

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS****Cooperative Studies Scientific
Evaluation Committee, Notice of
Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee will hold a meeting on July 1, 2021 by Zoom. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. EST.

The Committee provides expert advice on VA cooperative studies, multi-site clinical research activities, and policies related to conducting and managing these efforts. The session will be open to the public for approximately 30 minutes at the start of the meeting for the discussion of administrative matters

and the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the Committee's review, discussion and evaluation of research and development applications.

During the closed portion of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research proposals and similar documents and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As provided by section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of this meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (c)(9)(B).

The Committee will not accept oral comments from the public for the open

portion of the meeting. Members of the public who wish to attend the open teleconference should call 872-701-0185, conference ID 997 498 562#. Those who plan to attend or wish additional information should contact Grant Huang, MPH, Ph.D., Director, Cooperative Studies Program (14RD), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, at 202-443-5700 or Grant.Huang@va.gov. Those wishing to submit written comments may send them to Dr. Huang at the same address and email.

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Officer.*

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