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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Commission on VA Nursing; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Commission on VA Nursing will hold a meeting on September 24-25, 2003, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. On September 24, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. On September 25, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 2:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice and make

recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding legislative and organizational policy changes to enhance the recruitment and retention of nurses and other nursing personnel in VA. The Commission is required to submit to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a report, not later than two years from May 8, 2002, on its findings and recommendations.

On September 24, the Commission will discuss its final report, analyze key drivers of staff satisfaction/retention, and determine who should review the final Commission report. On September 25, the Commission will discuss recommendations for its final report.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct written questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Commission in advance of the meeting, to Ms. Oyweda Moorer, Director of the National Commission on VA Nursing, at the Department of

Veterans Affairs (108N), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Stephanie Williams, Program Analyst, at (202) 273-4944.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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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 Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the subcommittees of the Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below:

| Subcommittee for— | Date(s) | Location |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cardiovascular Studies | October 16-17, 2003 | Marriott Residence Inn. |
| Nephrology | October 20, 2003 | Governor's House. |
| Respiration | October 20-21, 2003 | Holiday Inn Central. |
| Neurobiology—B & D | October 23-24, 2003 | Holiday Inn Central. |
| Gastroenterology | October 23-24, 2003 | Marriott Residence Inn. |
| Hematology | October 27, 2003 | Governor's House. |
| Epidemiology | November 6, 2003 | Holiday Inn Central. |
| Neurobiology—C | November 14, 2003 | Holiday Inn Central. |
| Neurobiology—A | December 1-2, 2003 | Holiday Inn Central. |
| Oncology—A & B | December 4-5, 2003 | Holiday Inn Central. |

The addresses of the hotels are:

Governor's House, 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

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

Marriott Residence Inn (Thomas Circle), 1199 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

These subcommittee meetings are 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 the meetings 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 meetings, 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 could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of these subcommittee meetings is 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 LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 408-3630.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of amendment to system of records notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e) notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending the system of records currently known as "Health Administration Center Civilian