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**West Los Angeles VA Medical Center
Local Advisory Panel (LAP) Public Meeting
Friday, May 6, 2005
Wadsworth Theater**

Start Time: 8:00 am

- Participants:
 - LAP members present: Dean Stordahl, Director VA Loma Linda, LAP Chair; Dr. Alan Robinson, MD, Associate Dean, UCLA School of Medicine; Stewart Liff, Director Los Angeles VA Regional Office; Harry Corre, Ex-POWs, California Department Commander; Barbara Tenzer, President, Tenzer Commercial Brokerage; Roger Brautigan, Under Secretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs; Steve Peck, MSW, Site Director, US Vets Village at Cabrillo; Flora Gil Krisiloff, Chairwoman, Brentwood Community Council.
 - LAP members absent: Cindy Miscikowski, LA City Councilwoman – 11th District; Dean Norman, MD, Chief of Staff VA GLA Healthcare System
 - PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC): Scott Burns, Johanna Valladares, Leticia Aragon, Andy Miller, Patrick Ryan
 - Perkins + Will: Russell Triplett, Richard Dachman
 - VAMC Support Team: Peter Verdoljak, Capital Asset Manager, VISN 22; Ralph Tillman, Director, Asset Management, VA GLA, John Fitzgerald, Program Manager, VISN 22, David Holt, Network Planner, VA Loma Linda, Beverly Fitzgerald, Public Affairs Officer, VA GLA, Barbara Fallen, Operations Officer, VISN 22.
 - Others: Susan Pendergrass, VA-OSI; James Johnson, VSSC Capital Representative; Brian McDaniel, VA Senior Portfolio Manager;
 - Public (estimated attendance - excluding above, other VA support staff and media: 20 during morning session; 120 during afternoon session)

Opening Remarks and Introductions

- Welcome: Dean Stordahl, Chair, Local Advisory Panel
 - Introduction of Panel Members
- Overview of Meeting Agenda: Dean Stordahl
 - Review of Public meeting agenda
- Summary of Administrative Meeting: Dean Stordahl
 - Overview of discussions by LAP members during Administrative meeting on May 5, 2005:
 - Orientation of LAP members to CARES project
 - Roles & Responsibilities of PwC & LAP members
 - Ethical Guidelines for LAP members
 - Review of Standard Operating Procedures
 - LAP members approved summary of Administrative meeting; no comments or questions.
 - LAP members understand the relevant Federal Ethics Rules and have reviewed the written materials describing those rules.
 - Motion to accept Standard Operating Procedures; call to vote; motion carried unanimous; standard operating procedures as stated by LAP members at May 5, 2005 Administrative Meeting PASSED.

Presentations

- Current VA Land Use Conditions: Ralph Tillman, Director, Asset Management, VA GLA
 - Overview of current VA campus layout and current land use program revenue.
 - Overview of current lease agreements and enhanced sharing agreements.

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- Review of length of term in years of each existing agreement.
 - LAP Member Recommendation: State Veteran's Home should be considered in the development of planning options. Significant amount money has already been invested in local planning and architectural planning of the State Veteran's Home.
 - LAP Consensus: Recommendation to consider State Veteran's Home in development of planning options concurred by all members of the LAP.
 - Review of Enhanced Sharing Agreement definition; Enhanced Sharing Agreements are contractual agreements that do not include lease hold interests.
 - Clarification that Jackie Robinson Stadium is under an Enhanced Sharing Agreement with UCLA for 10 years, agreement expires in 2010.
 - Clarification that the parking for the Getty Center is under an Operation Agreement, not a Land Lease Agreement.
- Forecasting VA Health Care: Demand Data: David Holt, Network Strategic Planner
- Projections for demand data performed by VA contractor, Milliman, USA.
 - Looked at private sector projections and adjusted them to conform to VA characteristics (i.e., veteran population, veteran age, utilization patterns).
 - Overview of demand data and how it relates to the West LA campus; focus of the planning options for West LA will focus on land use.
 - Projection of a full major war is not included in the projections; the projections account for minor skirmishes.
 - LAP Member Comment: Concern over the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and whether the troops of the wars were included in the demand projections. What if the war continues with no end date in sight? How does the demand model account for the war in the predictions?
 - LAP Member Request: Request for numbers related to drilldown of demand projections to be provided to LAP members.
 - Projections are updated at least once annually and are to be provided to LAP members when available.
 - LAP Member Comment: If actual data taken in 2003 for actuarial projections does not account for the current wars, the data seems to be suppressed. How can predictions be made from this suppressed data?
 - LAP Member Recommendation: Ask VHA, in coordination with PwC, to look at the percentage of Iraqi troops in the veteran population over the next years and how this will affect VHA's total demand workload. Recommendation to have VHA look at the potential for increase in veterans' demand due to changes in needs and the Iraqi war.
 - LAP Member Comment: Are projections figuring that everything is working, that services are not lacking at this campus? If projections are based on needs that the VA feels are sufficient, but veterans are expressing that their healthcare needs are not being met, how will this be included in the CARES process?
 - LAP Member Comment: There is a concern that in making these "suppressed" demand projections that there will be a limited range in options. When revenue is generated from the VA facilities, there is concern that the revenue will be distributed elsewhere. If veteran demand increases, this revenue will be gone, increase healthcare needs of the veterans (if actual demand exceeds projections), and services will not be available due to insufficient funding.
 - LAP Member Recommendation: LAP members recommend that VHA, in conjunction with PwC, look at the healthcare needs of the veterans beyond what they currently have, and take this into consideration on how future funding for veterans' care will be allocated to the West LA campus. What could be done on the campus if more funding was given based on veterans' needs?
 - Clarification: Predictions are very difficult to develop. Need to accommodate sensitivities to allow for the unknown so the predictions are not restricted to current practices and needs. There needs to be a factor that will consider unforeseen demand. VA is on the forefront on these projection methodologies.

