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 (NRAC) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, by Webex. The conference number is 1–404–397–1596, conference ID 199 811 6717 or the meeting link is: https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=mee580294d1ca4b86e69b617f0d08f134. The meeting will convene at 11:00 a.m. (EST) and end at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. This meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the National Research Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary on research conducted by the Veterans Health Administration, including policies and programs targeting the high priority of Veterans’ health care needs.

On September 1, 2021, the agenda will include a discussion of new research initiatives for fiscal year 2023, follow up discussion of diversity, equity, and inclusion activities in response to the NRAC recommendations; and discussion of a white paper on best practices in collaborating with academic affiliates and non-profit corporations in response to a Government Accountability Report on extramural funding. No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public.

Members of the public wanting to attend, have questions or presentations to present may contact Ms. Rashelle Robinson, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (14RD), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to Rashelle.Robinson@va.gov no later than close of business on August 27, 2021.

All questions and presentations will be presented during the public comment section of the meeting. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Rashelle Robinson at the above phone number or email address noted above.

Dated: July 2, 2021.
LaTonya L. Small,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.
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Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses, 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 Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses (RAC–GWVI) will meet by teleconference on August 4, 2021. The open session will convene at 11:00 a.m. (EST) and end at 4:00 p.m. (EST). The open session will be available to the public by connecting to: Webex URL: https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=mb9935590fcb0de5e53e60c9e635ca67. Or, Join by phone: 1–404–397–1596 USA Toll Number or 1–833–558–0712 Toll-free Number; Meeting number (access code): 199 041 5097. Meeting password: GWVets1990!

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans, and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia Theater of operations during the Gulf War in 1990–1991.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War Veterans’ illnesses and updates on relevant scientific research published in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266–4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0491” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;
(2) the accuracy of VHA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology. Authority: Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521. Title: Community Residential Care (CRC) Recordkeeping Requirements. OMB Control Number: 2900–0491. Type of Review: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection. Abstract: One of the standards a Community Residential Care (CRC) facility must meet is the requirement that the CRC must maintain records on each resident in a secure place. Facility records must include emergency notification procedures and a copy of all signed agreements with the resident. 38 CFR 17.63(i). These records must be maintained by the CRC, and the CRC must make those records available for VA inspection upon request. A Medical Foster Home is a subtype of CRC and is required to comply with the record keeping requirements of 38 CFR 17.63(i). See 38 CFR 17.74(q). In addition, the CRC must maintain and make available upon request of the approving official, records related to CRC staff requirements, and provide that the CRC must have sufficient, qualified staff must be on duty and available to care for the resident and ensure the health and safety of each resident. Affected Public: Individuals and households. Estimated Annual Burden: 1,095 hours. Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 90 minutes. Frequency of Response: Once annually. Estimated Number of Respondents: 730. By direction of the Secretary. Maribel Aponte, VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs. [FR Doc. 2021–14594 Filed 7–7–21; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8320–01–P

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The meeting will include time reserved for public comments 30 minutes before the meeting closes. Individuals who wish to address the Committee may submit a 1–2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may submit written statements for the Committee’s review or seek additional information by contacting Dr. Karen Block, Designated Federal Officer, at 202–443–5600, or at Karen.Block@va.gov.

Dated: July 2, 2021.
LaTonya L. Small, Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.
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