

## MEETING LIST

Scientific Merit Review Board Rehabilitation Research and Development Service  
Office of Research & Development August 21, 2024

### **CHAIRPERSON:**

Silvia U. Raschke, Ph.D.  
Principal Investigator  
Centre for Rehabilitation Engineering and  
Technology  
that Enables (CREATE)  
Project Leader, British Columbia Institute of  
Technology  
Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada  
*Subcommittee on Rehabilitation  
Engineering & Prosthetics/Orthotics (RRD5)*

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis J. Bourbeau, Ph.D.  
Research Investigator  
Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Physical Medicine  
and Rehabilitation  
Case Western Reserve University  
School of Medicine  
Cleveland Heights, OH  
*Subcommittee on Spinal Cord  
Injury/Disorders and Neuropathic Pain  
(RRDA)*

William Todd Cade, Ph.D., MSPT  
Professor and Division Chief  
Doctor of Physical Therapy Division  
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery  
Duke University School of Medicine  
Durham, NC  
*Subcommittee on Musculoskeletal Health &  
Function (RRD2)*

Brian T. David, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Neurosurgery  
The Graduate College  
Rush University Medical Center  
Chicago, IL  
*Subcommittee on Regenerative  
Rehabilitation (RRD0)*

Megan M. Kelly, Ph.D.  
Co-Director and Site Director  
VISN1 Mental Illness Research, Education  
and Clinical Center  
Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial  
Veterans Hospital  
Professor of Psychiatry  
Un of Massachusetts Chan Medical School  
Bedford, MA  
*Subcommittee on Behavioral Health &  
Social Reintegration (RRD4)*

Donald W. Marion, M.D.  
Senior Traumatic Brain Consultant  
Traumatic Brain Injury Center of Excellence  
Defense Health Agency  
Silver Spring, MD  
*Subcommittee on Brain Health & Injury  
(RRD1)*

Bonnie J. Martin-Harris, Ph.D., CC-SLP  
Research Career Scientist  
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center  
Alice Gabrielle Twight Professor  
Associate Dean of Research  
Department of Communication Sciences  
and Disorders  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, IL  
*Subcommittee on Sensory Systems &  
Communication Disorders (RRD3)*

Sydney Yoshie Schaefer, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor  
Neural Engineering and  
Neurorehabilitation  
School of Biological and  
Health Systems Engineering  
Arizona State University  
Tempe, AZ  
*Subcommittee on Career Development  
Program (RRD8/RRD9)*

Mark A. Supiano, M.D.  
Chief, Division of Geriatrics  
Executive Director, Center on Aging  
University of Utah School of Medicine  
Salt Lake City, UT  
*Subcommittee on Chronic Medical  
Conditions & Aging (RRD6)*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS:**

None.

**RR&D STAFF PRESENT:**

Kristy Benton-Grover, Designated  
Federal Officer  
Patricia A. Dorn, Ph.D., Director  
Peter C. Hunt, Ph.D., Scientific Program  
Manager, Behavioral Health &  
Social Reintegration  
Lina R. Kubli, Ph.D., Scientific Program  
Manager, Sensory Systems &  
Communication Disorders

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES OF THE SUMMER 2024 MEETING OF THE  
REHABILITATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
SERVICE SCIENTIFIC MERIT REVIEW BOARD**

**PARTIALLY CLOSED MEETING**

The meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (RR&D) Scientific Merit Review Board was convened via Webex on August 21, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. EST. Dr. Silvia U. Raschke, Ph.D., presided as Chair.

This meeting was partially closed to the public for the discussion and reference to the scientific evaluation of research applications by subcommittees between April 2, 2024 and August 13, 2024. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the meeting was in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Ms. Kristy Benton-Grover, Designated Federal Officer, conducted roll call and reaffirmed policies regarding the confidentiality of meeting materials, committee discussions and recommendations.

**Open Session:**

Dr. Patricia A. Dorn, Director of RR&D, welcomed all participants, expressed appreciation for the time and effort that each member has spent on the scientific review effort, gave a brief presentation of the RR&D Program and emphasized RR&D's on-going efforts to support highly meritorious research to advance scientific knowledge and foster innovations to maximize Veterans' functional independence, quality of life and participation in their lives and community. Dr. Dorn expressed a special thanks to those members whose terms of appointment will end in November 2024.

**Closed Session:**

Subcommittee Chairs presented the results and subsequent recommendations of their respective subcommittee meeting. Dr. Raschke, Chair, provided the subcommittee report when the Subcommittee Chair was not present. The Chair asked each member to vote on the recommendations of the subcommittees to advance all scored applications forward to the agency for further consideration.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed by Dr. Raschke

V – 1 That the recommendations of the subcommittees to advance all scored applications to the agency for further consideration be approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 P.M. EST.

The next meeting of the RR&D Scientific Merit Review Board will be scheduled for March 5, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. Eastern.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

/s/ Silvia U. Raschke, Ph.D.  
Chairperson  
Date: August 21, 2024

/s/ Kristy Benton-Grover  
Designated Federal Officer  
Date: August 21, 2024