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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 Wednesday, March 12, 2014, in conference room 530, at 810 Vermont Avenue NW., 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, Annual Report to the National Research Advisory Council, and 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.

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Health Services Research and Development Service, 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 the Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit

Review Board will conduct in-person and teleconference meetings of its seven Health Services Research (HSR) subcommittees from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. (unless otherwise listed) on the dates indicated below, and at the VHA National Conference Center in Arlington, Virginia:

- HSR 1—Health Care and Clinical Management on March 4–5, 2014;
- HSR 2—Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health and Care on March 4–5, 2014;
- HSR 4—Mental and Behavioral Health on March 4–5, 2014;
- HSR 5—Health Care System Organization and Delivery; Research Methods and Models on March 4–5, 2014;
- Nursing Research Initiative (NRI) from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014;
- HSR 6—Post-acute and Long-term Care on Thursday, March 6, 2014;
- HSR 3—Healthcare Informatics on Friday, March 7, 2014; and
- HSR 7—Aging and Diminished Capacity in the Context of Aging on Friday, March 7, 2014.

The purpose of the Board is to review health services research and development applications involving the measurement and evaluation of health care services, the testing of new methods of health care delivery and management, and nursing research. Applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit, mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects. Recommendations regarding funding are submitted to the Chief Research and Development Officer.

Each subcommittee meeting of the Board will be open to the public the first day for approximately one-half hour at the start of the meeting on March 4 (HSRs 1, 2, 4, and 5), on March 6 (NRI and HSR 6), and on March 7 (HSRs 3 and 7), to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. Because the meeting will be in a Government building, anyone attending must be prepared to show a valid photo ID for checking in. Please allow 15 minutes before the meeting begins for this process.

The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the intramural research proposals 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 participate during the open portion of a subcommittee meeting should contact Faith Booker, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Scientific Merit Review Board, Department of Veterans Affairs, Health Services Research and Development Service (10P9H), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by email at Faith.Booker@va.gov. For further information, please call Mrs. Booker at (202) 443-5714.

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Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; 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 Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will meet on March 25–27, 2014, in the G. V. “Sonny” Montgomery Conference Center, Room 230, at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 until 4:30 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

The agenda will include updates from the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, the National Cemetery Administration and Staff Offices, and updates on recommendations from the 2012 Report of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans. The Committee will also work on its 2014 Congressionally-mandated report.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations