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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 Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on April 20, 2012, 131 M Street NE, Washington, DC, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to evaluate Rehabilitation Research and Development Center of Excellence applications.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications and 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.

A general session will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of the meeting to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research applications and critiques. During the closed portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the 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 would likely compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public

Law 94-409, closing the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

No oral or written comments will be accepted from the public for either portion of the meeting. Those who plan to attend the general session should contact Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs (10P9R), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20420, or email at tiffany.asqueri@va.gov. For further information, please call Mrs. Asqueri at (202) 443-5757.

By Direction of the Secretary:

Dated: April 4, 2012

Vivian Drake
Committee Management Officer

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