Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses March 1-2nd, 2010

Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, Room 230, Washington, DC

Agenda Monday, March 1, 2010

8:00 – 8:30	Informal gathering, coffee	
8:30 – 8:35	Welcome, introductory remarks	Mr. Jim Binns, Chairman Res Adv Cmte Gulf War Illnesses
8:35 – 9:30	GliaThe other brain	Dr. Douglas Fields National Institutes of Health (NIH)
9:30 – 10:30	Chronic pain and glia	Dr. Linda Watkins University of Colorado
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:30	Microtubules and neurodegeneration	Dr. Peter Baas Drexel University
11:30 – 12:00	XMRV virus, chronic fatigue and Gulf War illness	Dr. Nancy Klimas Miami VAMC
12:00 – 12:30	Planned survey of the health situation of Norwegian Gulf War veterans	Dr. Vidar Lehmann & Dr. Bjorn Knudtzen Norwegian Armed Forces Medical Services
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 - 2:15	UTSW neuroimaging studies update	Dr. Robert Haley University of Texas Southwestern VA Dallas Healthcare System
2:15 – 3:00	Long-term health effects from sarin exposure	Dr. Mariana Morris Wright State University
3:00 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 -4:30	Committee discussion: 2009 annual report	Dr. Roberta White and Committee discussion
4:30 – 5:00	Public comment	

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Agenda Tuesday, March 2, 2010

8:00 – 8:30	Informal gathering, coffee		
8:30 – 9:15	War-Related Illness and Injury Centers (WRIISC) research program update	Dr. Gudrun Lange DVA NJ Healthcare System	
9:15 – 10:00	Gulf War Veterans Information System (GWVIS) report and tracking update	Ms. Lois Mittelstaedt Chief of Staff, VBA Office of the Under Secretary for Benefits	
10:00 – 11:00	VA Gulf War Task Force	Mr. John Gingrich Chief of Staff Dept. of Veterans Affairs	
11:00 – 11:15 Break			
11:15 -11:45	Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans: Final Report recommendations	Mr. Steve Smithson Res. Adv. Cmte Gulf War Illnesses	
11:45 – 12:45	New VA Gulf War Research Program	Dr. Joel Kupersmith Chief Research and Development Officer Dr. William Goldberg Scientific Program Manager GW research Dept. of Veterans Affairs	
12:45- 1:15	Public Comment		

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