

Evolution of CARES

- VHA initiated development of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Program
- In 2001, CARES Phase 1 was piloted in VISN 12 (Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison, and parts of Michigan)
- In 2002, CARES Phase 2 involved the development of Network Market Plans
- The Under Secretary for Health submitted the Draft National CARES Plan (DNCP) with recommendations to the Secretary
- The DNCP was submitted to the CARES Commission in August 2003.
- The CARES Commission reviewed the DNCP and submitted its recommendations to the Secretary in February 2004
- The Secretary announced his decisions in May 2004
- June 2004 the VHA created the Office of Strategic Initiatives, CARES Implementation was assigned to this office
- June 2004 the Secretary created the CARES Implementation Board, Chaired by the Secretary

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- October 2004 VHA issued Solicitation 776-04-241 for the completion of 18 CARES Business Plan Studies
- January 24, 2005 PricewaterhouseCoopers was given Notice to Proceed

V	Market / Facility	Stakeholders Communication Plan	Financial Analysis	Healthcare Delivery Study	General Capital Plan	General Reuse Plan	Comprehensive Capital Plan	Comprehensive Reuse Plan
1	Boston	X	X	X	X	X		
3	NY City	X	X	X	X	X		
9	Louisville	X	X	X	X	X		
17	Waco	X	X	X	X	X		
18	Big Spring	X	X	X	X	X		
20	Walla Walla	X	X	X	X	X		
7	Montgomery, AL	X	X	X	X			
16	Muskogee	X	X	X				
2	Canandaigua	X	X			*	X	*
3	Montrose/Castle Point	X	X			*	X	*
3	St Albans	X	X			*	X	*
9	Lexington	X	X			*	X	*
21	Livermore	X	X			*	X	*
20	White City	X	X			*	X	*
5	Perry Point	X	X			*	X	*
16	Gulfport	X	X			*	X	*
22	West LA	X	X			*	X	*
15	Poplar Bluff		X					

X = Performed by Contractor

* = Performed by other VA Contractor. Contractors to work collaboratively on development.