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From Executive in Charge, Office of the Under Secretary for Health (10)

Subj Delegations of Appointment Authority Renewal for Four Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Research Review Advisory Committees – VIEWS 00179732

To Secretary (00)

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend renewal of the delegations of appointment authority to the Executive in Charge, Office of the Under Secretary for Health for the appointment of members to four existing research review advisory committees. The four committees, all of which provide expert assistance in reviewing individual research proposals, are as follows:

- a. Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee;
- b. Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board;
- c. Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; and
- d. Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board.

2. The prior delegations of appointment authority will expire on May 24, 2019. The recommended delegations of authority are for the appointment of members only, and the authority cannot be redelegated by the Executive in Charge. In accordance with VA Directive 0000, Delegations of Authority, the delegations expire after 2 years.


3. The four research review advisory committees are discretionary committees established by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). These committees review intramural scientific research proposals and make recommendations to VA on their funding and administration. The members of the committees possess highly specialized scientific and medical expertise related to the research proposals they review on behalf of their respective committees.

4. The delegations of appointment authority would ease the burden of administering these committees by allowing the Executive in Charge to directly appoint and replace members as the committees' business dictates. This renewal would significantly enhance the committees' efficiency, given that there are 300+ total members on these four committees. This recommendation is strongly supported by those who directly manage these committees, as well as VHA's senior leadership.

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5. I recommend that you sign the attached delegations of appointment authority.

  
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Attachments

Approved/Disapproved

  
Robert L. Wilkie

6/10/17  
Date