

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Systems Research (HSR) Scientific Merit Review Board (SMRB) advises the Director of Health Systems Research, the Acting Chief Research and Development Officer (DCRADO) for Investigators, Scientific Review and Management (ISRM), and the Acting Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the

protection of human subjects of proposals submitted to HSR. As part of its statutory mission (38 U.S. Code 7303, Public Law No. 117-328), the Office of Research and Development (ORD) and specifically the HSR SMRB, support the VA Secretary's priorities and Congressional requirements through ensuring that that the recommended research activities support priorities outlined by the Secretary, such as suicide prevention, homelessness, access to care, and well-being of Veterans. Additionally, recommended research is directly responsive to major national legislative initiatives affecting Veteran care, notably the Maintaining Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION Act), Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, Hannon Act, and other legislative mandates. The HSR committee assisted with recommending research that supported the following priorities outlined by the Secretary:

1. Suicide Prevention:
Recommending research that includes:
 - Prevents Veteran suicide, including using a public health approach e.g., outside the clinic walls, partnerships with community service organizations (Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019).
 - Improves understanding of reasons for Veteran suicide
 - Develops interventions
 - Develops/supports clinical programs with evidence
2. Ending Homelessness: Recommending research that includes:
 - Video telehealth among Veterans with substance use disorder
 - Peer support to homeless Veterans discharged from VA hospitals
 - Partnership with National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans
 - Data-driven, national population-based cohort of at-risk Veterans that address risk and resilience factors affecting homelessness
 - Development and

rigorous testing of new programs or policies at the national level that address housing (Veterans living in rural settings, homelessness-experienced Veterans, women Veterans, ational clinical standards of care, justice programs 3. Timely Access Recommending research that includes: • Veterans Crisis Line (VCL) Caring Letters initiative associated with improved mental health care access • Optimize the flow of patients between direct and community care, and use of interfacility and virtual care • Quantifying supply and demand for VHA care and identifying locations in need of more resources • Developing validated measures of work rate and access to care that can be used to optimize the split of direct and community care • Supporting market-based Referral Coordination Initiative efforts with new tools and implementation evaluation • Impact of Medicare Advantage program enrollment on Veteran access to and cost/efficiency of care • Connect Veterans to the soonest and best care: optimize Veteran access, quality, and experience of care across in-person, virtual, and community care services 4. Well-Being of the Veterans Recommending research that includes: • Implementing value-based care solutions: design and refine value-based care models and tools to ensure care provided in the community leading to improved quality of care and outcomes for all Veterans • Identify and evaluate efficient staffing and care models for primary care, specialty care, and mental health, social, educational and vocational services across different regions, health care settings, and populations (e.g., rural, aging/geriatric), including those for Veterans with housing and/or economic insecurity, and other social drivers of health • Identify opportunities where emerging technologies (e.g., artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality), predictive models, and other promising

innovations can make VA services more efficient. In 2025, HSR hosted two Board meetings in addition to its Subcommittee scientific review meetings. In March 2025, the Board reviewed the scientific evaluation of 205 research applications by Subcommittees and recommended 165 for further consideration. In August 2025, the Board reviewed the scientific evaluation of 167 research applications by Subcommittees and recommended 145 for further consideration.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board is composed of members having training and expertise in a variety of scientific, technical and medical disciplines, including but not limited to health care and clinical management; behavioral, social and cultural determinants of health; health, healthcare informatics; mental and behavioral health; health care system organization, design and delivery; research methods and models; post-acute and long-term care and aging; nursing research initiatives; public health and epidemiology; access to care; post-deployment care including traumatic brain injury; health equity and health disparities; rural health; women's health; complementary and integrative health; mobility, activity and function; implementation science; patient experience; community care and VA/non-VA care coordination; mobile and connected health and patient-reported outcomes; management of chronic pain; opioids and suicide prevention; health economics; efficiency and value; genomics and precision medicine in clinical practice; patient safety; predictive analytic; performance measurement; learning health system; provider behavior; health behavior change; operations research and health systems re-engineering; and

