



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 (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the panels 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:

Panel	Date(s)	Location
Endocrinology-B -----	November 15, 2012	*VA Central Office
Hematology -----	November 16, 2012	*VA Central Office
Infectious Diseases-B -----	November 16, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-B -----	November 16, 2012	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-A -----	November 16, 2012	*VA Central Office
Cellular and Molecular Medicine- Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-A -----	November 19, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics ----	November 20, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Immunology-A -----	November 28, 2012	*VA Central Office
Gastroenterology -----	November 28, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Clinical Trials -----	November 29, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Pulmonary Medicine -----	November 29-30, 2012	*VA Central Office
Infectious Diseases-A -----	November 29-30, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Epidemiology -----	December 4, 2012	*VA Central Office
Nephrology -----	December 6, 2012	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-C -----	December 6, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Oncology-A -----	December 6-7, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Neurobiology-E -----	December 6-7, 2012	American Association of Airport Executives
Cardiovascular Studies -----	December 7, 2012	*VA Central Office
Endocrinology-A -----	December 10, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Surgery -----	December 10-11, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Clinical Application of Genetics--	December 11, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Neurobiology-D -----	December 12, 2012	*VA Central Office
Eligibility -----	December 13, 2012	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
	January 18, 2013	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

American Association of Airport Executives, 601 Madison Street, Alexandria, VA
Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia
VA Central Office, 131 M Street, NE, Washington, DC

*Teleconference

The purpose of the 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 panel meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each panel 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, 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, 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 panel meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the general session or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the panel meetings and rosters of the members of the panels should contact LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, or call (202) 443-5674 or by e-mail at Leroy.frey@va.gov.

By Direction of the Secretary:

Dated: October 16, 2012

Vivian Drake
Committee Management Officer

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