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 May 25, 2016, room 230 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20420 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 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 review the potential policy requiring physicians provide a 90 day notification when they leave the VA, Pay for Performance and review best practice dissemination project.

Thirty (30) minutes will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. Members of the public may submit written statements for review by the Committee to Brigid McCarthy, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Specialty Care Services (10P4E), Veterans Health Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by email at brigid.mccarthy@va.gov.

Because the meeting is being held in a VA Central Office, a photo I.D. is required at the entrance as a part of the clearance process. Therefore, you should plan to arrive 15 minutes before the meeting begins to allow time for the clearance process. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should contact Ms. McCarthy at (202) 461–5129 or by email.

Dated: April 13, 2016.

By Direction of the Secretary

Jeffrey M. Martin,
Program Manager, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel.

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Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee will meet on May 3–4, 2016, at 2815 N. Assembly Street, Building 40, Room 225, Spokane, Washington, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on health care issues affecting enrolled Veterans residing in rural areas. The Committee examines programs and policies that impact the provision of VA health care to enrolled Veterans residing in rural areas, and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA services for these Veterans.

The agenda will include updates from the Committee Chairman and the Director of the Veterans Health Administration Office of Rural Health, as well as presentations on general health care access and quality topics.

Public comments will be received at 4:30 p.m. on May 4, 2016. Interested parties should contact Mr. Elmer D. Clark, by mail at 810 Vermont Avenue, Mail Code 10P1R, Washington, DC 20420, or via email at VRHAC@va.gov, or by fax at (202) 632–8609. Individuals scheduled to speak are invited to submit a 1–2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record.

Dated: April 13, 2016.

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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 the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the subcommittees 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 (unless otherwise listed):

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The addresses of the meeting sites are:
American College of Surgeons, 20 F Street NW., Washington, DC
Hilton Crystal City—Reagan National Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA
Hilton Garden Inn—Washington, DC/US Capitol, 1225 First Street NE., Washington, DC
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue NW., Washington, DC
Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capitol Street NW., Washington, DC
VA Central Office, 1100 First Street NE., Suite 600, 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 evaluation. Proposals submitted for review include diverse medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical science research.

These subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals, which involve 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 Holly Krull, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 632–8522 or by email at holly.krull@va.gov.

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