

VA Regional Loan Centers will process and evaluate the information. They will then advise the lender-applicant of their decision. Without this information, VA would not be able to determine if lender-applicants meet the qualifications for processing loans on an automatic basis.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at Vol. 82, No. 79, Wednesday, April 26, 2017, page 19314.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 50 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 25 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 120.

By direction of the Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Health Services Research and Development Service, 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 Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will conduct in-person and teleconference meetings of its eight Health Services Research (HSR) subcommittees on the dates below from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m. (unless otherwise listed) at the VHA National Conference Center, 2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202 (unless otherwise listed):

- HSR 1—Health Care and Clinical Management on August 22–23, 2017;
- HSR 2—Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health and Care on August 22, 2017;
- HSR 3—Healthcare Informatics on August 24–25, 2017;

- HSR 4—Mental and Behavioral Health on August 24–25, 2017;
- HSR 5—Health Care System Organization and Delivery on August 23–24, 2017;
- HSR 6—Post-acute and Long-term Care on August 23, 2017;
- CDA—Career Development Award Meeting on August 24–25, 2017; and
- NRI—Nursing Research Initiative from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2017.

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 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the start of the meeting on August 22 (HSR 1, 2), August 23 (HSR 1, 6, 8), August 23–24 (HSR 5), August 24–25 (CDA, HSR 3, 4), and August 25 (NRI) to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. Members of the public who wish to attend the open portion of the subcommittee meetings may dial 1–800–767–1750, participant code 10443#.

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 Ms. Liza Catucci, Administrative Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Health Services Research and Development Service (10P9H), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by email at [Liza.Catucci@va.gov](mailto:Liza.Catucci@va.gov). For further information, please call Ms. Catucci at (202) 443–5797.

Dated: June 28, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee; 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 Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee will be held on September 18–19, 2017, in Room 630 at VA, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. On September 18, 2017, the session will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. On September 19, 2017, the session will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of VA and the Under Secretary for Health on all matters pertaining to geriatrics and gerontology. The Committee assesses the capability of VA health care facilities and programs to meet the medical, psychological, and social needs of older Veterans and evaluates VA programs designated as Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.

The meeting will feature presentations and discussions on VA's geriatrics and extended care programs, aging research activities, updates on VA's employee staff working in the area of geriatrics (to include training, recruitment and retention approaches), VHA strategic planning activities in geriatrics and extended care, recent VHA efforts regarding dementia and program advances in palliative care, and performance and oversight of VA Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.