the development of talented VA researchers. The Board represents the required technical skills along with diversity in race/ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, geographical background, and Veterans of diverse eras and branches of service when possible.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board is scheduled to meet twice a year based upon the merit review submission cycle that occurs in the Winter and Summer. The Board provides for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and offers advice for research program officials about program priorities and policies. The Board ensures the high quality and mission relevance of VA's legislatively mandated Health Systems Research program through the activities of this Federal Advisory Committee Act chartered and appointed Scientific Merit Review Board. The Board reviews proposals administered locally by VA field facilities for scientific and technical merit and advises the Deputy Chief Research and Development Officer (DCRADO) for Investigators, Scientific Review and Management (ISRM) regarding the scientific merit of applications related to Board members' areas of expertise. The Board and its subcommittees review applications using a web-based program (WebEx) and teleconference, in order to maintain technical excellence and to uphold the integrity and credibility of the scientific merit peer review process. Subcommittee meetings (more than 8 hours and often more than one day) involve vigorous discussions about the strengths and weaknesses of the proposals, and then reviewers come to a consensus regarding the critical elements that need to be conveyed to the

Principal Investigator to improve the proposed research.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The expertise needed to review submitted proposals and provide advice to the Deputy Chief Research and Development Officer (DCRADO) for Investigators, Scientific Review and Management (ISRM), is not available within the Service staff. It would be neither appropriate nor cost-effective to attempt to use staff for this review. Involving staff in the scientific review process would raise conflict of interest and potential bias concerns. It would not be efficient or economically feasible to staff the variety and depth of scientific expertise required to actually produce scientific reviews for the applications received by Health Systems Research.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meetings are partially closed because of the confidential nature of the proposals being reviewed and the integrity of the peer review process. Scientific proposals contain research ideas original to the applicants and do not become public until they are printed in scientific journals.

21. Remarks

HSR costs were slightly higher in FY 2025 compared to FY 2024. This slight increase in costs was due to changes in the purview of applications that each of the subcommittees reviewed. Additionally, in FY25 each subcommittee began reviewing the Non-HHS Mentored Research Scientist Development Awards that fell under their scientific purview, where in prior fiscal years, these applications were reviewed together on a

standalone subcommittee. This required additional expertise needed on most of the subcommittees to ensure that all of the applications were getting reviewed appropriately by experts in the specific disciplines and with the appropriate expertise. Recruiting subcommittee members was additionally challenging this year due to VA staffing shortages (many of our HSR Subcommittee members took the Deferred Resignation and/or early retirement options) which required the HSR scientific staff to recruit new members and more outside of VAMCs. This is why some of our subcommittees do not have as many appointed members. Once the scientific staff knows that a potential member is knowledgeable, objective, collegial, and timely, an appointment will be made. We plan on having more member appointments in FY 2026 which will bring our numbers back to the normal range.

