

the Committee will be briefed on how the VAMC conducts its outreach initiatives, activities and programs within the minority communities. Starting at noon the Committee will receive a briefing and tour the New Directions training facility, located at VAMC Building 116. From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. the Committee will receive a briefing and tour of the Mental Health Outpatient Treatment Center located in GLAHCS VAMC Building 206.

On April 4, the Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the VA Regional Office (VARO) Executive Conference Room, located at the Federal Building, 11000 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles. The VARO Director and key staff members will brief the Committee on their outreach activities, challenges and initiatives in providing benefit services to minority veterans within the communities they serve, followed by a tour of the Regional Office. Following these discussions, the Committee will hold a working lunch with the Veteran Service Organizations from the Greater Los Angeles area to discuss their concerns, assessments and observations of minority veterans needs. This meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the VA Regional Office, Room 7106. At 1:30 p.m. the Committee will visit the Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center located at 351 E. Temple Street, Los Angeles to receive a briefing and tour of the facility. During the evening, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Committee will conduct a town hall meeting at the Patriotic Hall, located at 1816 S. Figueroa Street.

On April 5, the Committee's morning session will be held at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, 950 South Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, in the Executive Conference Room, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Committee will be briefed by the Cemetery Director on minority veteran outreach and significant issues in addressing minority veteran concerns. This discussion will be followed by a guided tour of the grounds and facility. The Committee's afternoon meeting from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., will be held at the GLAHCS VAMC Executive Conference Room and will focus on health care disparities, with a presentation by Dr. Nancy Harada, Research Physical Therapist, GLAHCS VAMC.

On April 6, the Committee will conduct its meetings at the VA Long Beach Health Care System (HCS) Executive Conference Room located at 5901 7th Street, Long Beach. The meeting will begin at 10 with a briefing from the Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN 22) Director, followed by an overview of outreach activities,

challenges and initiatives by the Director, Long Beach HCS and key staff members. The afternoon session will begin at 1 p.m. with presentations from the Veteran Services Organizations who will discuss the needs, concerns and outreach required to serve the Long Beach minority communities. Beginning at 2:30 p.m. the Committee will tour the Villages of Cabrillo located at 2001 River Avenue., Long Beach. In the evening, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., a town hall meeting will be held at the Long Beach HCS, Pantages Theatre located at 5901 7th Street, 2nd Floor, Long Beach. This will be the final Committee meeting and the members will adjourn at the conclusion of this town hall meeting.

The Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues outlined in the meeting agenda, as well as other issues affecting minority veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (OOM), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Olmo at (202) 273-6708.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs will be held April 11-12, 2006, Room 230, VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on both days. On April 11 it will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. and on April 12 at noon. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on VA's prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also

provides advice to the Secretary on special disability programs which are defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss or loss of the use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

On the morning of April 11, the Committee will receive briefings by the Chief Consultant, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group, and Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development. In the afternoon, briefings from the Directors of Seamless Transition Office, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, and Chief Prosthetics and Clinical Logistics Officer will be presented. On the morning of April 12, the Committee will be briefed by the Chief Consultant, Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders Service.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Ms. Cynthia Wade, Designated Federal Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Patient Care Services, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group (117), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Wade at (202) 273-8485.

Dated: March 10, 2006.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development, intends to grant to APMed Solutions, Inc. 3282 Alpine Road Portola Valley, CA 94028 an exclusive license to practice U.S. Patent No. 6,840,242 issued January 11, 2005, entitled "Tracheostomy Aspiration Suction Tube."