

## 2005 Current Fiscal Year Report: Chiropractic Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

### 2. Fiscal Year

2005

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Chiropractic Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

13812

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

12/02/2003

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

Date

12/31/2004

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

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 107-135, Section 204

### 8c. Actual Term Date

12/31/2004

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Yes

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 107-135

### 13. Effective Date

01/23/2002

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports 1

### 16b. Report Date

10/27/2004

### Report Title

Final Report

### Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

### Meetings and Dates

#### Purpose

Received an update on the status of implementing VA's chiropractic care program and a briefing on VA's research programs. The Committee also completed its final report.

#### Start

#### End

10/19/2004 - 10/20/2004

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$28,500.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$11,540.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$1,150.00	\$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

<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$200.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$45,390.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.50	0.00

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

The Committee provides direct assistance and advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the development and implementation of the chiropractic health program. Matters on which the Committee assist and advise the Secretary include: protocols governing referrals to chiropractors; protocols governing direct access to chiropractic care; protocols governing scope of practice of chiropractic practitioners; definitions of services to be provided; and such other matters as the Secretary determines to be appropriate. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs established a discretionary advisory committee to assist the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in implementing the recommendations of the Chiropractic Advisory Committee. The Chiropractic Advisory Committee held its final meeting and submitted its final report to the Secretary.

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

Geographic, ethnic, gender representations, as well as a spectrum of professional and veterans advocacy representation, are attributes highly valued within the Committee and pertinent to the group's deliberations. Public Law 107-135 states Membership will shall include members of the chiropractic care profession and such other members as the Secretary considers appropriate.

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

The Committee met once in Fy 2005 before termination.

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

The Committee is providing advice to the Secretary regarding the development and implementation of a chiropractic care program within Veterans Health Administration. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee is providing a cross section of views and expertise which is not currently available within VA.

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

Meetings were open to the public.

**21. Remarks**



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Special  
Government  
Employee  
(SGE)  
Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 11**

**Narrative Description**

The Committee supports the mission of Veterans Health Administration: to restore the capabilities of veterans with disabilities to the greatest extent possible and improve the quality of their lives and that of their families. The Chiropractic Advisory Committee has assisted in planning for a new treatment modality within VA healthcare facilities.

**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**

NA

**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**

NA

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

0

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

Committee had completed its major recommendations in FY 2004 with submission on the last set of recommendations in July. The Committee had one final meeting in this FY to complete their Final Report which did not contain any recommendations. The Committee expired 12/31/2004.

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

0%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

No recommendations submitted in the 3 months prior to the Committee's statutory expiration on 12/31/2004. See previous question.

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

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

see above

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

Yes  No  Not Applicable

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

Specific responses to each recommendation that report on planned actions/ Committee received reports as planned actions were implemented.

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

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

**Action Comments**

Issued policies; hired or contracted to provide chiropractic care at VA facilities; provided staff and patient education on new program.

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

**Access Comments**

Handouts at meeting.