

Abstract: The PSTAP Assessment is administered by VA to assess how the TAP training for Transitioning Service members (TSMs) prepares Veterans for civilian life and its effects on long-term Veteran outcomes. This information collection request (ICR) is conducted once per year and is designed as two separate collections which include a Cross-Sectional Survey and a Longitudinal Survey. The survey population for the Cross-Sectional Survey includes all Veterans who meet the criteria at the time of fielding of having separated from the military at six months, one year, and three years prior to the date that surveys. Service members who participated in the Cross-Sectional Survey and voluntarily agreed to participate in the Longitudinal Survey make up the Longitudinal Survey population. VA will use email and mail methods to administer the survey, limiting the burden on respondents. The surveys will be administered to gauge the long-term effectiveness of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) by: (1) examining the relationship between attendance in TAP courses and the use of VA Benefits; (2) analyzing the effect of participation in TAP courses on the long-term outcomes of Veterans in the broad life domains of employment, education, health and social relationships, financial, social connectivity and overall satisfaction and well-being, and; (3) identifying areas of improvement for TAP and the broader transition process to guide training and/or operational activities aimed at enhancing the quality of service provided to transitioning service members, Veterans, their families and caregivers.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,954 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 18.5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,311.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.2), that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board (hereinafter the Board) will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, via Webex. The meeting will be held between 1:00–1:30 p.m. EST. The meeting will be partially closed to the public from 1:10–1:30 p.m. EST for the discussion, examination and reference to the research applications and scientific review.

Discussions will involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will also deal with scientific merit of each proposal 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 proposals. As provided by Public Law 92–463 subsection 10(d), as amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the Board meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure that the VA Rehabilitation Research and Development program promotes functional independence and improves the quality of life for impaired and disabled Veterans.

Board members advise the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects of Rehabilitation Research and Development proposals. The Board does not consider grants, contracts or other forms of extramural research.

Members of the public who wish to attend the open portion of the Webex session from 1:00–1:10 p.m. EST may join by dialing the Webex USA Toll-free Number 1–833–558–0712 and entering the meeting number (access code): 2762

946 7943. Written comments from the public must be sent prior to the meeting to Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs (14RDR), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or to Tiffany.Asqueri@va.gov. Those who plan to attend the open portion of the meeting must contact Mrs. Asqueri at least five (5) days before the meeting. For further information, please call Mrs. Asqueri at 202–568–1174.

Dated: June 23, 2022.

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Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, that a meeting of the Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held September 1, 2022, via WebEx. The meeting will be held between noon and 1:30 p.m. EST. The meeting will be partially closed to the public from 12:15–1:30 p.m. EST for the discussion, examination and reference to the research applications and scientific review. Discussions will involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal 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 proposals. As provided by Public Law 92–463 subsection 10(d), as amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the committee meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure the high quality and mission relevance of VA's legislatively mandated Health