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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  
(VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-

463; Title 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Federal  
Advisory Committee Act) that the  
subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical  
Laboratory Research and Development  
and Clinical Science Research and  
Development Services Scientific Merit  
Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will meet  
from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates  
indicated below (unless otherwise  
listed):

Subcommittee	Date(s)	Location
Surgery	November 19, 2014	Hampton Inn.
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-A	November 20, 2014	Hampton Inn.
Hematology	November 21, 2014	Westin Crystal City.
Infectious Diseases-B	November 21, 2014	American Association of Airport Execu- tives.
Cellular and Molecular Medicine	November 24, 2014	Hampton Inn.
Infectious Diseases-A	November 24, 2014	Westin Crystal City.
Endocrinology-A	December 1, 2014	Crowne Plaza Old Town.
Clinical Trials-A	December 2, 2014	Hampton Inn.
Epidemiology	December 2, 2014	*VA Central Office.
Immunology-A	December 3, 2014	Hampton Inn.
Neurobiology-C	December 3, 2014	Crowne Plaza Old Town.
Endocrinology-B	December 4, 2014	Crowne Plaza Old Town.
Nephrology	December 4, 2014	Hampton Inn.
Oncology-E	December 4, 2014	*VA Central Office (8:30 a.m. ET).
Oncology-A	December 4, 2014	*VA Central Office (12:00 p.m. ET).
Special Emphasis on Genomics	December 4, 2014	*VA Central Office.
Clinical Trials-B	December 5, 2014	*VA Central Office.
Neurobiology-A	December 5, 2014	Crowne Plaza Old Town.
Neurobiology-D	December 5, 2014	Hampton Inn.
Oncology-D	December 5, 2014	*VA Central Office (8:30 a.m. ET).
Oncology-C	December 5, 2014	*VA Central Office (12:00 p.m. ET).
Pulmonary Medicine	December 5, 2014	Crowne Plaza Old Town.
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics	December 8, 2014	*VA Central Office.
Neurobiology-R	December 8, 2014	*VA Central Office (12:00 p.m. ET).
Neurobiology-F	December 9, 2014	*VA Central Office.
Oncology-B	December 9, 2014	*VA Central Office (9:00 a.m. ET).
Cardiovascular Studies-A	December 11, 2014	Westin Crystal City.
Gastroenterology	December 11, 2014	Westin Crystal City.
Cardiovascular Studies-B	December 12, 2014	Westin Crystal City.
Gulf War Research	December 12, 2014	*VA Central Office.
Neurobiology-B	December 12, 2014	US Access Board.
Neurobiology-E	December 12, 2014	Hampton Inn.
JBL/CS SMRB	December 16, 2014	*VA Central Office (3:00 p.m. ET).
Eligibility	January 16, 2015	Hampton Inn.

The addresses of the meeting sites are:  
American Association of Airport  
Executives, 601 Madison Street, 3rd  
Floor, Alexandria, VA  
Crowne Plaza Old Town, 901 N.  
Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA  
Hampton Inn, 1729 H Street NW.,  
Washington, DC  
US Access Board, 1331 F Street NW.,  
Suite 800, Washington, DC  
Westin Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson  
Davis Highway, Arlington, VA  
VA Central Office, 131 M Street NE.,  
Washington, DC

\*Teleconference.

The purpose of the subcommittees 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 involve a wide  
range of medical specialties within the  
general areas of biomedical, behavioral  
and clinical science research.

The subcommittee meetings will be  
closed to the public for the review,  
discussion, and evaluation of initial and  
renewal research proposals. However,  
the JBL/CS SMRB teleconference  
meeting will be open to the public.  
Members of the public who wish to  
attend the open JBL/CS SMRB  
teleconference may dial 1-800-767-  
1750, participant code 95562. Members  
of the public who wish to make a  
statement at the JBL/CS SMRB meeting  
must notify Dr. Alex Chiu via email at  
[alex.chiu@va.gov](mailto:alex.chiu@va.gov) by December 10, 2014.

The closed subcommittee meetings  
involve discussion, examination, and  
reference to staff and consultant

critiques of research proposals.  
Discussions will deal with scientific  
merit of each proposal and  
qualifications of personnel conducting  
the studies, the disclosure of which  
would constitute a clearly unwarranted  
invasion of personal privacy.  
Additionally, premature disclosure of  
research information could significantly  
frustrate implementation of proposed  
agency action regarding the research  
proposals. As provided by subsection  
10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended  
by Public Law 94-409, closing the  
subcommittee meetings is in accordance  
with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and  
(9)(B).

Those who would like to obtain a  
copy of the minutes from the closed  
subcommittee meetings and rosters of  
the subcommittee members should

contact Alex Chiu, Ph.D., Manager,  
Merit Review Program (10P9B),  
Department of Veterans Affairs, 810

Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC  
20420, at (202) 443-5672 or email at  
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Dated: September 24, 2014.

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