

Market Committee at its meeting held on October 28, 2003.<sup>1</sup>

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. To further its long-run objectives, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with maintaining the federal funds rate at an average of around 1 percent.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, December 12, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Office of Public Health and Science; Statements of Organizations, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part A, Office of the Secretary (OS) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegation of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), chapter AC, Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS), as last amended at 67 FR 71568, dated December 2, 2002, is being amended to reflect the realignment of personnel oversight, administration, and management functions for the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps in the OPHS. Specifically, it realigns these functions in a newly established Office of Commissioned Corps Force Management (ACQ) and in the Office of the Surgeon General (ACM). The changes are as follows:

I. Under Part A, Chapter AC, Office of Public Health and Science, make the following changes:

A. Under Paragraph AC.10 Organization, insert the following line at the end of the listing:

N. Office of Commissioned Corps Force Management (ACQ)

B. Under Paragraph AC.20, Functions, make the following changes:

1. Delete Paragraph, "K. Office of the Surgeon General (ACM)," in its entirety and replace with the following:

K. Office of the Surgeon General (ACM)

Section ACM.00 Mission—The Office of the Surgeon General (OSG) is headed by the SG who reports to the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH), provides staff support for: (1) Activities relating to membership on the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and as principal health official for PHS on matters related to policies affecting PHS faculty and students (10 U.S.C. 2113(a)(3)); (2) activities related to responsibilities on other boards are assigned, including the (a) National Library of Medicine; (b) Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP); (c) American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates; and (d) Executive Committee, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. The Office provides support to the SG; (3) in issuing warnings to the public on identified health hazards; (4) for review of the particulars of Department of Defense (DoD) plans for transportation, open testing and disposal of lethal chemicals and biological agents and in recommending precautions necessary to protect the public health and safety binding on the Secretary, DoD, which can only be overridden by the President (50 U.S.C. 1512 (2) & (3)); (5) communicating with professional societies to receive, solicit, and channel concerns regarding health policy in behalf of the ASH; (6) maintaining liaison with the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces and the Department of Veterans Affairs; (7) representing PHS at national and international health and professional meetings to interpret PHS philosophy, policies, organizational responsibilities and programs, as assigned; (8) providing management and oversight for the community-based, civilian Medical Reserve Corps program; (9) providing liaison with governmental and non-governmental organizations on matters pertaining to military and veterans affairs; and, (10) assuring day-to-day management of the Corps' operations, force readiness, and field command of deployments of the Commissioned Corps.

Section ACM.10 Organization: includes the following components:

- Immediate Office of the Surgeon General (ACM)
- Office of Science and Communications (ACM1)
- Office of Commissioned Corps Operations (ACM2)
- Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (ACM3)

• Office of Reserve Affairs (ACM4)  
Section ACM.20 Functions:

(a) Immediate Office of the Surgeon General (ACM): (1) Advises the ASH on matters relating to protecting and advancing the public health of the Nation; (2) manages special deployments that address Presidential and Secretarial initiatives directed toward resolving critical public health problems; (3) as requested, serves as a spokesperson on behalf of the Secretary and the ASH, addressing the quality of public health practice on the Nation; (4) provides supervision of activities relating to the day-to-day management of operations and deployment of officers of the Commissioned Corps; (5) provides advice to the ASH, collaborating with the Office of Commissioned Corps Management (OCCFM), on the policies and implementation related to the appointment, promotion, assimilation, recognition, professional development, and other matters required for the efficient management of the Corps; (6) provides liaison with governmental and non-governmental organizations on matters pertaining to military and veterans affairs; (7) directs and oversees internal office administrative operations (including proposing and executing office budgets); and (8) convenes periodic meetings of the flag officers to obtain senior level advice concerning the day-to-day management of Corps' operations.

(b) Office of Science and Communications (ACM1): (1) Coordinates activities to plan, develop, introduce, and evaluate Surgeon General's Reports, Calls-to-Action, workshops, and other authoritative statements; (2) advises the SG on science, data, and evidence pertaining to population-based public health and the furtherance of public health priorities; (3) represents the SG in efforts to coordinate federal public health activities with similar activities in the States and local areas; (4) coordinates and is responsible for the preparation of SG correspondence, speeches, and communications; (5) represents the SG at conferences, symposia, and community events; and (6) coordinates the receipt of senior level advice from the Chief Professional Officers, the Surgeon General's Professional Advisory Council, and categorical Professional Advisory Committees.

(c) Office of Commissioned Corps Operations (ACM2):

Section ACM2.00 Mission: (1) Provides advice to the SG on matters related to the day-to-day management of Commissioned Corps operations,

<sup>1</sup> Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting on October 28, 2003, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.