

reference to, and oral review of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of 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 be likely to significantly frustrate 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 portions of this meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B). Because of the limited seating capacity of the rooms, those who plan to attend should contact Dr. LeRoy Frey, Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 565-5942, at least five days prior to each meeting. Minutes of the meeting and a roster of the Subcommittee members may be obtained from this source.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,  
*Committee Management Officer.*

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#### **Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 92-463, gives notice that a meeting of the VA Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee will be held on:

Thursday, November 30, 1995, at 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1, 1995, at 8:00 a.m.-12:01 p.m.

The location of the meeting will be 801 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Room 1105.

The Committee's objectives are to advise the Under Secretary for Health about medical findings affecting Persian Gulf era veterans.

At this meeting the Committee will review all aspects of patient care and medical diagnoses and will provide professional consultation as needed. The Committee may advise on other areas involving research and development, veterans benefits and/or training aspects for patients and staff.

All portions of the meeting will be open to the public except from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on November 30, 1995. During this executive session discussions and recommendations will deal with medical records of specific patients and individually identifiable patient medical histories. The disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted

invasion of personal privacy. Closure of this portion of the meeting is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

The agenda for November 30 will begin with an update on recent events, followed by responses from Committee members. The first day's agenda will also cover reports on activities of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses and the Panel on Infectious/Parasitic Diseases of the Persian Gulf, as well as developments in the area of neurobiology.

On December 1 the Committee will undertake the writing of a status report. The second day's agenda will also include updates on the CDC Iowa Survey and VA Registry Exams.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, Office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20420.

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