

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

### 2. Fiscal Year

2024

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory  
Committee

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

64

### 4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

05/27/2022

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

05/27/2024

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency

### Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b.

### Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

38 U.S.C. 7315

### 13. Effective Date

08/20/1980

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program  
Advisory Board

### 16a. Total

### Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

### 17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

### Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next

FY

FY

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

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

Two face to face meetings were held. Both meetings were advertised in the Federal Register and open to the public with a WebEX link. Topics presented included the GEC Strategic Plan, recruitment and retention by the Office of Workforce Management Consulting and updates on the Electronic Health Record. Five GRECC Subcommittee/GEC site visits were conducted in FY23 at Baltimore, Ann Arbor, Nashville, Denver, and Bronx (NYC). VA Strategic Goals: Goal 1: Veterans choose VHA as their health care provider and coordinator, built on trusted, long-term relationships, Goal 2: VHA delivers high-quality, accessible and integrated health care, Goal 3: VHA maximizes performance

through shared ownership and is on the forefront of innovation, Goal 4: VHA optimizes assets across the enterprise 2022–2025 VHA Long–Range Plan Framework.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Committee is composed of non-federal members represented by leading medical and allied health experts in the fields of geriatric medicine, psychology, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, health care administration, and education from the non-Federal public and private sectors. Representatives of stakeholder groups (e.g., Veterans services organizations) have membership on the Committee as well. Efforts are made to ensure that membership has suitable diversity through balanced representation by discipline, academic/non-academic status and self reported gender, ethnicity. Occupants of key positions in government agencies that are concerned with aging and health resources serve as ex-officio members.

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

The Committee generally meets twice a year and has substantive discussions with VA officials concerning development of VA physician and other health professional geriatric leadership, geriatric/gerontological research and geriatric fellowships; reviews proposed legislation and existing and proposed VA- and non-VA programs impacting VA's geriatric and long term care services; and reviews GRECC performance measures.

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

The Committee represents a unique blend of non-VA academic, clinical, health policy, and research expertise combined with legislatively astute stakeholder/customer perspectives that would not be available through any other means. External review of VA geriatric programs by non-VA experts provides objectivity and broadens VA perspectives.

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

The meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

**Designated Federal Officer**

Marianne Shaughnessy Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baker, Tamara	08/26/2021	09/01/2025	Psychologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cohen, Harvey	09/01/2016	09/01/2025	Geriatrician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Epps, Fayron	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	Nurse	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gerhard, Lori	09/01/2016		Director, Office of Interagency Innovation at U.S. Administration for Community Living	Ex Officio Member
Gifford, David	09/01/2016	09/01/2025	Geriatrician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Lee, Jeannie	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	Pharmacist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Morano, Carmen	08/26/2021	09/01/2025	Social Work	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ouslander, Joseph	09/01/2017	09/30/2025	Physician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stanik-Hutt, Julieann	09/01/2020	09/01/2024	Nurse	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thorpe, Roland	08/26/2021	09/01/2025	Gerontologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 10**

### Narrative Description

The Committee supports the agency's mission by monitoring (through Performance Measures and site visits) the activity of the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (GRECCs); by regularly reviewing the GRECCs on-site to ensure the quality of their activities and/or develop recommendations intended to restore quality; and by keeping the Under Secretary for Health and the Secretary informed of new developments in geriatrics and gerontology of which the Veterans Health Administration should be aware.

### 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

☒  
☐  
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

As a result of its oversight of GRECCs, the Committee plays a key role in fostering advances in scientific research [GRECCs have published thousands of articles in the scientific literature] and in improved delivery of service [one of the three missions of GRECCs is to develop and disseminate clinical innovations in care of the elderly].

### 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

NA

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

70

### Number of Recommendations Comments

There are a total of 70 recommendations for FY 2003 through Spring FY 2023.

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

62%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

NA

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

34%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

NA

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The Committee usually meets twice annually and is usually addressed by the Under Secretary for Health or his representative. Feedback is always a key component of the presentation.

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

Not Applicable

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A