

# 2022 Current Fiscal Year Report: Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	Department of Veterans Affairs	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	2022
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	2020
<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	No	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	04/19/2022
		<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	04/19/2024
		<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>	
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	No	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	
		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>	
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	Continue	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	No
		<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	Not Applicable
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b>	Agency Authority		
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	38 USC 7303	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	09/03/2021
		<b>14. Committee Type</b>	Continuing
		<b>14c. Presidential?</b>	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b>	Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board		
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
<b>17a. Open Meetings and Dates</b>	0	<b>17b. Closed</b>	20
		<b>17c. Partially Closed</b>	2
		<b>Other Activities</b>	0
		<b>17d. Total</b>	22

Purpose	Start	End
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	To review health services research and development applications involving: the measurement and evaluation of health care services; the testing of new methods of health care delivery and management; and mentored research.	03/10/2022 - 03/10/2022
	To review health services research and development applications involving: the measurement and evaluation of health care services; the testing of new methods of health care delivery and management; and mentored research.	09/01/2022 - 09/01/2022
[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	The Subcommittee on Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2) reviews research on patient preferences, perceptions, and behaviors (including engagement and self-management); personal, sociodemographic, rural health, and cultural factors affecting health and care (patient/population/provider/community); Whole Health; Complementary, alternative or integrative health; rural health, patient decision-making; focused patient-centered health care improvements and innovations; whole health, patient-provider interactions and communication; populations with disparities in health (rural, minorities, LGBTQIA+); and health disparities related to COVID disruption in patients care.	03/01/2022 - 03/02/2022
[Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	The Subcommittee on Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2) reviews research on patient preferences, perceptions, and behaviors (including engagement and self-management); personal, sociodemographic, rural health, and cultural factors affecting health and care (patient/population/provider/community); Whole Health; Complementary, alternative or integrative health; rural health, patient decision-making; focused patient-centered health care improvements and innovations; whole health, patient-provider interactions and communication; populations with disparities in health (rural, minorities, LGBTQIA+); and health disparities related to COVID disruption in patients care.	08/23/2022 - 08/24/2022

The Subcommittee on Health Care System Organization and Delivery, and Women's Health (HSR5) reviews research on (1) learning health systems and (2) women's health. This includes research on: organizational models affecting delivery of care across systems (different care settings or healthcare systems), best practices in implementation of health care interventions and improvements, methods to improve the efficiency and quality of care for Veterans, system efficiency and redesign, cost

03/03/2022 - 03/04/2022

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The Subcommittee on Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1) reviews research on health care and delivery to include medical care; medical/surgical management; provider preferences and behaviors; provider burnout; diagnosis; prognosis; best practices; guidelines; COVID disruption in patient care; opioid use and management; pharmacology; and pharmacotherapeutics.

03/01/2022 - 03/02/2022

[Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	<p>The Subcommittee on Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1) reviews research on health care and delivery to include medical care; medical/surgical management; provider preferences and behaviors; provider burnout; diagnosis; prognosis; best practices; guidelines; COVID disruption in patient care; opioid use and management; pharmacology; and pharmacotherapeutics.</p>	08/23/2022 - 08/24/2022
[Health Services Research Innovation (HSN1)]	<p>The Subcommittee on Health Services Research Innovation (HSN1) reviews projects that are novel, potentially disruptive, and high risk-high impact/reward in designated VA and HSR&amp;D high priority areas</p>	02/28/2022 - 02/28/2022
[Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	<p>The Subcommittee on Healthcare Informatics (HSR3) reviews research in informatics and health information technology (HIT) tools and systems to enhance effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of VHA care, including impact of new information technology on patient experience, clinical analysis of big data to generate new evidence and scientific discovery (MVP data; genomics data, phenotypic data; emerging health data); development, testing and evaluation of novel and innovative digital HIT tools, emerging health data standards, and research methods.</p>	03/02/2022 - 03/02/2022
[Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	<p>The Subcommittee on Healthcare Informatics (HSR3) reviews research in informatics and health information technology (HIT) tools and systems to enhance effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of VHA care, including impact of new information technology on patient experience, clinical analysis of big data to generate new evidence and scientific discovery (MVP data; genomics data, phenotypic data; emerging health data); development, testing and evaluation of novel and innovative digital HIT tools, emerging health data standards, and research methods.</p>	08/24/2022 - 08/25/2022
[Long-term Care, Aging and Support Services (HSR6)]	<p>The Subcommittee on Long-term Care, Aging and Support Services (HSR6) reviews research focused on two broad areas: (1) Rehabilitation and functional outcomes, including activity, mobility, and exercise; (2) Aging and care settings (e.g., home, long-term care, frailty) as well as supportive services, caregiving, palliative, and end-of-life care, and COVID disruption in aging patients' care.</p>	03/04/2022 - 03/04/2022

