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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee, Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory

Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix, of the following subcommittee meetings to be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below:

Subcommittee	Date	Location
Endocrinology	September 24-25, 1998.	Holiday Inn Central.
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics	September 25, 1998	Holiday Inn Central.
Alcoholism and Drug Dependence	September 28, 1998	Holiday Inn Central.
Nephrology	October 1, 1998	Radisson Barcelo Hotel.
Gastroenterology	October 1-2, 1998 ..	Holiday Inn Central.
Cardiovascular Studies	October 12-13, 1998.	St. James Suites.
Respiration	October 13, 1998	St. James Suites.
Infectious Diseases	October 15-16, 1998.	Crowne Plaza Hotel.
Oncology	October 19-20, 1998.	Radisson Barcelo Hotel.
Hematology	October 22, 1998	Crowne Plaza Hotel.
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences	October 22-23, 1998.	Holiday Inn Central.
Surgery	October 24, 1998	Clarion Plaza Hotel.
General Medical Science	October 26-27, 1998.	Radisson Barcelo Hotel.
Neurobiology	October 27-29, 1998.	Holiday Inn Central.
Immunology	October 29-30, 1998.	Holiday Inn Central.
Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee	December 3, 1998 ..	Holiday Inn Central.

The addresses of the hotels are listed below:

Clarion Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1001 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005

Radisson Barcelo Hotel, 2121 P Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037

St. James Suites, 950 24th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037

These subcommittee meetings will be for the purpose of evaluating the scientific merit of research conducted in each specialty by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) investigators working in VA Medical Centers and Clinics.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of each subcommittee meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of research

protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the subcommittee 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 hinder 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 these subcommittee meetings are in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meetings and rosters of the members of the subcommittees should contact Dr. LeRoy Frey, Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 275-6634.

Dated: September 11, 1998.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will be held on September 21-26, 1998, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 12, Building 18, 5th Avenue and Roosevelt Road, Hines, IL 60104. The agenda will include tours of VA facilities throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach and other programs, and activities administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

All sessions will be open to the public. The sessions are coordinated by the VA Chicago Health Care System, West Side Division, 820 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612. For additional information regarding the