

The meeting on July 25 will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m. The third day's agenda will consist of a full Committee executive meeting to review findings and conclusions, and formulate recommendations. The meeting will be conducted at the Edgewater Double Tree Hotel, 100 Madison Street, Missoula, Montana. Their phone number is (406) 728-3100.

The meeting will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 24, in accordance with the provisions cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) pursuant to subsection 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. During this portion of the meeting, the Committee will be engaging in discussions with clinical service providers and veterans consumers. The discussions will disclose information of a personal nature for veteran patients, which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The meeting on Saturday, July 25, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be open to the public.

Anyone having questions concerning the meeting may contact Alfonso R. Batres, Ph.D., M.S.S.W., Chief, Readjustment Counseling Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs Headquarters Office at (202) 273-8967.

Dated: July 2, 1998.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; Report of Amended Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

intends to conduct a recurring computer matching program matching Office of Personnel Management (OPM) records with VA pension and parents' dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) records.

The goal of this match is to compare income status as reported to VA with records maintained by OPM.

The Department of Veterans Affairs plans to match records of veterans and surviving spouses and children who receive pension, and parents who receive DIC from VA from Office of Personnel Management benefit records maintained by OPM. The match with OPM will provide VA with data from OPM civil service benefit records.

VA will use this information to update the master records of VA beneficiaries receiving income dependent benefits and to adjust VA benefit payments as prescribed by law. Otherwise, information about a VA beneficiary's receipt of OPM benefits is obtained from reporting by the beneficiary. The proposed matching program will enable VA to ensure accurate reporting of income.

Records to Be Matched

The VA records involved in the match are the VA system of records, Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records—VA (58 VA 21/22) first published at 41 FR 9294, March 3, 1976 and last amended at 63 FR 7196, February 12, 1998. The OPM records involved in the match are from the OPM Civil Service Retirement Pay File identified as OPM Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and Insurance records, published at 58 FR 19153 (April 12, 1993) and amended at 60 FR 63081-63083, (December 8, 1995). In accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. subsection 552a(o)(2) and (r), copies of the agreement are being sent to both Houses of Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act

of 1974 as amended by Public Law 100-503.

The match will start no sooner than 30 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, or 40 days after copies of this Notice and the agreement of the parties are submitted to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, whichever is later, and end not more than 18 months after the agreement is properly implemented by the parties. The involved agencies' Data Integrity Boards (DIBs) may extend this match for 12 months provided the agencies certify to the DIBs, within three months of the ending date of the original match, that the matching program will be conducted without change and that the matching program has been conducted in compliance with the original matching program.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals may submit written comments to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (O2D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Trowbridge (213B), (202) 273-7218.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information is required by Title 5 U.S.C. subsection 552a(e)(12), the Privacy Act of 1974. A copy of this notice has been provided to both Houses of Congress and the Office of Management and Budget.

Approved: June 30, 1998.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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