DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Open Meeting of the Financial Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting; time change.

SUMMARY: The Financial Research Advisory Committee for the Treasury’s Office of Financial Research (OFR) previously announced its 12th meeting to be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018, in the Benjamin Strong Room, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York, 10045, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. By this notice, the OFR is changing the start time for the meeting to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will open to the public and limited seating will be available.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Benjamin Strong Room, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York, 10045. The meeting will be open to the public. A limited number of seats will be available for those interested in attending the meeting, and those seats would be on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the meeting will be held in a secured facility, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting MUST contact the OFR by email at OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov by 5 p.m. ET on Thursday, July 19, 2018, to inform the OFR of their desire to attend the meeting and receive further instructions about building clearance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Avstreith, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220, (202) 927–8032 (this is not a toll-free number), or OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov. Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 2, 2018 (83 FR 31035), the OFR announced the 12th meeting of the Financial Research Advisory Committee. The OFR has had to change the start time for the meeting until 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. All other information in the notice is unchanged, including the location and tentative agenda/topics for discussion.


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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Creating Options for Veterans Expedited Recovery (COVER) Commission; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Creating Options for Veterans Expedited Recovery (COVER) Commission gives notice that the first meeting will be held on July 24 and July 25, 2018 at the Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. EST on July 24 and July 25. The meeting will be partially closed to the public on July 24, 2018 and July 25, 2018. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6), which exempt a meeting from the requirement to be open to the public, the meeting will be closed on July 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. because it is likely to “relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency” or “disclose . . . information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” On July 25, the meeting will be closed from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. under section 552b(c)(9)(B) because it would reveal information the disclosure of which would, “in the case of an agency, be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency policy or program.” The meeting will include discussion of ground rules, decision making protocol, and strategy to establish ground rules. Any precipitous release of those discussions through an open session will frustrate program implementation, to the detriment of our Veterans who we consider our greatest customer/benefactor of the commission.

Open sessions will be held on both days in Capital Hilton’s South American AB room. The open session on Day 1 will focus current VHA Whole Health Practices, VA’s Mental Health Services and Resources. The open session Day 2 will include review and discussion of the objectives of the Commission as described in the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016. A listening line will be available to the public who prefer to call in rather than attend the open sessions at the Capital Hilton. This listening line number will be activated 10 minutes before each of the two open sessions. The listening line number is 800–767–1750; access code 486644.

The purpose of the COVER Commission is to examine the evidence-based therapy treatment model used by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for treating mental health conditions of Veterans and the potential benefits of incorporating complementary and integrative health approaches as standard practice throughout the Department. The Commission will: (1) Examine the efficacy of the evidence-based therapy model used by VA to treat mental health illnesses and identify areas of improvement; (2) conduct a patient-centered survey within each VISN to examine: The experiences of veterans with VA facilities regarding mental health care, the experiences of veterans with non-VA facilities regarding mental health care, the preferences of veterans regarding available treatment for mental health issues and which methods the veterans believe to be most effective, the experience, if any, of veterans with respect to complementary and integrative health approaches, the prevalence of prescribing medication to veterans seeking treatment for mental health disorders through VA, and the outreach efforts of VA regarding the availability of benefits and treatments for veterans for addressing mental health issues; (3) examine available research on complementary and integrative health approaches for mental health disorders in areas of therapy including: Music therapy, equine therapy, training and caring for service dogs, yoga therapy, acupuncture therapy, meditation therapy, outdoor sports therapy, hypnotherapy, oxygen therapy, accelerated resolution therapy, art therapy, magnetic resonance therapy,