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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Counseling, VA Form 28-8832.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0265.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

The data collected is used to quickly assess applicant's entitlement to counseling, to call up further records if necessary, and to contact the applicant to schedule a counseling appointment. A veteran or dependent may use this form as a convenience to apply for counseling services.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 3, 1999 at page 42172.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 417 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to

VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0265" in any correspondence.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Scientific Review and Evaluation Board for Health Services Research and Development Service, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463, that a meeting of the Scientific Review and Evaluation Board for Health Services Research and Development Service will be held at the Mayflower Park Hotel, 405 Olive Way, Seattle, WA, January 25, through 28, 2000. On January 25, the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on January 26 through 28, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. The purpose of the meeting is to review research and development applications concerned with the measurement and evaluation of health care services and with testing new methods of health care delivery and management. Applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit. Recommendations regarding funding are prepared for the Chief Research and Development Officer.

This meeting will be open to the public at the start of the January 25 session for approximately one half-hour to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The closed portion of the meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by the subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, closing portions of these meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the open session should contact the Scientific Review Program Manager (124F), Health Research Services and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 1400 I Street, N.W., Suite 780, Washington, D.C., at least five days before the meeting. For further information, call (202) 408-3665.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Marvin R. Eason,

Committee Management Officer.

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