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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 the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the subcommittees of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Subcommittee	Date(s)	Location
Aging and Neurodegenerative Disease	February 20, 2013	*VA Central Office
Rehabilitation Engineering and Prosthetics/Orthotics	February 20, 2013	Courtyard DC/ U.S. Capitol
Brain Injury: TBI & Stroke	February 20-21, 2013	*VA Central Office
Musculoskeletal/Orthopedic Rehabilitation	February 20-21, 2013	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Psychological Health and Social Reintegration	February 20-21, 2013	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Sensory Systems/ Communication	February 26, 2013	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Regenerative Medicine	February 26-27, 2013	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Career Development Award Program and Research Career Scientists	February 26-28, 2013	*VA Central Office
Spinal Cord Injury	February 28, 2013	*VA Central Office

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

VA Central Office, 131 M Street NE, Washington, DC 20002 (*Teleconference)

Courtyard DC/U.S. Capitol, 1325 2nd Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 Eighteenth Street, NW Washington, DC 20006.

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.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meetings 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 each subcommittee 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 meetings. Those who plan to attend the open portion of a subcommittee meeting should contact Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, at Department of Veterans Affairs (10P9R), 810 Vermont

Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, or email tiffany.asqueri@va.gov. For further information, please call Mrs. Asqueri at (202) 443-5757.

Date: February 4, 2013

By Direction of the Secretary:

Vivian Drake
Committee Management Officer

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