

Associated Health Professions Review Committee of the Special Medical Advisory Group will be held January 29 and 30, 1997. This committee will review and recommend changes in Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) role and priorities in education and training, specifically with reference to the use of associated health professionals in the delivery of healthcare. Associated health disciplines are defined as all healthcare providers other than medicine. Each year, approximately 45,000 students in associated health professions receive all or part of their training program clinical experience at VA facilities. The meeting on both days will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 230, Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. on January 29, and 8:30 a.m. on January 30. The meeting will adjourn on January 29 at 4:30 p.m., and at 12 noon on January 30.

On January 29, the Committee will review the current status of associated health training in VA and the Nation, the future of VHA, and the associated health workforce needs for future healthcare delivery systems. The Committee will plan the activities to accomplish the Committee's goals.

On January 30, the Committee will begin the activities to accomplish the Committee's goals and make additional work assignments.

Both days' meetings will be open to the public up to the meeting capacity of the room. Due to limited seating capacity of the room, those who plan to attend or who have questions concerning the meeting should contact Linda Johnson, Ph.D., R.N., Acting Director, Associated Health Professions Office (143), at 202-273-8372.

Dated: December 31, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary:  
Heyward Bannister,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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#### **VA Innovations in Nursing Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that the first meeting of the VA Innovations in Nursing Advisory Committee will be held January 15 and 16, 1997, and will start at 8:00 a.m. on both days and end approximately 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 230, at VA

Headquarters, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

This purpose of the committee is to study and formulate recommendations to the Under Secretary for Health on how VA can generally promote and support health care innovations in which nurses play key leadership and clinical roles and which promote VHA's reengineering efforts.

On January 15, the Committee will define issues and assign tasks to subgroups. Additionally, public comment may be offered from 3:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. On January 16, the Committee will outline and plan future activities to accomplish the Committee's goals.

The meeting will be open to the public. Due to limited seating capacity of the room, those who plan to attend or who have questions concerning the meeting should contact the Designated Federal Official for the Committee: Ms. Charlotte F. Beason, Ed.D., RN, at (202) 273-8422.

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