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[Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)] The Subcommittee on Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4) reviews research on assessment, treatment, and prevention of mental health conditions (such as anxiety, depression, serious mental illness, and PTSD) and behavioral health disorders (such as substance use disorder and addictive disorders); suicide and suicide ideation; mental health - primary care integration (MH-PCI); measurement-based care; access to mental health care; and COVID disruption of mental health care. 03/03/2022 - 03/04/2022

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[Mentored Physician Scientist Award in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (MRA1)] The Subcommittee on Mentored Physician and Clinical Psychologist Award in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (MRA1) is a VA-ORD Career Development Award (CDA), in collaboration with the National Institute on Aging (NIA). 08/22/2022 - 08/22/2022

[Mentored Research (MRA0)] The Subcommittee on Mentored Research (MRA0) reviews research that focuses on health care delivery in clinical and community settings, including nursing and medical care; medical/surgical intervention and management; diagnosis; prognosis; pharmacology and pharmacotherapeutics; utilization and patterns of care; outcomes research. 03/01/2022 - 03/02/2022

[Mentored Research (MRA0)]	<p>The Subcommittee on Mentored Research (MRA0) reviews research that focuses on health care delivery in clinical and community settings, including nursing and medical care; medical/surgical intervention and management; diagnosis; prognosis; pharmacology and pharmaco-therapeutics; utilization and patterns of care; outcomes research.</p>	08/23/2022 - 08/24/2022
[ORD-wide Post-COVID Conditions Collaborative Merit Award (HSR7)]	<p>The Subcommittee on ORD-wide Post-COVID Conditions Collaborative Merit Award (HSR7) reviews research that focuses on pre-planned collaboration across multiple investigators to accelerate our understanding of post-COVID conditions by allowing investigators with different expertise to examine different aspects of a single, high priority problem.</p>	06/27/2022 - 06/28/2022
[Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	<p>The Subcommittee on Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8) reviews research that will improve measurement and reporting for process improvement, provide training and educational resources for local and national evaluation and implementation efforts, and tailor quality improvement strategies to local needs to promote sustainability of evidence-based practices that address cross-cutting healthcare issues: Population Health, Care Coordination, Safety and Quality, Virtual Care/Telehealth, Personalized Care, Care Continuum, Mental Health, Access, and Health Equity.</p>	03/03/2022 - 03/03/2022
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The Subcommittee on Research Career  
 [Research Scientist (HSR7) reviews applications  
 Career that are submitted to the intramural  
 Scientist funding mechanism that provides salary 02/01/2022 - 02/01/2022  
 (HSR7)] support to established non-clinician VA  
 investigators.

