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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board Panel for Eligibility, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Panel for Eligibility of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet on Monday, January 23, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

The purpose of the Merit Review Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety, and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical science research.

The panel meeting will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of the meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the review,

discussion, and evaluation of non-clinician credentials and research proposals to be performed for VA. The closed portion of the meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of non-clinician credentials and research proposals. Closing portions of the panel meeting is 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 panel meeting and roster of the participants of the panel should contact LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (10P9B), VA, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 443-5674.

Dated: December 15, 2011.

By Direction of the Secretary

Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation will meet on January 23-24, 2012, at Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office, 245 West Houston Street, Manhattan, New York, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to

assemble and review relevant information relating to the nature and character of disabilities arising from service in the Armed Forces, provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the rating schedule, and give advice on the most appropriate means of responding to the needs of Veterans relating to disability compensation.

The Committee will receive briefings on issues related to compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and other VA benefits programs. Time will be allocated for receiving public comments in the afternoon. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

The public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Sarah Fusina, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation Service, Regulation Staff (211D), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or email at Sarah.Fusina@va.gov. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should contact Ms. Fusina at (202) 461-9569.

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