

assessment rate for independent credit card banks over time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 9.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 18.

*Frequency of Response:*

Semiannually.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 18 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and 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 OCC, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the OCC's estimate of the information collection burden;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection 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.

Dated: September 15, 2010.

**Michele Meyer,**

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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 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
Infectious Diseases-A .....	November 16, 2010 .....	*VA Central Office
Hematology .....	November 18, 2010 .....	*VA Central Office
Infectious Diseases-B .....	November 19, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Neurobiology-A .....	November 19, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Neurobiology-D .....	November 19, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Pulmonary Medicine .....	November 19, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Endocrinology-B .....	November 22, 2010 .....	*VA Central Office
Surgery .....	November 22, 2010 .....	The Hotel George
Cellular & Molecular Medicine .....	November 22, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-B .....	November 22, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Endocrinology-A .....	November 23, 2010 .....	The Hotel George
Immunology-A .....	December 1, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Epidemiology .....	December 1, 2010 .....	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-E .....	December 1, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Gastroenterology .....	December 2, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Nephrology .....	December 2, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Neurobiology-C .....	December 2-3, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Oncology .....	December 2-3, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Cardiovascular Studies .....	December 3, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza
Clinical Research Program .....	December 3, 2010 .....	*VA Central Office
Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-A .....	December 3, 2010 .....	Crowne Plaza

The addresses of the hotels and VA Central Office are: Crowne Plaza Washington DC/Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. The Hotel George, 15 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

\*VA Central Office, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC.

\*Teleconference

The purpose of the Merit Review 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 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, discussion and recommendations will deal with 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 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 (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 461-1664 or [Leroy.frey@va.gov](mailto:Leroy.frey@va.gov).

Dated: September 16, 2010.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Vivian Drake,**

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