

During this portion of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols, and similar documents, and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosures of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

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**Associated Health Professions Review Subcommittee of the Special Medical Advisory Group, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that a meeting of the

Associated Health Professions Review Subcommittee of the Special Medical Advisory Group will be held March 11 and 12, 1997. This subcommittee is established to 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 physicians. The meeting on both days will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 830, Washington, DC. The meeting will convene on March 11 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on March 12 from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m.

On March 11, the subcommittee will review the previously identified opportunities and barriers related to

accomplishing the subcommittee's charge and will develop strategies to overcome the barriers.

On March 12, the subcommittee will identify consultants and additional information needed by the subcommittee. The will analyze information from various sources to begin developing the recommendations related to the subcommittee's charge.

The meeting will be open to the public. 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.

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