agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will be held from Wednesday, November 20, 2002, through Friday, November 22, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 230, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on the administration of VA benefits and services to minority veterans, to assess the needs of minority veterans, and to evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On November 20, the Committee will review its prior years' annual report recommendations and discuss methods to effectively measure results and streamline its reporting process. During the afternoon session, the Committee will receive briefings from key VA staff members concerning the recommendations submitted to the Secretary in its 8th Annual Report (2002). Briefings will be conducted by Veterans Health Administration, Veteran Benefits Administration, Acquisition Policy, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business, National Cemetery and Memorial Affairs, Office of Human Resources and Native American Home Loan Program.

On November 21, the Committee will focus on its strategic plan for 2003, determine achievable strategic goals and develop an executable plan of action. On November 22, the Committee will meet with the VA Deputy Secretary in the morning. The Center for Minority Veterans will brief the Committee on recent site visits and findings related to minority veterans and the latest initiatives undertaken by the Center.

No time will be allocated for oral presentations from the public. However, the Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues outlined in the meeting agenda, as well as other issues affecting minority veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (00M), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or further information should contact Ms. Ruby Miller at (202) 273–6708.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

Nora E. Egan,

Committee Management Officer.

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Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs will be held December 3–4, 2002, at VA Headquarters, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be held in Room 830 on December 3 and in Room 530 on December 4. Meeting sessions will convene at 8:30 a.m. on both days and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on December 3 and at 12 noon on December 4. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Department on its prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also advises the Department on special disability programs which are defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

On the morning of December 3, the Committee will receive briefings by the Chief Consultant, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group, and the Director, Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Program. In the afternoon, the Committee will be briefed by the directors of VA's special disability programs—spinal cord injury, blind rehabilitation, prosthetics, audiology and speech pathology. Additional briefings will be provided by the program directors of ophthalmology and optometry. On the morning of December 4, the Committee will be briefed by the Director of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service and will review the most recent report on maintaining treatment capacity in VA's special disability programs.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Ms. Cynthia Wade, Veterans Health Administration, Patient Care Services, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group (117), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Wade at (202) 273–8485.

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