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 22**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$19,600.00	\$20,188.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$78,765.21	\$81,128.17
<b>18a(3). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$1,033,241.13	\$1,064,238.36
<b>18a(4). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$24,550.00	\$25,286.50
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$20,560.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$38,516.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$51,690.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$1,810.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

**18d. Total**                    \$1,156,156.34 \$1,303,417.03

**19. Federal Staff**

**Support Years**                    7.15                    8.00  
**(FTE)**

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board advises the Director, Health Services Research and Development Service and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human subjects of Health Services Research and Development proposals. Our committee accomplished its purpose by aligning with VA Strategic Goals in the following manner. Goal 1: Veterans choose VA for easy access, greater choices, and clear information to make informed decisions. 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: Veterans receive timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their well-being and independence throughout their life journey. 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: Veterans trust VA to be consistently accountable and transparent. 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 will modernize systems and focus resources more



efficiently to be competitive and to provide World Class capabilities to Veterans and its employees. 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 FY22, 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 2022, HSR&D hosted two Board meetings in addition to its Subcommittee scientific review meetings. In March 2022, the Board reviewed the scientific evaluation of 161 research applications by Subcommittees and recommended 146 for further consideration. In September 2022, the Board reviewed the scientific evaluation of 201 research applications by Subcommittees and recommended 183 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 2022 compared to FY 2021.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Tiffin Ross-Shepard Designated Federal Officer

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
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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
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
Dosa, David	03/01/2020	03/01/2024	Center of Innovation for Long Term Services and Support, Providence VAMC, Brown University School of Public Health, Providence, RI	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Goncalves Taveira, Tracey	07/20/2018	06/01/2022	Professor of Health Policy and Management, University of Rhode Island and Brown University, VAMC Providence, RI	Regular Government Employee (RGE) 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
McDonough, Christine	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Physical Therapy, Pittsburgh, PA	Special Government Employee (SGE) 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
Resnick, Sandra	08/01/2019	08/01/2023	Deputy Director, NEPEC, Office of Mental Health & Suicide Prevention, West Haven VAMC, Associate Professor, Yale University School of Medicine, West Haven, CT	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	03/01/2020	03/01/2022	Research Health Scientist, Hines VAMC, Professor Public Health, Parkinson School of Health Science & Public Health, Loyola University, Hines, IL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bair, Matthew [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	06/01/2021	06/01/2023	CORE Investigator, Roudebush VA Medical Center, Associate Professor, Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Berkowitz, Seth [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	08/01/2021	08/01/2023	Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bridges, John [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	03/01/2018	03/01/2022	Associate Chair of Faculty Affairs and Professor, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, OH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Butler, Jorie [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	06/01/2019	06/01/2023	Assistant Professor Department of Internal Medicine, University of Utah, George E. Wahlen Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, VA Salt Lake City Healthcare System, GRECC 182, 500 Foothill Drive, Salt Lake City, UT	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Byrne, Margaret [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	08/01/2019	08/01/2023	Associate Member, Division of Population Science, Health Outcomes & Behavior Program, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Tampa, FL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Henry, Stephen [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	03/01/2018	03/01/2022	Associate Professor, Internal Medicine, University of California Davis, Sacramento, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Hung, William [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	06/01/2019	06/01/2023	Physician, James J. Peters VAMC, Associate Professor, Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Bronx, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Magruder, Kathryn [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	06/01/2019	06/01/2023	Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Saha, Somnath [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	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
Santa Ana, Elizabeth [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	08/01/2021	08/01/2023	COIN Associate Director, Ralph H, Johnson VA Medical Center, Associate Professor, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Simon, Melissa [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	08/01/2021	08/01/2023	Professor, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tuepker, Anais [Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health (HSR2)]	08/01/2018	08/01/2022	Health Science Specialist, VA Portland Health Care System, Assistant Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Aslakson, Rebecca [Health Care System Organization and Delivery (HSR5)]	06/01/2018	06/01/2022	Associate Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bravata, Dawn [Health Care System Organization and Delivery (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Physician, Indianapolis VAMC, Professor of Medicine, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bushnik, Tamara [Health Care System Organization and Delivery (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 (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 (HSR5)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Luther, Stephen [Health Care System Organization and Delivery (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
Matthieu, Monica [Health Care System Organization and Delivery (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Research Social Work Program Manager, Little Rock VAMC, Associate Professor, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Miller, Thomas [Health Care System Organization and Delivery (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Director of Analytics and Research Services, American Society of Anesthesiologists, Schaumburg, IL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member



