

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held at the Vista International Hotel, 1400 "M" Street NW, Washington, DC on July 16 through July 18, 1996.

The session on July 16, 1996 is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. The sessions on July 17 and July 18, 1996, are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room for the July 16 session for the discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program, and the administrative details of the review process. On July 16-18, 1996 the meeting is closed during which the Board will be reviewing research and development applications.

This review involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that necessitate the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss

of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts.

Thus, the closing is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 522b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B) and the determination of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs under Sections 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 as amended by Section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409.

Due to the limited seating capacity of the room, those who plan to attend the open session should write to Ms. Victoria Mongiardo, Program Analyst, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 103 South Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (Phone: (410-962-2563) at least five days before the meeting.

Dated: February 26, 1996.  
By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,  
*Committee Management Officer.*  
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#### **Wage Committee, Notice of Meetings**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 92-463, gives notice that meetings of the VA Wage Committee will be held on:

Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 22, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 5, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 19, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 1225, Department of Veterans Affairs, Tech World Plaza, 801 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

The Committee's purpose is to advise the Under Secretary for Health on the development and authorization of wage schedules for Federal Wage System (blue-collar) employees.

At these meetings the Committee will consider wage survey specifications, wage survey data, local committee reports and recommendations, statistical analyses, and proposed wage schedules.

All portions of the meetings will be closed to the public because the matters considered as related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs and because the wage survey data considered by the Committee have been obtained from officials of private business establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence. Closure of the meetings is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (4).

However, members of the public are invited to submit material in writing to the Chairperson for the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, VA Wage Committee, Room 1225, 801 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

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