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- LAP Consensus: Recommendation to have PwC look at the potential for increase in veterans demand due to changes in needs and the Iraqi War.
- LAP Member Comment: There is a lack of staff at the West LA campus--lack of nursing staff and services. This needs to be considered when allocating funds for the West LA campus. Need to investigate if staffing is meeting requirements of veterans.
- CARES Business Plan Presentation: Scott Burns (Team PwC)
 - Overview of VA CARES project and PwC methodology.
 - Micro Tech, LLC – Recently announced Re-use and Redevelopment contractor under separate contract with VA but will work closely with PwC.
 - Review of structure of meetings during VA CARES process – Participation by the public will be continuous throughout the process. Capture all and any input from panel, public, veterans, and those that have stakeholder interest.
 - LAP Member Question: PwC indicates that they will analyze 18 different sites nationally; however we are only focused on our own site. Projections that are being used are for a national model Are you developing 6 options for this site or nationally? Team PwC West LA will be only developing business planning options for the West LA site. Options are not limited to 6.
 - PwC CARES methodology applies to all national sites, with specificity to sites.
 - Review of timeline for CARES procedures; emphasis on continually receiving public and veterans inputs throughout process.
 - LAP Member Question: In doing facility planning, will flexibility to changes in volume and technology be considered? Scope of work is to receive demand data as provided to us. VA is the owner of the demand data that we will be using for our study. There is flexibility with the plan at a macro level at stage one.
 - LAP Member Comment: Some of the facilities are currently underutilized and have the opportunity to expand the options for care. Concern that the demand projections allow for limited range of expansion options. Will there be a review completed to account for increased revenue and how the additional revenue is distributed? If additional revenue available, reinvestment will be per Federal VA guidelines. PwC methodology encompasses the highest and best use of current capital assets in conjunction with VA's mission.
 - LAP Member Question: In the areas of re-use and redevelopment of excess land – the Secretary mandated to improve previous analyses – is there a list of documents that PwC is reviewing? Variety of documents have been produced and reviewed in regards to West LA site. Re-use planning contractor will be incorporated in PwC methodology.
 - LAP Committee Request: As we proceed, the LAP would like to review summary of re-use land proposals that have been brought forward for analysis by Team PwC.
 - LAP Member Question: Is this project synonymous with the “25 Year Master Plan Study” conducted four years ago, as noted in the memorandum of understanding signed by Secretary Principi? Our study is part of the CARES process. After our study, options will be given to the Secretary who will develop final decisions. Any agreements that have been made by VA will be taken into consideration in developing options.
 - LAP Member Flora Gil Krisiloff presented a copy of the memorandum of understanding from Secretary Principi to PwC for review and consideration.
 - LAP Member Comment: There is confusion in this process and what the process allows us to consider. How is PwC's process incorporated into Secretary's decision? What are the criteria for developing options? It is important for the public and panel to understand criteria.
 - Stakeholders and LAP members should provide input on best use; given choices of land allocation, given capital constraints, what makes best overall sense. By end of Stage I there will be a broad range of options, taking into account inputs from LAP members and other stakeholders.

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- LAP Member Question: Do you have criteria of how you will develop business planning options? There is an open slate - taking into account LAP members' recommendations, public comments, constituent input, etc.
- The criteria for business planning options are coming from a set of national criteria by CARES Implementation Board, relative importance of criteria will be applied to sites. LAP members to be provided with criteria, when completed.
- LAP Committee Request: LAP committee would like to have presentation from MicroTech regarding criteria and their process.
- LAP Member Question: Will the LAP members have the opportunity to understand the basis for the Business Planning Options? In developing options, LAP members are to make recommendations as to where you believe there are needs over and beyond the demand forecast. This is where the stakeholder input comes in developing the options.

11:05 – Lunch Break

Call to reconvene at 12:32

- Afternoon Session Opening Remarks: Dean Stordahl, LAP Chair
 - Review of Standard Operating Procedures for public comments.

