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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee, Notice of Meetings**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory

Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix, of the following subcommittee meetings to be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below:

Subcommittee	Date	Location
Endocrinology .....	September 24-25, 1998.	Holiday Inn Central.
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics .....	September 25, 1998	Holiday Inn Central.
Alcoholism and Drug Dependence .....	September 28, 1998	Holiday Inn Central.
Nephrology .....	October 1, 1998 .....	Radisson Barcelo Hotel.
Gastroenterology .....	October 1-2, 1998 ..	Holiday Inn Central.
Cardiovascular Studies .....	October 12-13, 1998.	St. James Suites.
Respiration .....	October 13, 1998 ....	St. James Suites.
Infectious Diseases .....	October 15-16, 1998.	Crowne Plaza Hotel.
Oncology .....	October 19-20, 1998.	Radisson Barcelo Hotel.
Hematology .....	October 22, 1998 ....	Crowne Plaza Hotel.
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences .....	October 22-23, 1998.	Holiday Inn Central.
Surgery .....	October 24, 1998 ....	Clarion Plaza Hotel.
General Medical Science .....	October 26-27, 1998.	Radisson Barcelo Hotel.
Neurobiology .....	October 27-29, 1998.	Holiday Inn Central.
Immunology .....	October 29-30, 1998.	Holiday Inn Central.
Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee .....	December 3, 1998 ..	Holiday Inn Central.

The addresses of the hotels are listed below:

Clarion Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1001 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005

Radisson Barcelo Hotel, 2121 P Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037

St. James Suites, 950 24th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037

These subcommittee meetings will be for the purpose of evaluating the scientific merit of research conducted in each specialty by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) investigators working in VA Medical Centers and Clinics.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of each subcommittee meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of research

protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the subcommittee meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of 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 be likely to significantly hinder 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 portions of these subcommittee meetings are in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meetings and rosters of the members of the subcommittees should contact Dr. LeRoy Frey, Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 275-6634.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

**Heyward Bannister,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will be held on September 21-26, 1998, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 12, Building 18, 5th Avenue and Roosevelt Road, Hines, IL 60104. The agenda will include tours of VA facilities throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach and other programs, and activities administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

All sessions will be open to the public. The sessions are coordinated by the VA Chicago Health Care System, West Side Division, 820 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612. For additional information regarding the

sessions, contact Ms. Melanie Harris, MSW, Coordinator, Women's Health Program, Room G-C111, at (312) 633-2168. Those who plan to attend should contact Ms. Maryanne Carson, Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 273-6193. A tentative agenda follows.

#### Monday, September 21, 1998

9:00 a.m.—Overview of VISN 12 Women's Health Initiative, Overview of Women's Programs, Tour Women's Healthcare Clinic  
 10:00 a.m.—Welcome to Hines VA Hospital  
 10:30 a.m.—Hines Women Veterans Program and Services  
 11:45 a.m.—Lunch  
 12:45 p.m.—Tour Women's Health Clinic, Mammography Suite and Patient Education Resource Center. Address: VISN 12, Building 18, 5th Avenue & Roosevelt Road, Hines, IL  
 2:00 p.m.—Depart from Hines VA Medical Center (VAMC)  
 2:30 p.m.—Tour Hines VAMC Satellite Clinic—Oak Park. Address: 149 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL  
 3:00 p.m.—Tour Oak Park Vet Center. Address: 155 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, IL  
 4:00 p.m.—Return to Hotel

#### Tuesday, September 22, 1998

8:45 a.m.—Arrive West Side VAMC  
 9:00 a.m.—Welcome and Introductions; Overview of Program  
 9:30 a.m.—Women's health Director  
 10:00 a.m.—Tour Women's Health Clinic, Residential Programs and

Homeless Services. Address: 820 S. Damen Ave, Chicago, IL  
 10:45 a.m.—Depart West Side VAMC  
 11:00 a.m.—Arrive Lakeside VAMC Women Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting Women's Health Clinical Briefing/Tour. Address: 333 E. Huron, Chicago, IL  
 12 noon—Lunch at Signature Restaurant, John Hancock Bldg., 92nd floor, Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL  
 2:00 p.m.—Depart downtown Chicago, IL  
 2:30 p.m.—Arrive 63rd Street Satellite Clinic/Vet Center Clinical Briefing/Tour  
 3:00 p.m.—Veterans Resource Center Clinical Briefing/Tour Discussion on community resources for women veterans and homeless shelters. Address: 1502 E. 63rd Street, Chicago, IL  
 4:30 p.m.—Return to hotel

#### Wednesday, September 23, 1998

9:00 a.m.—West Side VAMC Director's Conference Room Overview VISN 12: Women's Health Services by Women Veterans Coordinators. Address: 820 S. Damen Ave. Chicago, IL  
 12 noon—Lunch  
 1:00 p.m.—Depart West Side VAMC  
 1:30 p.m.—Arrive Veterans Benefits Administration Regional Office Overview Women Veterans Programs  
 2:30 p.m.—Cemetery Systems Overview  
 3:30 p.m.—Chicago Veterans Advisory Council Address: 536 S. Clark Street, Chicago, IL  
 4:30 p.m.—Return to hotel

#### Thursday, September 24, 1998

9:30 a.m.—Arrive at North Chicago VAMC Tour Compensation and Pension Program, Bldg. 135, Rm. 138  
 10:30 a.m.—Women Veterans Open Forum, Bourke Hall, Bldg. 4, Rm. 101  
 11:30 a.m.—Dedication of Women Veterans Monument, front of Bldg. 133, Joan Furey, Director, Center for Women Veterans  
 12 noon—Lunch: Nursing Conf. Rm., Bldg. 133, Clinical Addition, Rm. 3D-105h Address: 3001 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL  
 1:00 p.m.—Depart for Evanston Vet Center  
 2:00 p.m.—Arrive Evanston Vet Center  
 2:30 p.m.—Tour Evanston Outpatient Program Address: 565 W. Howard St., Evanston, IL  
 3:30 p.m.—Return to hotel

#### Friday, September 25, 1998

8:30 a.m.—Executive Session of Secretary's Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Executive Plaza Hotel, 71 East Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL, Wacker A Conference Room.

#### Saturday, September 26, 1998

10:00 a.m.—Women Veterans Open Forum Address: West Side VAMC Atrium, 820 S. Damen Ave., Chicago, IL  
 12 noon—Site visits concludes  
 Dated: September 10, 1998.  
 By Direction of the Secretary.

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