. Government Printing Office, stock #017-001-00530-4; the price is \$18, which includes shipping and handling. All orders must be prepaid. To order, call (202) 512-1800; FAX (202) 512-2250; or send orders to—Superintendent of Documents P0 Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.

Information about the Healthy People initiative as well as many publications relating to it are available electronically on the Healthy People Home Pages—<http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov/pubs/hp2000> and <http://web.health.gov/healthy-people>

Dated: August 29, 1997.

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APPENDIX-Proposed Healthy People 2010 Framework

Vision of 2010: Healthy People in Healthy Communities