



## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board, AMENDED 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 be held on the dates below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (unless otherwise listed) at the 20 F Conference Center, 20 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, the Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capital Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, and at the Office of Research and Development, 1100 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002:

Meeting	Date(s)
BL/CS R&D Surgery Subcommittee	November 12, 2019
BL/CS R&D Pulmonary Medicine Subcommittee	November 13, 2019
BL/CS R&D Infectious Diseases-B Subcommittee	November 14, 2019
BL/CS R&D Oncology-A/D Subcommittee	November 14, 2019
BL/CS R&D Hematology Subcommittee	November 15, 2019
BL/CS R&D Oncology-C Subcommittee	November 15, 2019
BL/CS R&D Cellular & Molecular Medicine Subcommittee	November 18, 2019
BL/CS R&D Oncology-B/E Subcommittee	November 18, 2019
BL/CS R&D Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-P	November 19, 2019
BL/CS R&D Immunology & Dermatology-A Subcommittee	November 20, 2019
BL/CS R&D Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-C Subcommittee	November 20, 2019
BL/CS R&D Cardiovascular Studies-A Subcommittee	November 21, 2019
BL/CS R&D Endocrinology-A Subcommittee	November 21, 2019
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-C Subcommittee	November 21, 2019
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-E Subcommittee	November 22, 2019
BL/CS R&D Endocrinology-B Subcommittee	November 25, 2019
BL/CS R&D Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-A Subcommittee	December 3, 2019
BL/CS R&D Nephrology Subcommittee	December 3, 2019
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-B Subcommittee	December 3, 2019
BL/CS R&D Infectious Diseases-A Subcommittee	December 4, 2019
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-F Subcommittee	December 4, 2019

BL/CS R&D Cardiovascular Studies-B Subcommittee	December 5, 2019
BL/CS R&D Gastroenterology Subcommittee	December 5, 2019
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-P Subcommittee	December 5, 2019
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-R Subcommittee	December 5, 2019
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-A Subcommittee	December 6, 2019
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-D Subcommittee	December 6, 2019
BL/CS R&D Gulf War Research Subcommittee	December 6, 2019
BL/CS R&D VA Psychiatrist Development Award Subcommittee	January 8, 2020
Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board	January 8, 2020
BL/CS R&D Eligibility Subcommittee	January 17, 2020

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.

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 SMRB 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 50064#. Members of the public who wish to make a statement at the JBL/CS SMRB meeting must notify Dr. Holly Krull via email at [holly.krull@va.gov](mailto:holly.krull@va.gov) by January 6, 2020.

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 (10X2B), 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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