

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Special Medical Advisory Group; 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 Special Medical Advisory Group will meet on April 20, 2017, at the Veterans Health Administration National Conference Center, 2011 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202, Potomac 'A' Room, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Group is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on the care and treatment of Veterans, and other matters pertinent to the Department's Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The agenda for the meeting will include a review of the agency's priorities, VHA modernization, and governance structure for quality, safety and value.

Thirty (30) minutes will be allocated at the end of the meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Members of the public may submit written statements for review by the Committee to Jessica D. Williams, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Under Secretary for Health (10), Veterans Health Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by email at [vasmagdf@va.gov](mailto:vasmagdf@va.gov).

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should contact Ms. Jessica Williams at (202) 461-7000 or by email.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Amended Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from April 11-13, 2017, at the below times and locations:

On April 11, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at the New Mexico VA Health Care System (HCS), Building 41, Main Hospital, 4th Floor,

Performance Improvement Conference Room 4A-160, 1501 San Pedro Dr., SE., Albuquerque, New Mexico; from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Albuquerque Regional Benefit Office, Dennis Chavez Federal Building, 500 Gold Avenue SW., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

On April 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, 501 North Guadalupe Street, Santa Fe, NM; from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., conducting a Town Hall Meeting at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th St. NW., Albuquerque, NM.

On April 13, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., at the New Mexico VA Health Care System (HCS), Building 41, Main Hospital, 4th Floor, Performance Improvement Conference Room 4A-160, 1501 San Pedro Dr. SE., Albuquerque, NM.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on the administration of VA benefits and services to minority Veterans, to assess the needs of minority Veterans and to evaluate whether VA compensation and pension, medical and rehabilitation services, memorial services outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities subsequent to the meeting.

On the morning of April 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Committee will meet in open session with key staff at the New Mexico Health Care System to discuss services, benefits, delivery challenges, and successes. From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Committee will convene a closed session in order to protect patient privacy as the Committee tours the VA Health Care System. In the afternoon from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the Committee will reconvene as the Committee is briefed by senior Veterans Benefits Administration staff from the Albuquerque Regional Benefit Office. From 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Committee will convene a closed session in order to protect patient records as the Committee tours the Regional Benefit office.

On the morning of April 12 from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the Committee will convene in open session at the Santa Fe National Cemetery followed by a tour of the cemetery. The Committee will meet with key staff to discuss services, benefits, delivery challenges and successes. In the evening, the Committee will hold a Veterans Town Hall meeting beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

On the morning of April 13 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Committee will convene in open session at the New Mexico Health Care System to conduct an exit briefing with leadership from the New Mexico Health Care System, Albuquerque Regional Benefit Office,

and Santa Fe National Cemetery. In the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Committee will work on drafting recommendations for the annual report to the Secretary.

Portions of these visits are closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). Exemption 6 permits to Committee to close those portions of a meeting that is likely to disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. During the closed sessions the Committee will discuss VA beneficiary and patient information in which there is a clear unwarranted invasion of the Veteran or beneficiary privacy.

Time will be allocated for receiving public comments on April 13, at 10 a.m. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come first serve basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official record. The Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues outlined in the meeting agenda, as well as other issues affecting minority Veterans. Such comments should be sent to Ms. Juanita Mullen, Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (00M), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or email at [Juanita.Mullen@va.gov](mailto:Juanita.Mullen@va.gov). For additional information about the meeting, please contact Ms. Juanita Mullen at (202) 461-6199.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Amended: Advisory Committee on Homeless 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 a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held May 10 through May 12, 2017. On May 10 and May 11, the Committee will meet at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, Northwest, Room 530, Washington, DC, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On May 12, the Committee will meet at the

Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, Northwest, Room 530, Washington, DC, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting sessions are open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an on-going assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of VA in assisting Veterans at-risk and experiencing homelessness. The Committee shall assemble and review information related to the needs of homeless Veterans and provide advice on the most appropriate means of providing assistance to that subset of the Veteran population. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

The agenda will include briefings from officials at VA and other agencies

regarding services for homeless Veterans. The Committee will also receive a briefing on the annual report that was developed after the last meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans and will then discuss topics for its upcoming annual report and recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties should provide written comments on issues affecting Veterans at-risk and experiencing homelessness for review by the Committee to Anthony Love, Designated Federal Officer, VHA Homeless Programs Office (10NC1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 90 K Street Northeast, Washington, DC, or via email at [Anthony.Love@va.gov](mailto:Anthony.Love@va.gov).

Members of the public who wish to attend in-person should contact both Charles Selby and Timothy Underwood of the VHA Homeless Program Office by April 25, 2017, at [Charles.Selby@va.gov](mailto:Charles.Selby@va.gov) and [Timothy.Underwood@va.gov](mailto:Timothy.Underwood@va.gov), while providing their name, professional affiliation, address, and phone number. There will also be a call-in number at 1-800-767-1750; Access Code: 79421#. A valid government issued ID is required for admission to the meeting. Attendees who require reasonable accommodation should state so in their requests.

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