

“Petition”) of the automatic cancellation of its PCS C and F Block licenses.

Airadigm argues that reinstating its licenses, or granting a waiver of cancellation of its licenses, would serve the public interest by permitting the continued delivery of wireless services.

2. Parties should not construe the Bureau's request for comment on Airadigm's petition to include the operation of the Commission's automatic cancellation rules or the effect of bankruptcy on the operation of those rules. We intend by this notice to limit comment to Airadigm's request for regulatory relief in the form of license reinstatement, or alternatively, a waiver of the automatic cancellation of the licenses under the Commission's rules.

3. This proceeding has been designated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. 47 CFR 1.1200(a), 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda describing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 CFR 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in § 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1206(b).

4. The Airadigm petition is available for public inspection and copying in the Reference Center, Room CY A257, 445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC 20554. Copies of the petition are also available from ITS at 1231 20th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036, or by calling (202) 857-3800.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Louis J. Sigalos,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service To Convene an Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service will hold an open meeting to address issues related to high-cost universal service support.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2000, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held in the Federal Communications Commission Building, Commission Meeting Room, located at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gene Fullano, (202) 418-7400.

Dated: February 29, 2000.

**Irene M. Flannery,**

*Chief, Accounting Policy Division.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Federal Maritime Commission.

**PLACE:** 800 North Capitol Street, NW, First Floor Hearing Room, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** A portion of the meeting will be open to the public and the remainder of the meeting will be closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

##### The Open Portion of the Meeting

1. Docket No 99-10—Ocean Common Carriers Subject to the Shipping Act of 1984
2. Carrier Automated Tariff Systems: Tariff Accessibility Audit and Issues
3. Docket No. 99-23—In the Matter of a Single Individual Contemporaneously Acting as the Qualifying Individual for Both an Ocean Freight Forwarder and a Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier

##### The Closed Portion of the Meeting

1. Status Report and Update—Docket No. 98-14—Shipping Restrictions, Requirements and Practices of the People's Republic of China
2. Docket No. 99-21—South Carolina Maritime Service, Inc. v. South Carolina State Ports Authority

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Bryant L. VanBrakle, Secretary, (202) 523-5725.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**

*Secretary*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality: Request for Nominations for Public Members

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations for public members.

**SUMMARY:** 42 U.S.C. 299c, section 921 of the Public Health Service (PHS Act), established a National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality (the Council). The Council is to advise the Secretary for HHS and the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), on matters related to actions of the Agency to enhance the quality, improve the outcomes, and reduce the costs of health care services, as well as improve 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.

Eight current members' terms will expire in June 2000, and the Agency's recent reauthorization law added an additional four members. To fill these positions in accordance with the legislative mandate establishing the Council, we are seeking individuals who are distinguished in the conduct of research, demonstration projects, and evaluations with respect to health care; individuals distinguished in the fields of health care quality research or health care improvement; individuals distinguished in the practice of medicine; individuals distinguished in the other health professions; individuals either representing the private health care sector (including health plans, providers, and purchasers) or individuals distinguished as administrators of health care delivery systems; individuals distinguished in the fields of health care economics, information systems, law, ethics, business, or public policy; and individuals representing the interests of patients and consumers of health care. Individuals are particularly sought with experience and success in activities specified in the summary paragraph above, through which the Agency carries out its work.

**DATE:** Nominations should be received on or before April 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Ms. Anne Lebbon, AHRQ, 2101 East

Jefferson Street, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland, 20852. Nominations also may be faxed to (301) 443-0251.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Anne Lebbon, AHRQ, at (301) 594-7216.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 42 U.S.C. 299c, section 921 of the PHS Act, provides that the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality consist of 21 appropriately qualified representatives of the public appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and eight ex officio representatives from Federal agencies conducting or supporting health care research. The Council meets in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, generally in Rockville, Maryland, approximately three times a year to provide broad guidance to the Secretary and AHRQ's Director on the direction and programs for AHRQ.

Eight individuals will presently be selected by the Secretary to serve on the Council beginning with the meeting in the fall of 2000. Members generally serve 3-year terms. Appointments are staggered to permit an orderly rotation of membership.

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Council. Nominations shall include a copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, and state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Council. Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning their financial interests, consultant positions, and research grants and contracts, to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

The Department is seeking a broad geographic representation and has special interest in assuring that women, minority groups, and the physically handicapped are adequately represented on advisory bodies and, therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations for approximately qualified female, minority, and/or physically handicapped candidates.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

**John M. Eisenberg,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 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 Healthcare Research and Quality.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, March 17, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at 6010 Executive Boulevard, Fourth Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

#### FOR GENERAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anne Lebbon, Coordinator of the Advisory Council, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, (301) 594-7216. For press-related information, please contact Karen Migdail at 301/594-6120.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Linda Reeves, Assistant Administrator for Equal Opportunity, AHCPR, on (301) 594-6662 no later than March 10, 2000.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Purpose

Section 921 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299c) established the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Council is to advise the Secretary and the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), on matters related to actions of the Agency to enhance the quality, improve outcomes, reduce costs of health care services, improve access to such services through scientific research, 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. Donald M. Berwick, M.D., the Council chairman, will preside.

##### II. Agenda

On Friday, March 17, 2000, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chairman.

The Director, AHRQ, will present the status of the Agency's current research, programs and initiatives. Tentative agenda items include health care markets: research directions, national quality measures, and patient safety. The official agenda will be available on AHCPR's website at [www.ahrq.gov](http://www.ahrq.gov) no later than March 10, 2000. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

**John M. Eisenberg,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of a Special Emphasis Panel meeting.

A Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) is a committee of a few experts selected to conduct scientific reviews of applications related to their areas of expertise. The committee members are drawn from a list of experts designated to serve for particular individual meetings rather than for extended fixed terms of services.

Substantial segments of the upcoming SEP meeting 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 this meeting. These discussions are likely to include personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

##### 1. Name of SEP: HIV/AIDS.

**Date:** March 24, 2000 (Open from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

**Place:** AHRQ, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, suite 400W, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**Contact Person:** Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or minutes of the meeting should contact Ms. Jenny Griffith, Committee Management Officer, Office of Research Review, Education and Policy, AHRQ, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1847.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.