

of VA services as well as customer expectations and desires. Each collection of information will consist of the minimum amount of information necessary to determine customer needs and to evaluate VHA's performance.

The areas of concern to VHA and its customer may change over time, and it is important to have the ability to evaluate customer concerns quickly. Participation in the surveys will be voluntary and the generic clearance will not be used to collect information required to obtain or maintain eligibility for a VA program or benefit. The results of these information collections lead to improvements in the quality of VHA service delivery by helping to shape the direction and focus of specific programs and services.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on February 19, 2003 at pages 8083–8084.

Estimated Annual Burden: 207,287 hours.

a. Prosthetics Care and Service, VA Form 10–0142b—7,200.

b. Experiences of Patients Recently Discharged Inpatient, VA Form 10–1465–1—35,000.

c. Experiences of Patients Ambulatory Care, VA Form 10–1465–3—160,500.

d. Nutritional and Food Service, VA Form 10–5387—4,587.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 23 minutes.

a. Prosthetics Care and Service, VA Form 10–0142b—24 minutes.

b. Experiences of Patients Recently Discharged Inpatient, VA Form 10–1465–1—30 minutes.

c. Experiences of Patients Ambulatory Care, VA Form 10–1465–3—30 minutes.

d. Nutritional and Food Service, VA Form 10–5387—2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 546,600.

a. Prosthetics Care and Service, VA Form 10–0142b—18,000.

b. Experiences of Patients Recently Discharged Inpatient, VA Form 10–1465–1—70,000.

c. Experiences of Patients Ambulatory Care, VA Form 10–1465–3—321,000.

d. Nutritional and Food Service, VA Form 10–5387—137,600.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Martin L. Hill,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will be held from Tuesday, May 13, 2003, through Thursday, May 15, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day, at the Courtyard Marriott, 1725 West Filmore Avenue, Harlingen, Texas.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on the administration of VA benefits and services to minority veterans, to assess the needs of minority veterans and to evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On May 12, the Committee will hold panel discussions with key staff members from VA Heart of Texas Health Care Network (VISN 17), San Antonio VA Medical Center and Houston Regional Office on services and benefits delivery challenges and concerns for the south Texas veterans. During the afternoon, the Committee will hold panel discussions with various Veteran Service Organizations and Congressman Solomon Ortiz's staff on their concerns and observations of south Texas veterans' needs.

On May 13, the Committee will hold town hall meetings with veterans from the south Texas area in Brownsville as well as tour the Brownsville Community Based Outpatient Clinic. Committee members will also tour the McAllen Community Based Outpatient Clinic.

On May 14, the Committee will tour the University of Harlingen Medical Center and receive a briefing on the medical center's capabilities. In the afternoon, the Committee will begin drafting the 2003 annual report documenting their findings during the current trip.

These sessions will be open to the public. The Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues outlined in the meeting agenda, as well as other issues affecting

minority veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (00M), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

For additional information about the meeting, you may call Ms. Elizabeth Olmo at (202) 273–6708.

Dated: April 18, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Enhanced-Use Lease Development of Property at the Department of Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System, Fort Howard, MD

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of intent to designate.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is designating the Department of Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System, Fort Howard, Maryland, for an enhanced-use lease development. The Department intends to enter a 75-year lease of 94.6 acres of real property with a competitively selected lessee/developer who will finance, design, develop, maintain and manage facilities, including some or all of the components of a continuing care retirement community, all at no cost to VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jake Gallun, Office of Asset Enterprise Management (004B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–8862.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 38 U.S.C. section 8161 *et seq.* specifically provides that the Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease if he determines that at least part of the use of the property under the lease will be to provide appropriate space for an activity contributing to the mission of the Department; the lease will not be inconsistent with and will not adversely affect the mission of the Department; and the lease will enhance the property or result in improved services to veterans. This project meets these requirements.