

consistent with reducing the federal funds rate at an average of around 1 percent.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, November 20, 2008.

Brian F. Madigan,

Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications 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/.

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 December 22, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Steve Foley, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Independent Bancshares, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, Red Bay, Alabama, to acquire 26.46 percent of the voting shares of Independent Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Community Spirit Bank, both of Red Bay, Alabama,

and Spirit Bancshares, Inc., and Spirit Bank, both of Belmont, Mississippi.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Burl Thornton, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Grant County State Bancshares, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, Swayzee, Indiana, to increase its ownership to 41.6 percent of the voting shares of Grant County State Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly increase its ownership of Grant County State Bank, both of Swayzee, Indiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 24, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Announcement of Seventh and Eighth Meetings of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The Committee is governed by the provision of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the seventh and eighth meetings of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020 (Committee). These meetings will be open to the public. The Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020 will address issues regarding the development and implementation of the nation's health promotion and disease prevention objectives for 2020 and activities to improve the health status of and reduce health risks for Americans by the year 2020. The Committee will provide to the Secretary of Health and Human Services advice and consultation for developing and implementing the next iteration of national health promotion and disease prevention goals and objectives and

provide recommendations for initiatives to occur during the initial implementation phase of the goals and objectives. HHS will use the recommendations to inform the development of the national health promotion and disease prevention objectives for 2020 and the process for implementing the objectives. The intent is to develop and launch objectives designed to improve the health status and reduce health risks for Americans by the year 2020.

DATES: The Committee will meet online on December 17, 2008 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (E.S.T.). The Committee will meet in person for two days: January 7, 2009, from 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) to 5:30 p.m. EST, and January 8, 2009, from 9 a.m. EST until 1:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The Committee's December 17, 2008 meeting will be held online via WebEx software. For detailed instructions about how to make sure that your windows computer and browser is set up for WebEx, please visit the "Secretary's Advisory Committee" page of the Healthy People Web site at: <http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/advisory/default.asp>. The Committee's January 7 and 8, 2009 meeting will be held in-person at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, located at 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 800, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emmeline Ochiai, Designated Federal Officer, Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Room LL-100, Rockville, MD 20852, (240) 453-8259 (telephone), (240) 453-8281 (fax). Additional information is available on the Internet at <http://www.healthypeople.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: Every 10 years, through the Healthy People initiative, HHS leverages scientific insights and lessons from the past decade, along with the new knowledge of current data, trends, and innovations to develop the next iteration of national health promotion and disease prevention objectives. Healthy People provides science-based, 10-year national objectives for promoting health and preventing disease. Since 1979, Healthy People has set and monitored national health objectives to meet a broad range of health needs, encourage collaborations across sectors, guide