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Moin, Tannaz			Investigator, West Los Angeles	Regular
[Health Care System Organization and Delivery (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	VAMC, Associate Professor, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Mor, Maria			Biostatistician, Pittsburgh VAMC,	Regular
[Health Care System Organization and Delivery (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Mull, Hillary Jane			Research Health Scientist, Boston	Regular
[Health Care System Organization and Delivery (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	VAMC, Associate Professor, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Radcliff, Tiffany			Professor and Associate Dean for Research,	Special Government
[Health Care System Organization and Delivery (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Texas A&M University, College Station, TX	Employee (SGE) Member
Shih, Ya-Chen Tina			Professor and Section Chief of Cancer	Special Government
[Health Care System Organization and Delivery (HSR5)]	06/01/2018	06/01/2022	Economics & Policy, University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX	Employee (SGE) Member
Yoon, Jean			Health Economist, Investigator, Palo Alto VAMC,	Regular Government
[Health Care System Organization and Delivery (HSR5)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Adjunct Associate Professor, University of California, San Francisco, Menlo Park, CA	Employee (RGE) Member
Andraka-Christou, Barbara			Assistant Professor,	Special Government
[Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	Employee (SGE) 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
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
Lentz, Trevor [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Assistant Professor, Duke University, Durham, NC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lovejoy, Travis [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2020	08/01/2024	Clinical Director, VA Office of Rural Health Veterans Rural Health Resource Center, Core Investigator, VA Portland Health Care System Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care, Portland, OR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) 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

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 Investigator, Birmingham VA Health Care System, Associate Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Richman, Joshua [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	08/01/2021	08/01/2025	Associate Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL Associate Professor of Surgery and Population Health, Director Surgical Center for Outcomes Research, Duke University, Chapel Hill, NC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Scales, Charles [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2020	03/01/2024	Associate Chair, Research, Einstein Healthcare Network, Philadelphia, PA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Verma, Manisha [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Director, CHOIR, Bedford VAMC, Professor, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA Bistatistician, Denver VAMC,	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Weiner, Renda [Health Care and Clinical Management (HSR1)]	03/01/2022	03/01/2026	Assistant Professor, University of Colorado, Aurora, CO	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Carey, Evan [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	08/01/2021	08/01/2025		

