The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on rural health care issues affecting Veterans. The Committee examines Programs and policies that impact the delivery of VA rural health care to Veterans and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA access to rural health care services for Veterans.

The agenda will include updates from Department leadership, Network Director South Central VA Health Care Network, Director Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System and the Director Office of Rural Health and Committee Chairman, as well as presentations on general health care access.

Public comments will be received at 4:30 p.m. on May 24, 2018. Interested parties should contact Ms. Judy Bowie via email at VRHAC@va.gov, or by fax at (202) 632–8615, or by mail at 810 Vermont Avenue NW (10F1R), Washington, DC 20420. Individuals wishing to speak are invited to submit a 1–2 page summary of their comment for inclusion in the official meeting record. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Bowie at the phone number or email address noted above.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) whether the use of the form is necessary for the performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions; (4) whether the collection of information will have practical utility; (5) the accuracy of VBA’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; and (6) the ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.


Title: Notice of Disagreement (VA Form 21–0958).
OMB Control Number: 2900–0971.
Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans use VA Form 21–0958 to indicate disagreement with a decision issued by a Regional Office (RO) in order to initiate an appeal. This form is the first step in the appeal process.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 36,000 hours.
Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 144,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia D. Harvey-Pryor,
Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.