



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 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-A/D -----	May 17, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Cellular & Molecular Medicine	May 20, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Endocrinology-A -----	May 21, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-C -----	May 21, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-A -----	May 22, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-B/E -----	May 22, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Surgery -----	May 22, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Cardiovascular Studies-A -----	May 23, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Infectious Diseases-A -----	May 23, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-C -----	May 23, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Endocrinology-B -----	May 29, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Immunology & Dermatology-A	May 29, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-B -----	May 29, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Infectious Diseases-B -----	May 30, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Pulmonary Medicine -----	May 30, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Gulf War Research -----	May 30, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-A -----	May 31, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-E -----	May 31, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Gastroenterology -----	June 4, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Nephrology -----	June 4, 2019	20 F Conference Center
*Neurobiology-F -----	June 5, 2019	VA Central Office
Cardiovascular Studies-B -----	June 6, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Epidemiology -----	June 6, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Mental Health & Behavioral		

Sciences-B -----	June 6, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Hematology -----	June 7, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-D -----	June 7, 2019	20 F Conference Center
Eligibility -----	July 22, 2019	20 F Conference Center

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

20 F Conference Center, 20 F Street, NW, 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 applications submitted for VA merit review evaluation. Applications 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 applications, which involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research applications. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each application and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted release of proprietary processes and data. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research applications. 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 (10X2B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 632-8522 or email at holly.krull@va.gov.

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