

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Veterans Affairs		2024	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board		2020	
4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/19/2022	04/19/2024	
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
38 USC 7303	09/03/2021	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities
0	0	0	0
17d. Total			
0			
Meetings and Dates			
No Meetings			

	Current FY	Next FY
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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Our committee accomplished its purpose by aligning with VA Strategic Goals ensuring the implementation and assessment of impacts of programs and policies especially for underserved, at-risk, or marginalized Veteran populations including but not limited to populations experiencing homelessness, women Veterans, LGBTQ+ Veterans, aging Veterans, those living in rural settings, those with complex chronic physical or mental health conditions, or Veterans with disabilities. Goal 1: VA consistently communicates with its customers and partners to assess and

maximize performance, evaluate needs and build long-term relationships and trust. Recommending research on the MISSION Act that includes evaluations of the quality of comprehensive care within the VA and outside the VA, and work to understand the role of VA specialty care resource hubs. Goal 2: VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care and services to meet the unique needs of Veterans and all eligible beneficiaries. Recommending research that will evaluate a variety of evidence-based interventions to occur in Community Living Centers, in addition to assessing interventions targeted to caregivers. Goal 3: VA builds and maintains trust with Stakeholders through proven stewardship, transparency and accountability. Regularly reporting results of funded research on the VA-HSR&D website, in addition to ensuring and requiring publication of results in a variety of scientific journals and other mediums. Goal 4: VA ensures governance, systems, data and management best practices improve experiences, satisfaction, accountability and security. Recommending more innovative, high-risk, high-impact research that will transform practices rather than incrementally improve them; lead to larger impacts in clinical or population health outcomes or move health services research in new directions. In FY23, HSR&D was also supportive of research that involved the creation of original products or that adopted an existing process or product in a new or unusual way. In 2023, HSR&D hosted two Board meetings in addition to its Subcommittee scientific review meetings. In March 2023, the Board reviewed the scientific evaluation of 134 research applications by Subcommittees and recommended 124 for further consideration. In August 2023, the Board reviewed the scientific evaluation of 149 research

applications by Subcommittees and recommended 136 for further consideration.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The members of the Board are experts (collectively) in the following areas: (1) the health sciences and practices (medicine, nursing, gerontology, clinical psychology, social work); (2) the social sciences (sociology, psychology, economics, etc.); (3) operations research, computer science, informatics, and (4) research methods, biostatistics, epidemiology. Members of the Board are assigned according to their expertise and experience to the following subcommittees: Health Care and Clinical Management; Behavioral, Social and Cultural Determinants of Health and Care; Healthcare Informatics; Mental and Behavioral Health; Health Care System Organization and Delivery; Long-Term Care, Aging and Support Services; Special Emphasis Panel (MISSION Act and Opioids); Mentored Research Awards (Career Development Award and Nursing Research Initiative); and Quality Enhancement Research Initiative.

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

The Board is scheduled to meet twice a year based upon a 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 Services Research and Development

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 Director of Health Services Research and Development and Chief Research and Development Officer regarding the scientific merit of applications related to Board members' areas of expertise. The Board and its subcommittees review proposals 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 Director, Health Services Research and Development Service, 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 Services 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&D costs remained fairly consistent in FY 2023 compared to FY 2022.

