

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Health Services Research and Development Service Merit Review Board; 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 Health Services Research and Development Service Merit Review Board will be held March 2-3, 2011, at the Hilton San Francisco Financial District, 750 Kearny Street, San Francisco, California. Various subcommittees of the Board will meet. Each subcommittee meeting of the Merit Review Board will be open to the public the first day for approximately one half-hour from 8 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the meetings will be closed. The closed portion of each meeting will involve discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research proposals and critiques.

The purpose of the Board is to review research and development applications involving the measurement and evaluation of health care services, the testing of new methods of health care delivery and management, and nursing research. Applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit. Recommendations regarding funding are submitted to the Chief Research and Development Officer.

On March 2, the subcommittee on Nursing Research Initiatives will convene from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the subcommittee for pilot proposal review (HSR 7-Pilot Proposals) will convene from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Career Development will convene from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. On March 3, Career Development will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and six subcommittees on Health Services Research (HSR 1-Medical Care and Clinical Management; HSR 2-Determinants of Patient Response to Care; HSR 3-Informatics

and Research Methods Development; HSR 4-Mental and Behavioral Health; HSR 5-Health Care System Organization and Delivery; and HSR 6-Post-acute and Long-term Care) will convene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During the closed portion of each 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 likely compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing portions of each meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the open session should contact Kristy Benton-Grover, Scientific Merit Review Program Manager, at Department of Veterans Affairs, Health Services Research and Development (124R), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, or e-mail at Kristy.benton-grover@va.gov, at least five days before the meeting. For further information, please call Mrs. Benton-Grover at (202) 443-5728.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Dated: January 31, 2011.

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Director of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel.

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Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act)

that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will meet March 29-31, 2011, in room 230 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

The agenda includes updates on recommendations from the 2010 report; overviews of the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, the National Cemetery Administration, and the Women Veterans Health Strategic Health Care Group; and briefings on mental health, women Veterans' legislative issues, women Veterans' research, rural health, and homeless initiatives for women Veterans.

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, or within 10 days after the meeting, to Ms. Shannon L. Middleton at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans (00W), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or by fax at (202) 273-7092, or e-mail at 00W@mail.va.gov. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Middleton at (202) 461-6193.

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