Designated Federal Officer

Tiffin Ross-Shepard Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Butler, Jason	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Network Executive Director, RMD Centers, 200 Indian Branch, Morrisville, NC Drive,	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular
Funderburk, Jennifer	03/01/2023	03/31/2027	Clinical Research Psychologist, Syracuse VA Medical Center, Syracuse, NY	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lowery, Julie	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Research Investigator, Department of Surgery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Massarweh, Nader	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Associate Chief of Staff for Surgery, Atlanta VA Healthcare System, Associate Professor of Surgery, Emory University , Decatur, GA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Ritchwood, Tiarney	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Associate Professor, Social Sciences and Health Policy, Wake Forest University, School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Turvey, Carolyn	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Research Health Scientist, Veterans Rural Health Resource Center, Iowa City, VA Office of Rural Health, Professor, University of Iowa Healthcare, Iowa City, IA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bosworth, Hayden [Aging and Recovery; Workforce Performance; and Rural Health (HSR6)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	Deputy Director, Durham COIN, Vice Chair for Education and Professor of Population Health Sciences Duke University, Durham, NC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Dang, Stuti [Aging and Recovery; Workforce Performance; and Rural Health (HSR6)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Physician and GRECC Researcher, Miami VA Healthcare System, Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Fairchild, Melissa [Aging and Recovery; Workforce Performance; and Rural Health (HSR6)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	DEPUTY DIRECTOR, VISN 21 MIRECC - VA PALO ALTO VAMC, AFFILIATE CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, PALO ALTO, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Leykum, Luci [Aging and Recovery; Workforce Performance; and Rural Health (HSR6)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	STAFF PHYSICIAN, SOUTH TEXAS VAMC, AFFILIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, AUSTIN, TX	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Nicosia, Francesca [Aging and Recovery; Workforce Performance; and Rural Health (HSR6)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	RESEARCH HEALTH SCIENCE SPECIALIST, SAN FRANCISCO VAMC, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN FRANCISCO, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Stroupe, Kevin [Aging and Recovery; Workforce Performance; and Rural Health (HSR6)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	COIN Director, Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital, Professor, Loyola University Chicago, Hines, IL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ashrafioun, Lisham [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Health Science Specialist, Canandaigua VAMC, Assistant Professor, University of Rochester, Canandaigua, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Baim-Lance, Abigail [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Health Service Research Specialist, Bronx VAMC, Assistant Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Bronx, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bair, Matthew [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/01/2028	STAFF PHYSICIAN AND DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR HEALTH INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION, ROUDEBUSH VAMC, PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Breland, Jessica [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Research Health Science Specialist, Palo Alto VAMC, Clinical Assistant Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine, Menlo Park, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Byrne, Margaret [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/FACULTY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OUTCOMES AND BEHAVIOR (HOB), MOFFITT CANCER CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, TAMPA, FL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Denneson, Lauren [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PSYCHIATRY, OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY, PORTLAND, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Gordon, Howard [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	STAFF PHYSICIAN, CHAIR JESSE BROWN IRB, JESSE BROWN VAMC, PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, CHICAGO, IL 60612	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Gurewich, Deborah [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	Research Investigator, Boston VA Healthcare System, Assistant Professor, Boston University, Cambridge, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hoffmire, Claire [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	DATA SCIENTIST, EASTERN COLORADO VAMC, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS, AURORA, CO	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Hung, William	[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	GRECC DIRECTOR, JAMES J PETERS VAMC, PROFESSOR OF GERIATRICS AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE, ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI, NEW YORK, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Jain, Sonia	[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	PROFESSOR OF BIOSTATISTICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, SAN DIEGO, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jasuja, Guneet	[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/01/2028	CORE INVESTIGATOR, BEDFORD VAMC, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR BOSTON UNIVERSITY, CHOBANIAN AND AVEDISIAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, BEDFORD, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kim, Eun Ji	[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ,ZUCKER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT HOFSTRA/NORTHWELL, NEW HYDE PARK, NY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Magruder, Kathryn	[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	PROFESSOR EMERITA, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, CHARLESTON, SC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mehta, Christina	[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, ATLANTA, GA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nugent, Shannon	[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	PSYCHOLOGIST, PORTLAND VAMC, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, OREGON HEALTH AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY PORTLAND, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Santa Ana, Elizabeth	[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, HEROIC COIN, CHARLESTON VAMC, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SC; CHARLESTON VAHCS, CHARLESTON, SC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Smalls, Brittany	[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Drivers of Health and Care (HSR2)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, LEXINGTON, KY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Ackland, Princess [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Staff Psychologist, Minneapolis Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, MN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Aslakson, Rebecca [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Chair and Professor with Tenure, Department of Anesthesiology; Larner, College of Medicine; University of Vermont, Burlington, VT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bastian, Lori [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Associate Chief of Staff for Research, VA Connecticut VA Medical Center, Professor of Medicine, Yale University, West Haven, CT	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bravata, Dawn [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/31/2026	Physician, Indianapolis VAMC, Professor of Medicine, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Cheng, Susan [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Associate Dean, Associate Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Coe, Antoinette [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2024	03/31/2028	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Collins Sharp, Beth [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2028	Retired DHHS Health Scientist, Cordova, TN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hackstadt, Amber [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	08/01/2022	08/31/2026	Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hung, Peiyin [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Associate Professor, University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health, Columbia, SC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hysong, Sylvia [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2027	Lead Research Health Scientist, Houston VAMC, Associate Professor, Center of Innovations, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Kelly, Peter [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Research Health Scientist, Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
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Matthieu, Monica [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/31/2026	Research Social Work Program Manager, Little Rock VAMC, Associate Professor, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Moin, Tannaz [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/31/2026	CORE Investigator, West Los Angeles VAMC, Associate Professor, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Mull, Hillary Jane [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/31/2026	Research Health Scientist, Boston VAMC, Associate Professor, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Phibbs, Ciaran [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2025	03/30/2029	Senior Health Economics, Health Economics Resource Center, VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Professor, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Salgado, Teresa [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Scardaville, Melissa [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2024	03/01/2028	PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER, AMERICAN INSTITUTES FOR RESEARCH, ARLINGTON, VA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vimalananda, Varsha [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2025	03/30/2029	Physician, VA Bedford Medical Center, Associate Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine, Bedford, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Andraka-Christou, Barbara [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/31/2026	Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Bentrem, David [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Staff Physician Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Professor of Surgery, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Benzer, Justin [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Austin, TX	Government Employee (SGE) Member Special
Brady, Brian [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Associate Professor, Stanford University, Stanford, CA	Government Employee (SGE) Member Special
Caffrey, Aisling [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2025	09/30/2028	Research Health Scientist, Providence VAMC, Professor, University of Rhode Island, Providence, RI	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Damush, Teresa [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	SENIOR RESEARCH CAREER SCIENTIST, INDIANAPOLIS VAMC, PROFESSOR OF GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE AND GERIATRICS, INDIANA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Doll, Jacob [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Staff Physician, VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, WA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Donovan, Lucas [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2024	03/31/2027	CORE INVESTIGATOR, PUGET SOUND VAMC, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SEATTLE, WA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Ellis, Shellie [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Associate Professor, University of Kansas, School of Medicine, Kansas City, KS	Government Employee (SGE) Member Special
Flora, Arjan [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2024	03/31/2028	INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGIST, MEMPHIS VAMC, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, MEMPHIS, TN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special

