

be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the 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 Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs, 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 Federal Advisory

Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs will be held on May 8-9, 2012, in room 230 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on both days, and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on May 8 and at 12 noon on May 9. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on VA's prosthetics programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also provides advice to the Secretary on special disabilities programs, which are defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve Veterans with spinal cord injuries, blindness or visual impairments, loss of extremities or loss of function, deafness or hearing impairment, and other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

On May 8, the Committee will be briefed by the Chief Research and Development Officer; Director of Audiology and Speech Pathology; Director of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events; Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer; and Director of Blind Rehabilitation Services. On May 9, the Committee will be briefed by the Chief Consultant for Telehealth Services.

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 Mr. Larry N. Long, Designated Federal Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Patient Care Services, Rehabilitation Services (10P4RD), VA, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 20420, or by email at lonlar@va.gov. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Long at (202) 461-7354.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Dated: April 16, 2012.

Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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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 (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the panels 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. on the dates indicated below:

Panel	Date(s)	Location
Hematology	May 23, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Mental Health and Behavioral Science-B	May 24, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Neurobiology-D	May 24-25, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Immunology-A	May 30, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Mental Health and Behavioral Science-A	May 31, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Surgery	May 31, 2012	* VA Central Office.
Endocrinology-B	June 1, 2012	* VA Central Office.
Neurobiology-A	June 1, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Clinical Application of Genetics	June 1, 2012	* VA Central Office.
Cardiovascular Studies	June 4, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Cellular and Molecular Medicine	June 4, 2012	* VA Central Office.
Infectious Diseases-A	June 4, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Epidemiology	June 6, 2012	* VA Central Office.
Clinical Research Program	June 7-8, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Infectious Diseases-B	June 8, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Neurobiology-E	June 8, 2012	* VA Central Office.
Pulmonary Medicine	June 8, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Gastroenterology	June 11-12, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Endocrinology-A	June 14-15, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Neurobiology-C	June 14-15, 2012	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Oncology-A	June 14-15, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Nephrology	June 15, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.
Eligibility	July 23, 2012	Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.

The addresses of the hotel and VA Central Office are: L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC. Sheraton Suites—Old Town Virginia, 801 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

* VA Central Office, 131 M Street NE., Washington, DC.

* Teleconference.

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

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. During this portion of each meeting, discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and 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 proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of these

panel meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the general session or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the panel meetings and rosters of the members of the panels should contact LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or call (202) 443-5674 or by email at Leroy.frey@va.gov.

By Direction of the Secretary.

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Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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