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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; 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 Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Subcommittee for	Date(s)	Location
Neurobiology-E	May 12, 2009	VA Central Office.*
Cellular & Molecular Medicine	May 13, 2009	VA Central Office.*
Nephrology	May 14, 2009	Crowne Plaza DC/Silver Spring.
Surgery	May 18, 2009	St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites.
Endocrinology-A	May 22, 2009	St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites.
Immunology	May 22, 2009	Embassy Suites Chevy Chase.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-B	May 28, 2009	The Westin Washington DC.
Hematology	May 29, 2009	The Westin Washington DC.
Clinical Research Program	June 1, 2009	VA Central Office.*
Epidemiology	June 3, 2009	VA Central Office.*
Infectious Diseases-B	June 4, 2009	Crowne Plaza DC/Silver Spring.
Neurobiology-A	June 5, 2009	VA Central Office.*
Respiration	June 5, 2009	The Westin Washington DC.
Cardiovascular Studies	June 8, 2009	The Westin Washington DC.
Endocrinology-B	June 9, 2009	Palomar Hotel.
Oncology	June 11-12, 2009	The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, DC.
Gastroenterology	June 11, 2009	The Westin Washington DC.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-A	June 15, 2009	The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, DC.
Neurobiology-C	June 18-19, 2009	Hilton Garden Inn.
Infectious Diseases-A	June 18, 2009	Palomar Hotel.
Neurobiology-D	June 19, 2009	The Westin Washington DC.

The addresses of the hotels and VA Central Office are:

Crowne Plaza DC/Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD.

Embassy Suites Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW., Washington, DC.

Hilton Garden Inn, 815 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Palomar Hotel, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Ritz-Carlton Washington DC, 1150 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC.

St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M Street, NW., Washington, DC.

VA Central Office, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Westin Washington DC City Center Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW., Washington, DC.

*Teleconference.

The purpose of the Merit Review Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

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 research proposals.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. During this portion of each 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 could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research proposals.

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, PhD, Chief, Program Review (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 at (202) 461-1664.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

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