

**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 New Otani Hotel and Garden, 120 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA, June 21 through 24, 2000. On June 21, the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on June 22 through 24 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. 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 June 21 session for approximately one half-hour to cover administration 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 the 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 Assistant Director, Scientific Review (124F), Health Services Research 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.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

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Committee Management Officer.

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