

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

Affected Public: Businesses and other organizations.

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 10.

Average Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Minutes per Response: 20.

Total Burden Hours: 10,000.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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Mary Ann Donovan,
Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force, which is a subcommittee of the Special Medical Advisory Group (SMAG), will meet January 9, 2018 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ET and January 10, 2018 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ET at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Manchester VA Medical Center, 718 Smyth Road Manchester, NH 03104, Building 1, 1st Floor, Training & Education Room. There will also be a teleconference line available for those attendees unable to attend in person. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the subcommittee is to develop a comprehensive set of options and recommendations to develop a future vision of what VA must do to best meet the needs of New Hampshire Veterans. The recommendations will be reviewed by the SMAG and then those final recommendations will be forwarded to the Secretary and Under

Secretary for Health for decision and action.

The agenda will include an update on the ongoing VA-led national market assessment project and facilitated sessions with task force members as they synthesize the various data and focus group inputs from the various VA and non-VA support they have received so far. The listen only teleconference line is reached by dialing 1-800-767-1750 and then entering the access code: 91129#. However, there are a limited number of lines. Consequently, if more than one person at an organization wants to join, we encourage you to use one phone line to allow other organization to listen. Otherwise, you are welcome to join in person. No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, the public may submit written statements for the Subcommittee's review to Brenda Faas, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs at *Brenda.Faas@va.gov*, or Thomas Pasakarnis, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs at *Thomas.Pasakarnis@va.gov*. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or listen in via the teleconference line or seeking additional information should contact Mr. Pasakarnis.

Because the meeting will be held in a federal government building, anyone attending must be prepared to show a valid photo government issued ID. Please allow 15 minutes before the meeting begins for this process.

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LaTonya L. Small,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation 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 that the subcommittees of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Subcommittee	Date(s)	Location
Research Career Scientists	February 26, 2018	*VA Central Office.

Subcommittee	Date(s)	Location
Regenerative Medicine	February 27, 2018	Crowne Plaza, Washington National Airport Hotel.
Rehabilitation Engineering & Prosthetics/Orthotics	February 27, 2018	Crowne Plaza, Washington National Airport Hotel.
Psychological Health & Social Reintegration	February 27, 2018	Crowne Plaza, Washington National Airport Hotel.
Brain Injury: TBI & Stroke	February 27–28, 2018	Crowne Plaza, Washington National Airport Hotel.
Sensory Systems/Communication Disorders	February 28, 2018	Crowne Plaza, Washington National Airport Hotel.
Musculoskeletal/Orthopedic Rehabilitation	February 28–March 01, 2018.	Crowne Plaza, Washington National Airport Hotel.
Career Development Award Program	February 28–March 01, 2018.	Crowne Plaza, Washington National Airport Hotel.
Aging & Neurodegenerative Disease	March 01, 2018	Crowne Plaza, Washington National Airport Hotel.
Spinal Cord Injury	March 01, 2018	Crowne Plaza, Washington National Airport Hotel.
Center and Research Enhancement Award Program	March 15, 2018	Crystal Gateway Marriott.

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

* Teleconference—VA Central Office, 1100 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20002. Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications and advise the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting 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 teleconference sessions may dial 1 (800) 767-1750, participant code 35847. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research applications 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 attend (by phone or in person) the open portion of a subcommittee meeting must contact Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, at Department of Veterans Affairs (10P9R), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or email tiffany.asqueri@va.gov at least 5 days before the meeting. For further information, please call Mrs. Asqueri at (202) 443-5757.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Advisory Committee will meet January 18-19, 2018 at 301 7th St. SW, Conference Room 2720, Washington, DC, 20024, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (EST). All sessions are open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officers, on matters relating to improving and enhancing VA's efforts to identify, prevent, and

mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse across VA in order to improve the integrity of VA's payments and the efficiency of its programs and activities.

The agenda will include detailed discussions of VA's Care in the Community program, issues identified in the Community Care program, improper payment payments and root causes of improper payments, working group and subcommittee reports, and recommendations.

The meeting will include time reserved for public comments in the afternoon. A sign-up sheet for 5-minute comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who wish to address the Committee may submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Tamika Barrier via email at Tamika.Barrier@va.gov.

Because the meeting will take place in a Federal building, visitors will be required to present photo identification. Any person attending should allow an additional 30 minutes before the beginning to allow for this security process. For interested parties who cannot attend in person, there is a toll-free telephone number (800) 767-1750; access code 03905#.

Note: *The telephone line will be muted until the Committee Chairman opens the floor for public comment.* Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Tamika Barrier, Designated Federal Officer, at (757) 254-8630.

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Jelessa M. Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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