



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science  
Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board Notice of  
Meetings Amended**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under 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	Location
Oncology-C -----	May 16-17, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Nephrology -----	May 17, 2018	Phoenix Park Hotel
Hematology -----	May 18, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-A/D -----	May 18, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Cellular & Molecular Medicine	May 21, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Endocrinology-B -----	May 21, 2018	*VA Central Office
Oncology-B -----	May 21, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-C -----	May 22, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Infectious Diseases-B -----	May 23, 2018	Training Development Center
Surgery -----	May 23, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Cardiovascular Studies-A ----	May 24, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Infectious Diseases-A -----	May 24, 2018	*VA Central Office
Immunology & Dermatology-A	May 30, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-B -----	May 30, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-E -----	May 30, 2018	*VA Central Office
Gulf War Research -----	May 31, 2018	*VA Central Office
Pulmonary Medicine -----	May 31, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Endocrinology-A -----	June 1, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-A -----	June 1, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-E -----	June 1, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Special Emphasis Panel on Million Veteran Prog Proj ---	June 5, 2018	*VA Central Office
Gastroenterology -----	June 6, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Mental Health & Behavioral		

Sciences-A -----	June 6, 2018	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-F -----	June 6, 2018	*VA Central Office
Cardiovascular Studies-B ----	June 7, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Epidemiology -----	June 7, 2018	*VA Central Office
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-B -----	June 7, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-D -----	June 8, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Eligibility -----	July 16, 2018	20 F Conference Center

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

20 F Conference Center, 20 F Street, NW, Washington, DC

Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capital Street, NW, Washington, DC

Training Development Center, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC

VA Central Office, 1100 First Street, NE, Suite 600, 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 evaluation. Proposals submitted for review include various medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

These subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals, which involve 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 obstruct 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 Holly Krull, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 632-8522 or email at [holly.krull@va.gov](mailto:holly.krull@va.gov).

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