For purposes of meeting the needs of Veterans of the North Coast and San Francisco Bay Area over the next 20 years.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments in writing on the SFVAMC LRDP Draft EIS by October 16, 2012. Interested parties are also invited to participate in a public meeting regarding the SFVAMC LRDP Draft EIS on September 20, 2012 at SFVAMC (4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121, Building 7, 1st Floor, Auditorium) at 5 p.m. at the public meeting, interested parties will also have the opportunity to comment regarding the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the SFVAMC LRDP Draft EIS through www.regulations.gov. Please refer to: “SFVAMC LRDP Draft EIS” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Engineer, Engineering Service (138), San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121 or by telephone, (415) 221–4810, extension 2009. The SFVAMC LRDP and LRDP Draft EIS are available for viewing on the SFVAMC Web site: http://www.sanfrancisco.va.gov/planning.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA operates the SFVAMC, located at Fort Miley in San Francisco, California. It is the only VAMC in the City and County of San Francisco and is considered an aging facility with need for retrofitting and expansion. The SFVAMC has identified a need for retrofitting existing buildings to the most recent seismic safety requirements and for an additional 589,000 square feet of building space (in addition to the existing nearly one million square feet of building space) to meet the needs of San Francisco Bay Area and northern California coast Veterans over the next 20 years.

Three alternatives were evaluated in the Draft EIS. Alternative 1 would include the addition of 244,000 square feet (or 394,000 square feet including parking structure space) of medical and research space and seismic retrofit of nine existing buildings at the existing SFVAMC site, a 29-acre site located at Fort Miley in the northwestern portion of San Francisco. Alternative 2 would include the addition of 124,000 square feet (or 274,000 square feet including parking structure space) of medical and research space and seismic retrofit of nine existing buildings at the existing SFVAMC site as well as the construction of 350,000 square feet (or 620,000 square feet including parking structure space) of new ambulatory care and research space at a new alternate site in the Mission Bay area of San Francisco. Alternative 3 is the No Action Alternative.

Environmental topics that have been addressed in the Draft EIS include: aesthetics, air quality, community services, cultural resources, coastal management, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, socioeconomics, hazards, transportation and parking, utilities, and biological resources. Relevant and reasonable measures that could alleviate environmental effects have been considered and are included where relevant within the Draft EIS.

Information related to the EIS process, including notices of public meetings, will be available for viewing on the SFVAMC Web site: http://www.sanfrancisco.va.gov/.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee, 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 Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee will be held on September 5–6, 2012, in Room C–7 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. On September 5, the session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. On September 6, the session will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 12 noon. This meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on all matters pertaining to geriatrics and gerontology. The Committee assesses the capability of VA health care facilities and programs to meet the medical, psychological, and social needs of older Veterans and evaluates VA programs designated as Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers. The meeting will feature presentations and discussions on VA’s geriatrics and extended care programs, aging research activities, updates on VA’s employee staff working in the area of geriatrics (to include training,
recruitment and retention approaches), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) strategic planning activities in geriatrics and extended care, recent VHA efforts regarding dementia and program advances in palliative care, and performance and oversight of VA Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties should provide written comments for review by the Committee to Mrs. Marcia Holt-Delaney, Program Analyst, Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care (10P4G), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or via email at Marcia.Holt-Delaney@va.gov. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Mrs. Holt-Delaney at (202) 461–6769.


By Direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,
Committee Management Officer.
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