

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee (GGAC) will be held on May 21-22, 2003, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 145, Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. on May 21, and resume at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at noon on May 22, 2003. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on all matters pertaining to geriatrics and gerontology by assessing the capability of VA health care facilities to meet the medical, psychological and social needs of older veterans and by evaluating VA facilities designated at Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers (GRECCs).

On May 21, the topics to be presented and discussed include:

- Update on current issues of the Millennium Act.
- Update on VA's Aging Research Activities.
- Update on VA's Geriatrics Training Program.
- Site visits to GRECCs.
- Review draft Committee report on VA's Direction in Long-Term Care and GRECC Site Visits.

On May 22, the Committee receive briefings on VA's activities in Geriatrics and Extended Care and Vision for Geriatrics and Long-Term Care.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties can provide written comments for review by the Committee in advance to the meeting to Ms. Marsha Goodwin, Chief, Geriatrics Programs (114), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Jacqueline Holmes, Staff Assistant, Geriatrics and Extended Care Strategic Healthcare Group at (202) 273-8539.

Dated: April 25, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Task Force; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Task Force will take place on Thursday, May 8, 2003, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Veterans Benefits Administration, 1800 G Street, NW., Conference Room 534, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Task Force is to conduct an independent review of the VR&E Program within the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). The Task Force will provide recommendations to the Secretary of

Veterans Affairs on improving the Department's ability to provide comprehensive services and assistance to veterans with service-connected disabilities and employment handicaps in becoming employable, and obtaining and maintaining suitable employment. The Task Force will also assess independent living services provided by VBA.

This will be the Task Force's initial meeting. Organizational business, to include briefings on ethics requirements and other administrative matters, will be conducted. The meeting's agenda will also include briefings and discussions on the manner in which vocational rehabilitation, independent living, and employment services are provided at VA.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties who wish to attend the meeting should have adequate identification for entry into the building and will be subject to a security screening process. Members of the public may submit written comments for review by the Committee to: Mr. John O'Hara, Executive Director, VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Task Force, VA Office of Policy, Planning, and Preparedness (008B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Mr. O'Hara can be reached at (202) 273-5130, fax number (202) 273-5991 and e-mail address john.o'hara@mail.va.gov.

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