

designated as Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.

The meeting will feature presentations and discussions on VA's geriatrics and extended care programs, aging research activities, update on the VA's geriatric workforce (to include training, recruitment and retention approaches), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) strategic planning activities in geriatrics and extended care, recent VHA efforts regarding dementia and program advances in palliative care, and performance and oversight of the VA Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties should provide written comments for review by the Committee not less than 10 days in advance of the meeting to Mrs. Marcia Holt-Delaney, Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care (114), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Mrs. Holt-Delaney, Program Analyst, at (202) 461-6769.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggan,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on September 2-3, 2009, in Capitol Room B at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The September 2 session will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on September 3 the session will be from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on health care issues affecting enrolled Veterans residing in rural areas. The Committee examines programs and policies that impact the provision of VA health care to enrolled Veterans residing

in rural areas, and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA services for these Veterans.

On September 2, the Committee will hear from VA officials such as the Director, Office of Rural Health, the Chief of Staff, a telehealth professional from the Office of Care Coordination, and a member of the Telehealth Outreach Clinic staff.

On September 3, the Committee will hear from VA officials such as the Chief Consultant on Telehealth from the Office of Care Coordination and a representative of the Office of General Counsel on the annual ethics review.

Interested parties should express in writing their desire to address the Committee not less than 10 days in advance of the meeting to Ms. Kara Hawthorne, Designated Federal Officer, 10A5, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by e-mail at [rural.health.inquiry@va.gov](mailto:rural.health.inquiry@va.gov).

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