Garrido, Melissa [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	08/01/2019 08/01/2023	Associate Director, Partnered Evidence-based Policy Resource Center, & Research Health Science Specialist Boston VA Healthcare System, Professor, Department of Health Law, Policy & Management, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA Physician, Tennessee Valley VA Healthcare System, Associate Professor, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN Supervisory Statistician, VA Salt Lake City Healthcare System, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT Clinical Research Scientist, GRECC, Nashville VAMC, Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Biostatistics, and Medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hung, Adriana [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	06/01/2019 06/01/2023	Associate Professor, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN Supervisory Statistician, VA Salt Lake City Healthcare System, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT Clinical Research Scientist, GRECC, Nashville VAMC, Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Biostatistics, and Medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Leecaster, Molly [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	06/01/2019 06/01/2023	Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT Clinical Research Scientist, GRECC, Nashville VAMC, Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Biostatistics, and Medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Matheny, Michael [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	08/01/2021 08/01/2023	Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Biostatistics, and Medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Ney, John [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	06/01/2020	06/01/2022	Staff Neurologist, Bedford VAMC, Assistant Professor, Boston University School of Medicine, Bedford, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pathak, Jyotishman [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2021	03/01/2025	Professor of Medical Informatics, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Roberts, Kirk [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2021	03/01/2023	Assistant Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schapira, Marilyn [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	03/01/2021	03/01/2023	Staff Physician, CHERP Investigator, Philadelphia VAMC, Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Smith, Bridget [Healthcare Informatics (HSR3)]	08/01/2018	08/01/2022	Health Research Scientist, Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital Research Associate Professor, Northwestern University, Hines, IL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) 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
Leykum, Luci [Long-term Care, Aging and Support Services (HSR6)]	06/01/2021	06/01/2023	Center Lead, Elizabeth Dole COE, San Antonio VAMC, Professor of Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Maynard, Charles [Long-term Care, Aging and Support Services (HSR6)]	08/01/2019	08/01/2023	Research Health Scientist Specialist, VA Puget Sound, Research Professor Emeritus, University of Washington, Seattle, WA CliCORE Research Investigator, Iowa City VA Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Turvey, Carolyn [Long-term Care, Aging and Support Services (HSR6)]	08/01/2018	08/01/2022	Research Health Scientist, Connecticut VAMC, Assistant Professor, Yale University, West Haven, CT Principal Investigator, Boston VA Healthcare System, Psychologist, Behavioral Sciences Division, National Center for PTSD, Jamaica Plain, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Black, Anne [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	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
Bovin, Michelle [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026	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 Clinical Research Psychologist, Michael E. Debaakey VAMC, Associate Professor, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX Associate Professor, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD Senior Scientific Investigator, Kaiser Permanente, Washington Health Research Institute, University of Washington, School of Public Health, Seattle, WA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member  Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member  Special Government Employee (SGE) Member  Special Government Employee (SGE) Member  Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fletcher, Terri Lynn [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	08/01/2022	08/01/2026		
McIntosh, Scott [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	06/01/2019	06/01/2023		
Peirce, Jessica [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	06/01/2019	06/01/2023		
Penfold, Robert [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	06/01/2021	06/01/2023		



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
Schumm, Jeremiah [Mental and Behavioral Health (HSR4)]	06/01/2019	06/01/2023	Associate Professor, Wright State University, Dayton, OH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rubin, Michael [Mentored Research (MRA0)]	08/01/2018	08/01/2022	Chief, Epidemiology Section, Salt Lake City VA Medical Center, Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT Research Career Scientist, Center for Innovation to Implementation, VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Sox-Harris, Alex [Mentored Research (MRA0)]	08/01/2021	08/01/2023	Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Hynes, Denise [ORD-wide Post-COVID Conditions Collaborative Merit Award (HSR7)]	03/01/2020	03/01/2024	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 Research Scientist, Roudebush VA Medical Center, Senior Research Professor of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Damush, Teresa [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	08/01/2019	08/01/2023	Clinical Research Psychologist, Syracuse VA Medical Center, Syracuse, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Funderburk, Jennifer [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	08/01/2019	08/01/2023	Staff Physician, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ganz, David [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	08/01/2019	08/01/2023	Assistant Investigator, Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute, Seattle, WA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Glass, Joseph [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HQ8)]	06/01/2019	06/01/2023		

Linsky, Amy	08/01/2019	08/01/2023	Physician, VA Boston Healthcare System, Assistant Professor, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA COIN Investigator, VA CHIRP Pittsburgh, Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member        Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Suda, Katie	08/01/2019	08/01/2023	Physician, VA Boston Healthcare System, Assistant Professor, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA COIN Investigator, VA CHIRP Pittsburgh, Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 89**

**Narrative Description**

The Board supports the Agency's Strategic Goal #4, which states: VA will modernize systems and focus resources more efficiently to be competitive and to provide World Class capabilities to Veterans and its employees. More specifically, it supports VA's Health Services Research and Development goal, which is to identify and evaluate innovative strategies that lead to accessible, high quality, cost effective health care for all Veterans.

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

Checked if  
Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

N/A

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

N/A

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

4,437

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

This is a total of proposals and programs funded from FY 2003 through FY 2022.

**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.

**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 2022, 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
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**

N/A