

Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

The agenda will include VA modernization and the Secretary's priorities, a communication update, status of NRAC recommendations to VA, diversity and inclusion efforts, and the Office of Research and Development (ORD) priorities. No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Members of the public wanting to attend may contact Ms. Melissa Cooper, Designated Federal Officer, ORD (10P9), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 461-6044, or by email at [Melissa.Cooper@va.gov](mailto:Melissa.Cooper@va.gov) no later than

close of business on May 25, 2018. Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the clearance process. Due to security protocols, and in order to prevent delays in clearance processing, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Cooper at the phone number or email address noted above.

Dated: May 2, 2018.

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Advisory Committee Management Officer.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board Notice of Meetings Amended**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Federal Advisory Committee Act that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below (unless otherwise listed):

Subcommittee	Date	Location
Oncology-C	May 16-17, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Nephrology	May 17, 2018	Phoenix Park Hotel.
Hematology	May 18, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Oncology-A/D	May 18, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Cellular & Molecular Medicine	May 21, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Endocrinology-B	May 21, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Oncology-B	May 21, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-C	May 22, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Infectious Diseases-B	May 23, 2018	Training Development Center.
Surgery	May 23, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Cardiovascular Studies-A	May 24, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Infectious Diseases-A	May 24, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Immunology & Dermatology-A	May 30, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-B	May 30, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Oncology-E	May 30, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Gulf War Research	May 31, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Pulmonary Medicine	May 31, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Endocrinology-A	June 1, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-A	June 1, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-E	June 1, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Special Emphasis Panel on Million Veteran Prog Proj	June 5, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Gastroenterology	June 6, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-A	June 6, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Neurobiology-F	June 6, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Cardiovascular Studies-B	June 7, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Epidemiology	June 7, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-B	June 7, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-D	June 8, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Eligibility	July 16, 2018	20 F Conference Center.

\* Teleconference.

The addresses of the meeting sites are:  
20 F Conference Center, 20 F Street NW, Washington, DC  
Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capital Street NW, Washington, DC  
Training Development Center, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC  
VA Central Office, 1100 First Street NE, Suite 600, Washington, DC

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 various 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 obstruct 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

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Officer.*

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