Designated Federal Officer

Tiffin Ross-Shepard Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Carlson, Kathleen	03/01/2021	03/01/2025	VA Portland Health Care System, Associate Professor, The Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), Portland, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Degenholtz, Howard	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Professor, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Health Policy & Management, School of Public Health, Pittsburgh, PA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dobscha, Steven	03/01/2020	03/01/2024	HSR&D Center of Innovation, Portland, 3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, R&D 66, Portland, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Funderburk, Jennifer	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Clinical Research Psychologist, Syracuse VA Medical Center, Syracuse, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lowery, Julie	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Research Investigator, Department of Surgery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Martin, Jennifer	09/01/2021	08/01/2025	VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Research Health Scientist, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA, Professor, Los Angeles, CA 91343	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pugh, Mary Jo	08/20/2020	08/20/2024	Research Career Scientist, VA Salt Lake City Research, Professor of Medicine, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ritchwood, Tiarney	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Associate Professor, Social Sciences and Health Policy, Wake Forest University, School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Saha, Somnath	03/01/2021	08/01/2025	Portland VA Medical Center, Staff Physician, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Professor, Portland, OR 97223	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Taveira, Tracey	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Professor Health Policy & Management, University of Rhode Island, Providence, RI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thorpe, Carolyn	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Research Health Scientist, VA Pittsburgh Health Care System, Associate Professor, Division of Pharmaceutical Outcomes & Policy, UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Timko, Christine	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Clinical Professor, Palo Alto VAMC, Psychiatry-Behavioral Science, Stanford University, Menlo, Park, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Ward, Michael	09/01/2021	08/01/2025	Staff Physician, Tennessee Valley VA Healthcare System, Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Department of Emergency Medicine, Nashville, TN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Weaver, Frances	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Research Health Scientist, Hines VA Medical Center, Associate Professor, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ashrafioun, Lisham [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Health Science Specialist, Canandaigua VAMC, Assistant Professor, University of Rochester, Canandaigua, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Baim-Lance, Abigail [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (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
Breland, Jessica [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Research Health Science Specialist, Palo Alto VAMC, Clinical Assistant Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine, Menlo Park, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ozieh, Mukoso [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Staff Physician, Milwaukee VAMC, Assistant Professor, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bushnik, Tamara [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Associate Professor, New York University Langone Medical Center, New York, NY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cimiotti, Jeannie [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	Associate Professor, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University, Atlanta, GA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Hackstadt, Amber [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hysong, Sylvia [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	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	08/01/2027	Research Health Scientist, Louisiana VAMC, Adjunct Associate Professor, General Internal Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Luther, Stephen [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Supervisory Health Science Specialist, Tampa VAMC, Associate Professor, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Miller, Thomas [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Director of Analytics and Research Services, American Society of Anesthesiologists, Schaumburg, IL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Moin, Tannaz [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	CORE Investigator, West Los Angeles VAMC, Associate Professor, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Mor, Maria [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Biostatistician, Pittsburgh VAMC, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Mull, Hillary Jane [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Research Health Scientist, Boston VAMC, Associate Professor, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Radcliff, Tiffany [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Professor and Associate Dean for Research, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Salgado, Teresa [Health Care System Organization and Delivery and Women's Health (HSR5)]	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Andraka-Christou, Barbara [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Berg, Arthur [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2020	03/01/2024	Professor, Pennsylvania State University, College of Medicine, Hershey, PA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brady, Brian [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Associate Professor, Stanford University, Stanford, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ellis, Shellie [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Associate Professor, University of Kansas, School of Medicine, Kansas City, KS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gifford, Allen [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2021	08/01/2024	Director, VA Boston Healthcare System, Professor, Boston University, Bedford, MA 01730	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Goldberg, Debora [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2020	03/01/2024	Associate Professor, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Goodney, Philip [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	Surgeon, White River Junction VAMC, Associate Professor, Dartmouth University, Lebanon, NH	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hudson, Teresa [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2020	03/01/2024	Associate Director, VA Center for Mental Healthcare and Outcomes Research, Professor Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Huhn, Andrew [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Assistant Professor, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jackson, George [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2021	08/01/2025	Research Health Scientist, Durham VAMC, Associate Professor, Duke University, Durham, NC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Keim-Malpass, Jessica [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Associate Professor, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kester, Kent [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	Vice President & Head, Sanofi Pasteur Inc, Swiftwater, PA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kowalkowski, Marc [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2020	08/01/2024	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	08/01/2027	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	08/01/2026	Associate Professor, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, George Washington University, Washington, DC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Massarweh, Nader [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Associate Chief of Staff, Atlanta VAMC, Associate Professor of Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine, Decatur, GA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
McDonald, Scott [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2024	Sci Neuropsychologist, Central Virginia VA Health Care System, Affiliate Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Painter, Jacob	[Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2020	03/01/2024	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
Richman, Joshua	[Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2021	08/01/2025	Investigator, Birmingham VA Health Care System, Associate Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Rosland, Ann-Marie	[Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Investigator, Pittsburgh VAMC, Associate Professor of Medicine, Brown University, Providence, RI	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Weiner, Renda	[Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Associate Director, CHOIR, Bedford VAMC, Professor, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Anders, Shilo	[Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Associate Professor, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blonigen, Daniel	[Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Research Career Scientist, Palo Alto VAMC, Clinical Associate Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine, Menlo Park, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Carey, Evan	[Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	08/01/2021	08/01/2025	Biostatistician, Denver VAMC, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado, Aurora, CO	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Davis, Sharon	[Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Research Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Groeneveld, Peter [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Director, CHERP, Philadelphia VAMC, Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA Senior Research Health Scientist, VA Portland Healthcare System, Professor, College of Public Health and Human Sciences and Center for Genome Research and Biocomputing, Oregon State University, Portland, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hynes, Denise [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2020	03/01/2024	Health Science Specialist, Birmingham VAMC, Associate Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Montgomery, Ann Elizabeth [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Health Science Specialist, Portland VAMC, Portland, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Newell, Summer [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Senior Researcher, Colorado Permanente Medical Group, Assistant Professor, Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine, Pasadena, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Palen, Ted [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Professor of Medical Informatics, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pathak, Jyotishman [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2021	03/01/2025	Healthcare Scientist, Pittsburgh VAMC, Associate Professor, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Thorpe, Joshua [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2027		