Gifford, Allen [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	Director, VA Boston Healthcare System, Professor, Boston University, Bedford, MA 01730	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Goodney, Philip [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2022	08/31/2026	Surgeon, White River Junction VAMC, Associate Professor, Dartmouth University, Lebanon, NH	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Huhn, Andrew [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/31/2026	Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kowalkowski, Marc [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	Associate Professor, Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation at Atrium Health, Charlotte, NC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lowenstein, Lisa [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Assistant Professor, University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mallinson, Trudy Ruth [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2022	08/31/2026	Associate Professor, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, George Washington University, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Matthias, Marianne [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2024	03/31/2027	RESEARCH CAREER SCIENTIST, RICHARD L ROUDEBUSH VAMC, SENIOR RESEARCH PROFESSOR, INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McDonald, Scott [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2027	Sci Neuropsychologist, Richmond VA Medical System, Affiliate Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Painter, Jacob [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	Research Health Scientist, Center for Mental Healthcare and Outcomes Research, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, Associate Professor, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pugh, Mary Jo [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Research Career Scientist, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System, Professor, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Rosland, Ann-Marie [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2027	Investigator, Pittsburgh VAMC, Associate Professor of Medicine, Brown University, Providence, RI	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Rustagi, Alison [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Staff Physician, Division of General Internal Medicine, Medical Service, San Francisco VA Health Care System, Assistant Professor, University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Shukla, Alpana [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RESEARCH & DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL RESEARCH, WEILL CORNELL MEDICINE, NEW YORK, NY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Slatore, Christopher [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Physician; Investigator, VA Portland Health Care System, Professor, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Sundar, Krishna [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2024	03/31/2028	STAFF PHYSICIAN, SLEEP AND PULMONARY SECTION, DEPT OF MEDICINE, SALT LAKE CITY VAMC CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY, UT	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Taveira, Tracey [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2027	Professor Health Policy & Management, University of Rhode Island, Providence, RI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weiner, Renda [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/31/2026	Associate Director, CHOIR, Bedford VAMC, Professor, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Williams, Christina [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2024	03/01/2028	HEALTH SCIENCE OFFICER, DURHAM VA MEDICAL CENTER, ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DUKE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, DURHAM, NC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Zhou, Li [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Professor; Investigator, Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, Somerville, MA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blonigen, Daniel [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Research Career Scientist, Palo Alto VAMC, Clinical Associate Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine, Menlo Park, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Garrido, Melissa [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	03/01/2024	03/31/2028	DIRECTOR, PEPREC, BOSTON VAMC, RESEARCH PROFESSOR, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BOSTON, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Groeneveld, Peter [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Director, CHERP, Philadelphia VAMC, Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hynes, Denise [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2027	Senior Research Career Scientist, VA Portland Healthcare System, Professor and Associate Director, Oregon State University, Portland, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Jalal, Diana [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2027	Physician, Associate Director CADRE, Iowa City VA Healthcare System, Tenured Professor, University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine Iowa City, IA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Matheny, Michael [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	03/01/2024	03/31/2028	STAFF PHYSICIAN, NASHVILLE VAMC, PROFESSOR OF BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS, MEDICINE, AND BIOSTATISTICS, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Miller, Kristen [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Georgetown University, School of Medicine, Kensington, MD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Newell, Summer [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2027	Health Science Specialist, Portland VAMC, Portland, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Roberts, Kirk [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	08/01/2024	08/31/2028	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, HOUSTON, HOUSTON, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thorpe, Joshua [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2027	Healthcare Scientist, Pittsburgh VAMC, Associate Professor, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Wong, Susan [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2027	Staff Nephrologist; Core Investigator, VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, WA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Yen, Po-Yin [Healthcare Informatics & Access to Care (HSR3)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2027	Associate Professor, Washington University School of Medicine, Barnes-Jewish College, BLC Healthcare, St. Louis, MO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bovin, Michelle [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2022	08/31/2026	Principal Investigator, Boston VA Healthcare System, Psychologist, Behavioral Sciences Division, National Center for PTSD, Jamaica Plain, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Fletcher, Terri Lynn [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	Clinical Research Psychologist, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Associate Professor, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Geraci, Joseph [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2027	Co-Director, VA Transitioning Service Member/Veteran and Suicide Prevention Center, Bronx VAMC, Bronx, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Gradus, Jamie [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2027	Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, Boston University, Boston, MA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Haas, Gretchen [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2025	09/30/2029	Associate Director, VISN 4 MIRECC, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Associate Professor of Psychiatry & Psychology, Pittsburgh, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hilgeman, Michelle [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2025	09/30/2029	Senior Psychologist Clinician Investigator, Associate Chief of Staff (ACOS) for Research & Development, Tuscaloosa VAMC Research & Development (151) Associate Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Miller, Christopher [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2025	09/30/2029	Investigator and Clinical Psychologist, VA Boston Healthcare System, Associate Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School, Department of Psychiatry, Boston, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Rosen, Craig [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2025	09/30/2029	Director, Dissemination & Training Division, National Center for PTSD, VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University School of Medicine, Menlo Park, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Branch-Elliman, Westyn [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2026	Staff Physician Investigator, Boston VAMC, Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard University, West Roxbury, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Dollar, Katherine [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2026	Executive Director, VA Center for Integrated Healthcare, Syracuse VAMC, Syracuse, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Horstman, Molly [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	03/01/2023	03/31/2026	Staff Physician, Houston VAMC, Assistant Professor, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Miech, Edward [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	CORE Investigator, Indianapolis VAMC, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Moreland-Russell, Sarah [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	08/01/2023	08/31/2027	Associate Professor, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tilley-Smith, Falon [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	03/01/2025	03/31/2029	Research Scientist, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zubikoff, Lisa [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	03/01/2025	03/30/2029	Associate Director for Research, Birmingham/Atlanta GRECC, Associate Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 105

