

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app.2, that a meeting of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2022, via WebEx. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. ET. The meeting will have an open session from 3 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. and a closed session from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The purpose of the Board is to provide expert review of the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission-relevance of investigator-initiated research applications submitted for VA merit review consideration and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies.

The purpose of the open session is to meet with the JBL/CS Service Directors to discuss the overall policies and process for scientific review, as well as disseminate information among the Board members regarding the VA research priorities.

The purpose of the closed session is to provide recommendations on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research applications submitted for VA merit review evaluation. Applications submitted for review include various medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research. The JBL/CS SMRB meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion and evaluation of initial and renewal research applications, which involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research applications. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each application 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 applications. 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).

Members of the public who wish to attend the open JBL/CS SMRB meeting should join via WebEx. Meeting number (access code): 2761 781 4810 Meeting password: Y6dvdVWP?38. Meeting link: <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m6e42d2696babe328d9fa457e8ff623e2>.

Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of the subcommittee members should contact Michael Burgio, Ph.D., Designated Federal Officer (14RD) Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, at 202-603-4667 or at [Michael.Burgio@va.gov](mailto:Michael.Burgio@va.gov).

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[OMB Control No. 2900-0009]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Veteran Readiness and Employment For Claimants With Service-Connected Disabilities

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 13, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue

NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0009” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266-4688 or email [maribel.aponte@va.gov](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0009” in any correspondence.

**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) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501(a), and 38 U.S.C. 3102.

**Title:** Application for Veteran Readiness and Employment for Claimants with Service-Connected Disabilities (Chapter 31, Title 38, U.S.C.), VA Form 28-1900.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0009.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Form 28-1900 is used by Veterans and Service members with service-connected disabilities to apply for benefits and services under the Chapter 31 program. Without the information, eligibility and entitlement to Chapter 31 could not be determined under 38 U.S.C. 501(a) and 38 U.S.C. 3102.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 16,167 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 97,000.