

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal

Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 that the subcommittees of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Subcommittee	Date(s)	Location
Psychological Health & Social Reintegration .....	February 28, 2017 .....	VHA National Conference Center.
Rehabilitation Engineering & Prosthetics/Orthotics .....	February 28, 2017 .....	VHA National Conference Center.
Sensory Systems/Communication Disorders .....	February 28, 2017 .....	VHA National Conference Center.
Spinal Cord Injury .....	February 28, 2017 .....	VHA National Conference Center.
Regenerative Medicine .....	March 1, 2017 .....	VHA National Conference Center.
Career Development Award Program .....	March 1–2, 2017 .....	VHA National Conference Center.
Musculoskeletal/Orthopedic .....	March 1–2, 2017 .....	VHA National Conference Center.
Aging & Neurodegenerative Disease .....	March 2, 2017 .....	VHA National Conference Center.
Brain Injury: TBI & Stroke .....	March 2–3, 2017 .....	VHA National Conference Center.
VA–ORD Historically Black College and University Research Scientist Training Program.	March 3, 2017 .....	*VA Central Office.

The addresses of the meeting sites are: (\*Teleconference). VA Central Office, 1100 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002. VHA National Conference Center, 2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

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 subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. Members of the public who wish to attend the open portion of the

teleconference sessions may dial (800) 767–1750, participant code 35847. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research applications and critiques. During the closed portion of each subcommittee 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).

No oral or written comments will be accepted from the public for either portion of the meetings. Those who plan to attend the open portion of a subcommittee meeting should contact Ms. Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, at Department of Veterans Affairs (10P9R), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 20420, or by email at [tiffany.asqueri@va.gov](mailto:tiffany.asqueri@va.gov) at least 5 days before the meeting. For further information, please call Mrs. Asqueri at (202) 443–5757.

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