

2022 Current Fiscal Year Report: Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

2. Fiscal Year

2022

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Genomic Medicine Program Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

29107

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/23/2020 03/23/2022

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

agency decision
document

8c. Actual Term Date

03/24/2022

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

38 USC 527

13. Effective Date

02/23/2006

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.30	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

VA Strategic Goal 1: Veterans choose VA for easy access, greater choices, and clear information to make informed decisions •Committee Goal 1: Recommend best practices for keeping track of genetic testing data of VHA patients for clinical and research purposes. Best practices could increase the efficiency of genetic testing within the VA by eliminating multiple test orders, increasing the likelihood that the information is easily located and utilized to make treatment decisions, and making data more readily available for VA scientists. VA Strategic Goal 2: Veterans receive

timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their well-being and independence throughout their life journey— •Committee Goal 1: Recommend best practices for keeping track of genetic testing data of VHA patients for clinical and research purposes. Best practices could increase genetic testing efficacy and better inform veterans' health care decisions, especially those with cancer. VA Strategic Goal 3: Veterans trust VA to be consistently accountable and transparent •Committee Goal 1: Evaluate the current state of genetic testing and counseling within the VA and identify areas of focus or needs for program expansion. Particularly as it relates to the return of research results and Precision Oncology. The committee would like to make sure that useful genetics information is implemented into health care decision making for all Veterans. To do this, the committee and associated subcommittee we must assess the current state of those services within the VHA and make recommendations for improvement. Committee Goal 2: Recommend specific tasks and priorities for implementing precision medicine in VHA. The role of precision medicine in VHA could make decisions that will more fully implement genetics into Veterans' health care. Additionally, make recommendations to facilitate translation genetics research into clinical care Goal 4: VA will modernize systems and focus resources more efficiently to be competitive and to provide World Class capabilities to Veterans and its employees. Committee Goal 1: Recommend best practices for keeping track of genetic testing data of VHA patients for clinical and research purposes. Best practices could increase the efficacy of genetic testing within the VA by eliminating multiple test orders, increasing the likelihood that the information is easily located and utilized to make

treatment decisions, and making data more readily available for VA scientists. Committee Goal 2: Recommend specific tasks and priorities that will more fully implement genetics into Veterans' health care Committee Goal 3: Make recommendations for upcoming VA Data Commons, particularly on the types of data and tools available, user interface, access, and collaborations to increase VA's data impact. This resource will make VA data more available for research to qualified VA and other researchers, facilitating the advancement of genomics science generally.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Committee membership is balanced to ensure that all affected medical disciplines are represented. Membership includes those who can represent the interests of VA patients, VA employees, and VA medical facility administrators.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee meets usually 2 to 3 times annually. Committee meetings focus on achieving the maximum benefit from VA's precision medicine/genomic medicine. There were no meetings in FY22. The Agency recommended that GMPAC be terminated due to meeting the objectives in the charter, and the Secretary of the VA concurred on June 9, 2022. However, because this is a discretionary Committee, and its charter was not renewed by March 23, 2022, the Committee automatically terminated on March 24, 2022.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee is composed partially of private sector professionals who are experts in scientific research and provides a body of expertise that VA does not have now. It is also important to note that the Committee members' breadth of knowledge and experience is a critical component in the establishment of a national VA Genomic Medicine Program, assessing the potential impact of the Program regarding ongoing patient care services and the development of policies and procedures, standards of operation and guidelines consistent with applicable laws relevant to tissue collection, intellectual property rights and patient privacy.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are open to the public unless indicated in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act.

21. Remarks

The discretionary Committee terminated on 3/24/2022.

Designated Federal Officer

Jennifer Moser Associate Director, Million Veteran Program, Office of Research and Development Services

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Berger, Adam	07/23/2019	03/24/2022	NIH	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Breckenridge-Sproat, Sara	10/07/2020	03/24/2022	nursing	Member

Ferreira-Gonzalez, Andrea	11/30/2015	03/24/2022	Virginia Commonwealth University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gibbons, Gary	08/24/2018	12/31/2021	Director, NHLBI, NIH	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
LeBlanc, Kimberly	07/23/2019	03/24/2022	genetic counselor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mooney, Richard	07/23/2019	12/31/2021	DHA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pratt, Victoria	07/23/2019	03/24/2022	molecular pathologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Roden, Dan	08/24/2018	12/30/2021	Vanderbilt University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shekar, Sam	10/07/2020	03/24/2022	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

The Committee supported the VA medical care and research mission by making recommendations and guidance regarding the use of genomic information in research and patient care. The Agency recommended that GMPAC be terminated due to meeting the objectives in the charter, and the Secretary of the VA concurred on June 9, 2022. However, because this is a discretionary Committee, and its charter was not renewed by March 23, 2022, the Committee automatically terminated on March 24, 2022.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

33

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is the total number of recommendations from FY2006 through FY2022.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

0

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

No grants were reviewed

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

NA