Yen, Po-Yin [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	Associate Professor, Washington University School of Medicine, Barnes-Jewish College, BLC Healthcare, St. Louis, MO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bosworth, Hayden [Long-term Care, Aging and Support Services (HSR6)]	08/01/2020	08/01/2024	Deputy Director, Durham COIN, Vice Chair for Education and Professor of Population Health Sciences Duke University, Durham, NC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Black, Anne [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	Research Health Scientist, Connecticut VAMC, Assistant Professor, Yale University, West Haven, CT	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bovin, Michelle [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	Principal Investigator, Boston VA Healthcare System, Psychologist, Behavioral Sciences Division, National Center for PTSD, Jamaica Plain, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Davis, Lori [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2020	08/01/2024	Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development, Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, AL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Finley, Erin [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2020	08/01/2024	Research Health Scientist, South Texas Veterans Health Care System, Associate Professor, University of Texas Health San Antonio, San Antonio, TX	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Fletcher, Terri Lynn [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	Clinical Research Psychologist, Michael E. Deakey VAMC, Associate Professor, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Geraci, Joseph [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2027	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	03/01/2027	Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, Boston University, Boston, MA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rollins, Angela [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2020	08/01/2024	Supervisory Research Health Scientist, Richard L. Roudebush VAMC Associate Research Professor, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Branch-Elliman, Westyn [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2026	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	03/01/2026	Executive Director, VA Center for Integrated Healthcare, Syracuse VAMC, Syracuse, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Gabrielian, Sonya [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2026	Psychiatrist, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Assistant Professor, UCLA Department of Psychiatry, Los Angeles, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Horstman, Molly [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	03/01/2023	03/01/2026	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	08/01/2027	CORE Investigator, Indianapolis VAMC, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Moreland-Russell, Sarah			Associate Professor,	Special
[Quality Enhancement Research	08/01/2023	08/01/2027	Washington	Government
Initiative (HQ8)]			University in St.	Employee
			Louis, St. Louis, MO	(SGE)
				Member
Shea, Christopher			Associate Professor,	
[Quality Enhancement Research	03/01/2023	03/01/2026	Department of Health	Special
Initiative (HQ8)]			Policy and	Government
			Management, The	Employee
			University of North	(SGE)
			Carolina, Chapel Hill,	Member
			Chapel Hill, NC	

Number of Committee Members Listed: 79

Narrative Description

The Board supports the Agency's Strategic Goal #2, which states: VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care and services to meet the unique needs of Veterans and all eligible beneficiaries. More specifically, it supports VA's Health Services Research and Development mission to improve Veteran health by developing, testing, and implementing strategies that improve the organization, delivery, and effectiveness of health care and related services for Veterans. HSR funds studies that examine the organization, financing, management and social factors of health care and their effects on the access, quality, safety, equity, and experience of care delivered to Veterans.

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?

4,495

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a total of proposals and programs funded from FY 2003 through FY 2023.

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 HSR&D and the 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 ACOMO website

(https://www.va.gov/ADVISORY/Health_Services_Research_and_Development_Service_Merit_ as well as the list of awarded projects on the HSR website

(<https://www.hsr.research.va.gov/research/pre-funded.cfm>)

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

Checked if Applies

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&D 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&D 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 2023, HSR&D 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&D 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

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