

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Research Advisory Council, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2013, in conference room 23, at 131 M Street NE., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA's research mission. The agenda will include a review of the VA research portfolio and a summary of special projects. The Council will also provide feedback on the direction/focus of VA's research initiatives.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested members of the public may submit written statements for the Council's review to Pauline Cilladi-Rehrer, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (10P9), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or by email at pauline.cilladi-rehrer@va.gov.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Ms. Cilladi-Rehrer at (202) 443-5607.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Date: March 21, 2013.

Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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Rehabilitation Research and Development Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on April 9, 2013, in Room 23 at 131 M Street NE., Washington, DC, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to evaluate Rehabilitation Research and Development Center of Excellence and

Research Enhancement Award Program applications.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications and advise the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects.

The meeting will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research applications and critiques. No oral or written comments will be accepted from the public for either portion of the meeting.

During the closed portion of the 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 the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the open portion of the meeting should contact Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, at Department of Veterans Affairs (10P9R), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or email tiffany.asqueri@va.gov at least five days before the meeting. For further information, please call Mrs. Asqueri at (202) 443-5757.

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Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, that the Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee will meet on April 11, 2013, in Suite 1000 at the United States Access Board Conference Room, 1331 F Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on using genetic information to optimize medical care of Veterans, and to enhance development of tests and treatments for diseases particularly relevant to Veterans.

The Committee will receive program updates and will continue to provide insight into optimal ways for VA to incorporate genomic information into its health care program while applying appropriate ethical oversight and protecting the privacy of Veterans. The meeting focus will be on expanding VA's infrastructure for storing and analyzing genomic data and updates on the status of the ongoing Million Veteran Program, as well as the clinical Genomic Medicine Service. The emerging implications of combining information from genetic data with data from publically available genealogy databases will also be discussed. The meeting will also receive an update on the status of the ongoing Million Veteran Program and the clinical Genomics Service. Public comments will be received at 3:30 p.m. and are limited to 5 minutes each. Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record to Dr. Sumitra Muralidhar, Designated Federal Officer, 810 Vermont Avenue NW (10P9), Washington, DC 20420 or by email at sumitra.muralidhar@va.gov. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. Muralidhar at (202) 443-5679.

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