

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Veterans Affairs	2019
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse	2618

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	07/10/2017	07/10/2019	05/14/2019

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes	SECVA Memo as of 4/29/19	05/14/2019

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	No	Not Applicable

<b>11. Establishment Authority</b>	Agency Authority		
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
5 U.S.C. Appendix 2	07/10/2017	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

### Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Agency status of recommendation implementation.	04/09/2019	04/09/2019

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed:** 1

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$35,612.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$35,612.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.25	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Advisory Committee advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on matters related to identifying, preventing, and mitigating fraud, waste, and abuse in programs similar to those offered by VA in order to improve the integrity of VA's payments, the efficiency of its programs and activities, and modernizing systems. The committee's efforts focus on the following VA priorities: efficiency to achieve accountability of resources and modernizing systems.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Committee will be comprised of not more than 12 committee members, who will be appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. A member's term of service may not exceed 2 years, but the Secretary may reappoint any member for additional terms. The Committee membership will be drawn from various venues and organization types such as Veteran-focused organizations, academic communities, health care providers, insurance providers, other Federal agencies, Federal Inspectors General, Veteran Service Organizations, Military Service Organizations, and leaders of key stakeholder associations and organizations. Members may be Special Government Employees or Regular Government Employees. Committee members will serve as objective advisors, not as representatives of any organizations. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee will be appointed by the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Office of Management, on behalf of the Secretary, from among the Committee members.

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

The committee will meet approximately four times per year. In FY 2019, the Committee met once: April 9, 2019 (via teleconference).

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

The information is provided by individuals with various backgrounds established by the Secretary of the VA to improve and enhance the integrity of VA's programs and activities.

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

The Committee meetings are open to the public, except, when the Committee tours a VA facility, the meeting is closed to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information.

## 21. Remarks

### Designated Federal Officer

Elizabeth Morales Associate Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Agrawal, Shantanu	09/15/2017	04/30/2019	President, National Quality Forum	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Buckley, David	09/15/2017	04/30/2019	Managing Director, KMPG Fraud	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carpenter, Ralph	09/15/2017	04/30/2019	Aetna Special Investigations Unit	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Devaney, Earl	09/15/2017	04/30/2019	President, The Devaney Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jewsbury, Christa	09/15/2017	04/30/2019	Director of Special Investigations, Humana	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, Karen	09/15/2017	04/30/2019	Chief Deputy Executive Director, Covered California	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mahon, Bill	09/15/2017	04/30/2019	Private Sector Healthcare Fraud Investigations	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Murphy, Pat	09/15/2017	04/30/2019	Contract Forfeiture Investigator	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Saccoccio, Lou	09/15/2017	04/30/2019	CEO, National Healthcare Anti-Fraud Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

			President & CEO	Special
Wehrle,	09/15/2017	04/30/2019	National	Government
Joseph			Insurance Crime	Employee
			Bureau	(SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 10**

**Narrative Description**

The Committee provided recommendations to improve and enhance the Department's efforts to identify, prevent, and mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse in the Veterans Health Administration community care program.

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

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

**Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" 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

☐

Over \$10,000,000

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Cost Savings Other

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### **Cost Savings Comments**

Not Applicable

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

6

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

This is a total of recommendations for FY 2017 through FY 2019.

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

0%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Not Applicable

**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**

Not Applicable

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The Department submits a formal response to each Committee recommendation, and Department officials brief the Committee on actions taken to implement recommendations.

**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**

Not Applicable

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

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

**Access Comments**

Not Applicable