

nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through legislation.

Notice

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Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

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Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Special Medical Advisory Group, Notice of Meeting

As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, the VA hereby gives notice that the Special Medical Advisory Group has scheduled a meeting on April 27, 1999. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 830 at VA Central Office,

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Secretary and Under Secretary for Health relative to the care and treatment of disabled veterans, and other matters pertinent to the Department's Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The agenda for the meeting will include discussion of annual ethics briefing; systematization of VHA's quality network; integration of academic affiliations; and national scopes of practices for non-physician providers.

All sessions will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Celestine Brockington, Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs. Her phone number is 202.273.5878.

Dated: April 9, 1999.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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