Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses (RAC-GWVI)
Department of Veterans Affairs

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport, Cypress Room A
1333 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame CA  94010
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AGENDA
Thursday, October 3, 2019

9:00–9:15 Welcome, Overview and Introductions
Dr. Lawrence Steinman, Chair
Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans’ Illnesses

9:15–9:30 Federal Advisory Committee Training
Dr. LaTonya Small, Program Specialist
VA Advisory Committee Management Office

9:30–10:00 VA Updates on RAC-GWVI and GW Program Recommendations
Dr. Karen Block, Director, Gulf War Research
VA Office of Research and Development

10:00–10:45 GWI and Infectious Disease
Dr. Peter Rumm
VA Pre-9/11 Era Environmental Health Program

10:45–11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed (AVA): Safety
Dr. Katherine Hendricks
Medical Officer, Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00–1:45 Birth Defects among Children of Gulf War Veterans
Dr. Melvin Blanchard
Washington Univ School of Medicine, St Louis

1:45–2:30 Millennium Cohort Study
Dr. Ben Porter
Leidos, Inc.; Naval Health Research Center

2:30–2:45 Break

2:45–3:30 VA Biorepository Brain Bank: Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses Biorepository
Dr. Christopher Brady
VA Boston Healthcare System
Boston University School of Medicine
Dr. Ian Robey
Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System
University of Arizona

3:30–4:00 Committee Discussion
Dr. Lawrence Steinman, Chair
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4:30–5:00 Public Comment

5:00 Adjourn
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AGENDA
Friday, October 4, 2019

8:30–8:45  Introductory Remarks  Dr. Lawrence Steinman, Chair
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8:45–9:15  Preclinical Evaluation of Nicotinamide Riboside as a Gulf War Illness Treatment  Dr. Laila Abdullah
           Research Scientist III, Roskamp Institute

9:15–9:45  Effects of Low-level Sarin Exposure on Brain Structure and Function; and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia in Gulf War Veterans.  Dr. Linda Chao
           Professor of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging, and Psychiatry, University of California, San Francisco Research Biologist, VA San Francisco

9:45–10:00  Break

10:00–10:30  Improving Healthcare in Gulf War Veterans  Dr. Lisa McAndrew
              Research Scientist/Clinical Health Psychologist
              NJ War Related Illness and Injury Center

10:30-11:00  Improving Functions in MTBI Patients with Headache by rTMS  Dr. Albert Y Leung
              Professor of Anesthesiology, VAMC San Diego

11:00-11:30  Committee Discussion and Recommendations  Dr. Lawrence Steinman, Chair
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11:30-12:00  Public Comment

12:00n  Adjourn