

travel made in connection with their duties as members of the Council.

Authority: The Committee was established by the directive of the Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Membership Criteria and Qualifications: VHA is requesting nominations for upcoming vacancies on the Committee. In accordance with the Council's current charter, the Council will be comprised of not more than 12 members. Members will be selected from knowledgeable VA and non-VA experts, and Veterans' community representatives with special qualifications and competence to deal effectively with research and development issues in the VA.

Appropriate categories of primary expertise that may be represented include:

- a. Basic biomedical research;
- b. rehabilitation research and development;
- c. health services research and development;
- d. clinical research;
- e. geriatric care;
- f. primary care;
- g. special Veterans population health issues;
- h. occupational and environmental health research;
- i. mental health and behavioral research; and
- j. surgery.

In addition, the Council will have at least one Veteran as a member to ensure an important perspective on the health problems of Veterans.

The Secretary will appoint members for overlapping 2-year terms of service and may reappoint members for one additional term. The Secretary will appoint the Chair for a term of not more than 3 years and may reappoint the Chair for one additional term. Several members may be regular government employees, but the majority of the Council's membership will be special government employees.

Requirements for Nomination Submission:

Nominations should be typed in 12 point font (one nomination per nominator). Nomination package should include:

(1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.*, specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity);

(2) A statement from the nominee indicating that he/she is a U.S. citizen and is willing to serve as a member of the Committee;

(3) A statement from the nominee that that he/she appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership;

(4) The nominee's contact information, including name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address;

(5) A current resume or curriculum vitae (CV); and

(6) A cover letter.

The cover letter must summarize the nominee's interest in serving on the Council and contributions she/he can make to the work of the Council, his/her current engagement in relevant Veterans service activities, and his/her the military branch affiliation and timeframe of military service (if applicable). Finally, please include in the cover letter the nominee's complete contact information (name, address, email address, and phone number); and a statement confirming that she/he is not a Federally-registered lobbyist. The resume/CV should show professional work experience, publications, academic affiliations, and Veterans service involvement, and highlight any service related to issues considered by the National Research Advisory Council. Note that VA will conduct an ethics review for each selected nominee.

Self-nominations will be accepted. Any letters of nomination from organizations or other individuals should accompany the package when it is submitted. Non-Veterans are also eligible for nomination.

Additional information regarding this issue can be found at www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/08/13/2014-19140/revise-guidance-on-appointment-of-lobbyists-to-federal-advisory-councils-boards-and-commissions.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of VA Federal advisory Committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's capabilities. Every effort is made to ensure that a broad representation of geographic areas, gender, racial and ethnic minority groups, and the disabled are given consideration for membership. Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, transgender status, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Other considerations to promote a balanced membership may include: Longevity of military service, significant deployment and research experience, ability to handle complex issues, experience

running complex organizations, special qualifications, and competence to effectively advise on VA research and development issues.

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LaTonya L. Small,
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the roster of employees on the Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel is available for review and comment. Employees, employee organizations, and other interested parties shall be provided, without charge, a list of the names of employees on the Panel upon request and may submit comments concerning the suitability for service on the Panel of any employee whose name is on the list.

DATES: Names that appear on the Panel may be selected to serve on a Board or as a grievance examiner after August 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Requests for the list of names of employees on the Panel and written comments may be directed to: Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420. Requests and comments may also be faxed to (202) 495-5200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Ables, Employee Relations & Performance Management Service, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Mailstop 051, Washington, DC 20420. Mr. Ables may be reached at (202) 461-6172.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-40), dated May 7, 1991, revised the disciplinary grievance and appeal procedures for employees appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7401(1). It also required the periodic designation of employees of the Department who are qualified to serve on Disciplinary Appeals Boards. These employees constitute the Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel from which Board members in a case are appointed. Public Law

102–40 requires that the availability of the roster be posted in the **Federal Register** periodically and not less than annually.

Signing Authority: The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the

undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this

document on July 10, 2017, for publication.

Dated: July 12, 2017.

Michael Shores,
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 Office of the Secretary, Department of
 Veterans Affairs.*

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
 [2017 Disciplinary Appeals Board (DAB) Trainees—June 6–9, 2017]

Physician name	Category	Title	Specialty	City	State	VISN
Acevedo, William	Physician	Deputy Chief of Staff		San Juan	PR	8
Anderson, Michael T	Chiropractor	Chiropractor	Chiropractor	Butler	PA	4
Bates, Barbara E	Physician	Chief of Staff/PM&R	Physical Medicine & Rehab	Saginaw	MI	10
Boswell, Rita S	Physician Assistant	PA/Surgical Care	Surgery—Vascular/Thoracic	Kansas City	MO	15
Brooks, Johnnie R	Physician Assistant	PA/Orthopedic Surgery	Surgery—Orthopedic	Memphis	TN	9
Cannon, Debra C	Physician Assistant	PA/Primary Care	Surgery—ENT/Thoracic	Dayton	OH	10
Dhanani, Shawkat	Physician	Chief of Staff		White City	OR	20
Ellington, Tracy L	Podiatrist	Podiatrist	Podiatry	Madison	WI	12
Garcia-Bunuel, Martin L	Physician	Deputy Chief of Staff/Primary Care	Primary Care	Baltimore	MD	5
Horn, Mary Jo	Optometrist	Chief, Optometry	Optometry	Fayetteville	AR	16
Huss, Jason T	Podiatrist	Podiatrist	Podiatry	Seattle	WA	20
Lynne, David N	Optometrist	Supervisor, Optometrist	Optometry	Orlando	FL	8
Turner, Cassidy L	Dentist	Chief, Dental	Dental	Richmond	VA	6
Vien, Lee Q	Optometrist	Optometrist	Optometry	Palo Alto	CA	21
Worley, Mark A	Physician	Chief of Staff/Psychiatry	Psychiatry	Fayetteville	AR	16
Zimmerman, Paul S	Dentist	Chief, Dental	Dental	Sheridan	WY	1

Nurse name	Category	Title	Specialty	City	State	VISN
Cleveland, Cynthia D	RN	ADPCS		Birmingham	AL	7
Gunn, Susan L	CRNA	CRNA		Louisville	KY	9
Heck, Michael L	CRNA	CRNA		Lebanon	PA	4
Jones, Kendra L	RN	RN	Surgical ICU	Baltimore	MD	5
Neff, Tammy A	RN	Acting ADPCS		Iowa City	IA	23
Ortiz, Celina R	CRNA	CRNA		Dallas	TX	17
Otterness, Sara A	RN	APRN	Nephrology/Dialysis	Minneapolis	MN	23

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