Narrative Description

The Board supports the VA Secretary's priorities and Congressional requirements through ensuring that the recommended research activities support priorities outlined by the Secretary, such as suicide prevention, homelessness, access to care, and well-being of Veterans. Additionally, recommended

research is directly responsive to major national legislative initiatives affecting Veteran care, notably the Maintaining Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION Act), Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, Hannon Act, and other legislative mandates.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

4,637

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a total of proposals and programs funded from FY 2003 through FY 2025.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

90%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The recommendations plus the numerical score and Board members' key summary points provide guidance to the Director of Health Systems Research, the Acting Chief Research and Development Officer (DCRADO) for Investigators, Scientific Review and Management (ISRM), and the Acting Chief Research and Development Officer in making funding decisions.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

5%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Responsiveness to priority solicitations will be considered in funding decisions.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is provided in the minutes distributed to the Board and in communications with members regarding their specific proposal summaries of discussion and summary statements provided to principal investigators. The public can obtain agency feedback by reviewing the Board meeting minutes on the ACMO website (https://www.va.gov/ADVISORY/Health_Services_Research_and_Development_Service_Merit_ as well as the list of awarded projects on the ORD website (https://www.research.va.gov/about/funded_research/projects-FY2025.cfm))

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

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| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

HSR is an intramural research program. Only VA scientists are eligible applicants. The Board members make recommendations of approval or disapproval, and assign a scientific merit score that HSR uses to determine which projects to fund. Research monies are transferred to the appropriate VA stations to support the research that is scientifically meritorious. In 2025, HSR hosted two Board meetings in addition to its Subcommittee scientific review meetings.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

HSR is an intramural research program. Only VA scientists are eligible applicants. Therefore, the Board does not consider grants to outside entities.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

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| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

N/A