

2000 Current Fiscal Year Report: Gulf War Expert Scientific Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

2. Fiscal Year

2000

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Gulf War Expert Scientific Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

1778

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/10/1997

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/10/1999

7. Expected Term Date

12/16/1999

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Secretary Decision

8c. Actual Term Date

11/10/1999

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

AGENCY, by direction of
Sec. for VA.

13. Effective Date

10/26/1993

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 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?

There were no activities to report. The charter was not renewed for this Committee. The Committee was replaced with the newly formed Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses. Continuation of the existing Gulf War Expert Scientific Advisory Committee would result in duplication of effort. The Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses is required under section 104 of Public Law 105-368. This Committee will provide advice to the Persian Gulf Veterans' Coordinating Board's Research Working Group on issues such as proposed

research studies, research plans or research strategies relating to health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater or operations during the Persian Gulf War.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The diversification of the Committee's membership included: Veterans Service Organizations' representatives, physicians from different medical school systems, together with VA physicians, members with other doctoral degrees and members of other federal organizations. Additionally, the membership provided geographic, gender and ethnic diversity, veteran status, period of service and branch of service.

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

The Committee was scheduled to meet once per quarter or otherwise as needed, as determined by the Chief Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer.

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

Advice and recommendations were received from a variety of sources on a variety of topics all related to the Gulf War experience. The Committee was required to review these diverse views and variety of data to finally recommend a reasonable strategy for the Department in clinical care, educational and research programs that involves the Gulf War experience. Further, the Committee membership had specific knowledge and expertise on the details of issues discussed. Hence, additional training and discussions were not needed to obtain relevant and useful advice, as would be the case if information was obtained

on an ad hoc basis.

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

All meetings were open to the press and public except for the times when individual medical records of specific patients and identifiable patient medical histories were discussed.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Robert E. Allen DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Allen, Robert	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Department of Veterans Affairs	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Barrett, Drue	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bingham, Eula	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	University of Cincinnati	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Freedman, David	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	University of Alabama Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Friedman,, Matthew	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Professor of Psychiatry and Pharmacology, Dartmouth Medical School (Subcommittee Member) Johns	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gordis, Leon	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	University School of Hygiene/Physical Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Hartman, Edward	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Disabled American Veterans	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Heeren, Timothy	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	(Subcommittee Member) Boston University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hirst, Richard	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Veterans of Foreign Wars	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Holloway, Harry	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kipen, Howard	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Robert Wood Johnson Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Melius, James	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	(Subcommittee Member) State of New York Department of Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Claudia	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	University of Texas Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
O'Donnell, F.	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Department of Defense	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Parker, John	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Department of Defense	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Puglisi, Matthew	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	The American Legion	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stolley, Paul	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	University of Maryland Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Walker, 10/01/1999 09/30/2000 Howard University
Bailus

Special
Government
Employee
(SGE)
Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

Narrative Description

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

Checked if
Applies

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

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input 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

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Cost Savings Comments

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

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

%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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

%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities

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Reallocated resources

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Issued new regulation

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?
No

Grant Review Comments

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

Checked if Applies

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

Access Comments