f. Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Technical Assistance Application, VA Form 10–0361–TA—25.

g. Compliance Reports for Technical Assistance Grants—40.

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Martin L. Hill,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, 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 Former Prisoners of War (FPOW) will be held on April 28–30, 2003, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. On April 28, the meeting will be held in the Omar Bradley Conference Room and on April 29 and 30, the Committee will meet in Room 230. Each day the meeting will convene at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under title 38, United States Code, for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the needs of such veterans for compensation, health care and rehabilitation.

The agenda for April 28 will begin with an introduction of Committee members, remarks from dignitaries, a review of Committee reports, an update of activities since the last meeting, and a period for FPOW veterans and/or the public to address the committee. The Committee will also discuss future plans for the VA FPOW Learning Seminars, and conclude with a report on the development of Special FPOW Care and Benefits Teams. The agenda on April 29 will include a review of VA's Compensation and Pension Service activities, including new outreach initiatives to FPOWs, initiatives to reduce the number of old pending disability claims, as well as a progress report from VA's FPOW Medical Presumptions Workgroup. The Committee will also hear presentations on the activities of the Veterans Health Administration, including a report on priority for FPOWs in Long-Term Health Care programs. The Committee will then hear a presentation from the Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies. The day will conclude with new business and general discussion. On April 30, the Committee's Medical and Administrative work groups will break out to discuss their activities and report back to the Committee. Additionally, the Committee will review and analyze the comments discussed throughout the meeting for the purpose of assisting and compiling a final report to be sent to the Secretary.

Members of the public may direct questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting, in writing only, to Mr. Ronald J. Henke, Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Submitted materials must be received by April 18, 2003.

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E. Philip Riggin,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Commission on VA Nursing; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Commission on VA Nursing will conduct public hearings during the month of April 2003. The purpose of the hearings is to obtain oral and written testimony on current VA performance of nursing staff peer review process, promotion, recognition, respect and rewards. Information gained from this endeavor will be considered in forming conclusions and making recommendations for enhancing staff retention.

The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice and make recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding legislative and organizational policy changes to enhance the recruitment and retention of nurses and other nursing personnel in VA. The Commission is required to submit to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a report, not later than two years from May 8, 2002, on its findings and recommendations.

Nursing staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs from across the country will have an opportunity to give oral and written testimony. Hearings will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes. An open forum will be available for 20 minutes during the morning and 20 minutes in the afternoon. Each person registered to speak during the open forum will have 3 minutes and will be given a first come first serve slot. All hearings will be conducted by a lead Commission member with other members in attendance.

Hearings are planned to accommodate staff from various networks. The dates and location are as follows:

April 3, 2003: Hotel Monaco, 333 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130. (504) 561–0010.

April 16, 2003: Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel, 1701 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. (215) 735–6000.

April 24, 2003: Marriott Chicago Schaumburg, 50 N. Martingale Road, Chicago, IL 60173. (847) 384–2739.

April 30, 2003: Location to be determined, Los Angeles, CA.

Additional information and instructions for preparing and submitting written testimony is available on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.va.gov/ncvan.*

Members of the public may submit prepared statements for review by the Commission in advance of hearings, to Ms. Oyweda Moorer, Director of the National Commission on VA Nursing, at Department of Veterans Affairs (108N), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the hearing should contact Ms. Stephanie Williams, Program Analyst at (202) 273–4944.

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