



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 Public Law 92-463; Title 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below (unless otherwise listed):

Subcommittee	Date(s)	Location
Surgery -----	November 19, 2014	Hampton Inn
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-A -----	November 20, 2014	Hampton Inn
Hematology -----	November 21, 2014	Westin Crystal City
Infectious Diseases-B -----	November 21, 2014	American Association of Airport Executives
Cellular and Molecular Medicine -----	November 24, 2014	Hampton Inn
Infectious Diseases-A -----	November 24, 2014	Westin Crystal City
Endocrinology-A -----	December 1, 2014	Crowne Plaza Old Town
Clinical Trials-A -----	December 2, 2014	Hampton Inn
Epidemiology -----	December 2, 2014	*VA Central Office
Immunology-A -----	December 3, 2014	Hampton Inn
Neurobiology-C -----	December 3, 2014	Crowne Plaza Old Town
Endocrinology-B -----	December 4, 2014	Crowne Plaza Old Town
Nephrology -----	December 4, 2014	Hampton Inn
Oncology-E -----	December 4, 2014	*VA Central Office (8:30 AM ET)
Oncology-A -----	December 4, 2014	*VA Central Office (12:00 PM ET)
Special Emphasis on Genomics -----	December 4, 2014	*VA Central Office
Clinical Trials-B -----	December 5, 2014	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-A -----	December 5, 2014	Crowne Plaza Old Town
Neurobiology-D -----	December 5, 2014	Hampton Inn
Oncology-D -----	December 5, 2014	*VA Central Office (8:30 AM ET)
Oncology-C -----	December 5, 2014	*VA Central Office (12:00 PM ET)
Pulmonary Medicine -----	December 5, 2014	Crowne Plaza Old Town
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics --	December 8, 2014	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-R -----	December 8, 2014	*VA Central Office (12:00 PM ET)
Neurobiology-F -----	December 9, 2014	*VA Central Office
Oncology-B -----	December 9, 2014	*VA Central Office (9:00 AM ET)
Cardiovascular Studies-A -----	December 11, 2014	Westin Crystal City

Gastroenterology -----	December 11, 2014	Westin Crystal City
Cardiovascular Studies-B -----	December 12, 2014	Westin Crystal City
Gulf War Research -----	December 12, 2014	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-B -----	December 12, 2014	US Access Board
Neurobiology-E -----	December 12, 2014	Hampton Inn
JBL/CS SMRB -----	December 16, 2014	*VA Central Office (3:00 PM ET)
Eligibility -----	January 16, 2015	Hampton Inn

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

American Association of Airport Executives, 601 Madison Street, 3rd Floor,
 Alexandria, VA
 Crowne Plaza Old Town, 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA
 Hampton Inn, 1729 H Street, NW, Washington, DC
 US Access Board, 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC
 Westin Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA
 VA Central Office, 131 M Street, NE, Washington, DC

*Teleconference

The purpose of the subcommittees 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 involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals. However, the JBL/CS SMRG teleconference meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend the open JBL/CS SMRB teleconference may dial 1-800-767-1750, participant code 95562. Members of the public who wish to make a statement at the JBL/CS SMRB meeting must notify Dr. Alex Chiu via email at alex.chiu@va.gov by December 10, 2014.

The closed subcommittee meetings involve discussion, examination, and reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. 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. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the subcommittee meetings is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of the subcommittee members should contact Alex Chiu, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 443-5672 or email at alex.chiu@va.gov.

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