

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS****Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research
and Development and Clinical Science
Research and Development Services
Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice
of Meetings**

The Department of Veterans Affairs
gives notice under the Public Law 92–

463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act)
that the subcommittees of the Joint
Biomedical Laboratory Research and
Development and Clinical Science
Research and Development Services
Scientific Merit Review Board will meet
from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated
below:

Subcommittee for	Date(s)	Location
Surgery	November 10, 2008	Embassy Suites—Chevy Chase.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-B	November 13, 2008	DoubleTree Hotel.
Immunology	November 14, 2008	Embassy Suites—Chevy Chase.
Hematology	November 14, 2008	Embassy Suites—Chevy Chase.
Cardiovascular Studies	November 17, 2008	Embassy Suites—Crystal City.
Cellular & Molecular Medicine	November 19, 2008	* VA Central Office.
Gastroenterology	November 20, 2008	The Westin Washington DC.
Respiration	November 21, 2008	The Westin Washington DC.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-A	November 24, 2008	St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites.
Neurobiology-D	November 25, 2008	St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites.
Endocrinology-B	December 1, 2008	St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites.
Infectious Diseases-A	December 2, 2008	Embassy Suites—Chevy Chase.
Infectious Diseases-B	December 3, 2008	The Westin Washington DC.
Oncology	December 4–5, 2008	DoubleTree Hotel.
Neurobiology-A	December 5, 2008	* VA Central Office.
Nephrology	December 5, 2008	The Westin Washington DC.
Epidemiology	December 5, 2008	* VA Central Office.
Endocrinology-A	December 8, 2008	The Westin Washington DC.
Neurobiology-E	December 8, 2008	The Westin Washington DC.
Clinical Research Program	December 9, 2008	Embassy Suites—Crystal City.
Neurobiology-C	December 11–12, 2008	DoubleTree Hotel.

The addresses of the hotels and VA Central Office are:

DoubleTree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.
Embassy Suites—Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW., Washington, DC.
Embassy Suites—Crystal City, 1300 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.
St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M Street, NW., Washington, DC.
VA Central Office, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC.
The Westin Washington DC City Center Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW., Washington, DC.

* Teleconference.

The purpose of the Merit Review Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research protocols. During this portion of each subcommittee meeting, discussion and

recommendations will deal with qualifications of 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 could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended, closing portions of these subcommittee meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meetings and rosters of the members of the subcommittees should contact LeRoy G. Frey, PhD, Chief, Program Review (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 at (202) 461–1679.

Dated: October 20, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS****Veterans' Advisory Committee on
Education; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education will meet on November 12–13, 2008, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, 200 Maryland Avenue, NE., Washington, DC. The November 12 session will be begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The November 13 session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12 noon. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of education and training programs for veterans, servicepersons, reservists, and dependents of veterans under Chapters 30, 32, 35, and 36 of title 38, and Chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code.

The meeting will begin with opening remarks and a summary of recent activities by Mr. James Bombard, Committee Chair. The agenda for the meeting will include an overview of

new legislation and an update on VA outreach efforts pertaining to educational assistance benefits and vocational rehabilitation and employment. On November 13, the Committee will review and summarize issues raised during the meeting.

Oral statements will be heard on November 12 at 4 p.m. and on November 13 at 11:30 a.m. Interested persons may submit written statements to the Committee before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting, by sending them to Mr. Salminio Garner,

Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (225B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Salminio Garner at (202) 461-9800.

Dated: October 21, 2008.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggin,

Committee Management Officer.

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