Brief Summary of Testimony/Public Statements

- Lisa Pinto, District Director for Congressman Waxman:
 - Four years ago there was a Congressional requirement that asked this VA property to come up with 25 year re-use plan. In 2001, a plan was put together and the outcome was very bad, so the Congressman asked to start all over again.
 - A letter was received from Secretary Principi stating that there would be no commercial use of the land and that the land would be solely used for veterans.
 - Presenting commitments in writing from Secretary Principi – letter dated Feb 25, 2002.
- Dean Stordahl, LAP Chair requested copies of letter be provided to LAP members and Team PwC for consideration in planning options.
- Testimonial #2:
 - Request to reconsider putting VA Regional Office back on the West LA site.
 - Request that Secretary present all documents related to the planning in State Veterans Home to PwC.
 - There is difficulty in recruiting premium healthcare providers because targeted providers cannot afford to live in the communities surrounding the West LA Campus (cost of living too high). Can we provide affordable housing for top providers?
 - PTSD and psychiatric health are going to be more substantial in the future than in the Vietnam ERA.
- Vivian Rescaldo, Land Use Deputy, Councilman Yaroslavsky:
 - Absolute opposition to any commercial development of veterans' property.
 - Absolutely critical that promises are kept not to develop land for commercial use.
 - Highest and best use – inappropriate to use this term for real estate value. Highest and best use of the land should only be for Veterans Administration issues.
 - Concern over criteria that will be used for developing options. It is acceptable to have overall national criteria, however, the criteria needs to be adapted at a regional level.

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- Testimonial #4:
 - Research on cell transplant was done here on campus in Building 118.
 - There is an opportunity to vertically integrate the country's best scientist and medical technology creating outpatient facility where veterans can obtain the very best in the forefront of healthcare in West LA.

- Testimonial #5:
 - Campus should integrate community and veterans in a shared-use facility.
 - Vets can be role models to other people across the nation and disabled veterans should be able to integrate into work force.
 - Develop revenue sharing facilities where a percent of dollars from lease revenue goes toward the treatment of veterans.

- Testimonial #6:
 - The West LA land was a grant given to be the permanent home for disabled volunteer veterans.
 - This facility already has a plan: Develop a National Home for Volunteer Soldiers.
 - West LA campus should be a model in geriatrics care, model for research in aging.
 - The money being spent for this project can be used to improve service.
 - RECOMMENDATION: Pull out deed from 1888 and look at it in developing business plan options.

- Testimonial #7:
 - Request for more housing for current veterans and veterans that are coming from current war in Iraq.

- Testimonial #8:
 - Request to bring more veterans to the West LA community and take care of their needs.
 - Make it more affordable for veterans to live in West LA.
 - Take the building that the government says they cannot use and turn them into housing for veterans.

- Testimonial #9:
 - Would like to give everything he/she has today to the new guy coming in who has no hope. Proud to be an American. Ask with humble heart: help us help each other.

- Testimonial #10:
 - PwC's consolidation of buildings means we are pushing more things and people into other buildings which are already over-crowded.
 - Veterans need this land for better medical facilities and housing. It is obvious that prime location of the land is why the VA wants to sell it. Are veterans not worthy of the land?
 - With the war in Iraq, the current VA hospitals are busting at the seam. Don't make the situation worse by giving up land.

- Question to PwC: Is land up for sale? Answer: PwC will be coming back with a series of options. There is no plan at this point other than to consider options.

- Testimonial #11:
 - Concern over criteria being used to develop options: how can someone else determine criteria that will be forced upon us to make decisions on options for the land?

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- The current services at the VA are not enough to meet the current needs of the veterans. To say that we are going to take away space for the veterans who need it is extremely inappropriate.
 - Biotech is a good idea and research is a good idea, as long as it meets needs of veterans.
 - Need to understand current situation before PwC makes options. More veterans will be coming into the VA system as the US healthcare system declines. To think the country is not going to have more veterans by 2023 is pinning on dreams.
- Testimonial #12:
- Request to have additional hearings on a weekend and evening hours so that other people can have a voice on criteria that is being prepared in Washington DC.
 - Criteria that is being developed by Washington is not relevant to this facility.
 - Biotech and smart growth urbanism should be considered.
- Testimonial #13:
- Enhanced Use Lease to be developed as park for veterans.
 - This land should be considered outside CARES process.
 - Generous donors have been able to preserve land as given in original grant. 16 acres of the land to be made into a park for veterans.
 - Submission of Veteran's Park Conservancy reports to LAP.
- Testimonial #14:
- VA was provided to veterans in 1887. Since that time, LA has grown quite a bit. Request that the LAP recognize the absurd traffic in Los Angeles when making recommendations for options.
 - Question: Will the public be notified of the current VA revenue? Answer: \$5.0M.
 - Question: What percentage of the oil revenue is given back to the West Los Angeles VA? Answer: All percentage of oil revenue should be given to the VA.
- Testimonial #15:
- As a West LA campus resident, extremely satisfied with the healthcare benefits received at the West LA campus.
 - This is a veterans' community – get veterans involved. In addition to night time and weekend Public meetings, have them at other sites.
 - Suggest having a survey sent out to veterans asking for opinions of what can be done.
 - Excess property? Look at it closely. Is there really excess property? Private interest has minimized the interest of veterans.
- Beverly Kenworthy, Representative to Councilmember Weiss:
- West Los Angeles property was given to veterans. Will work with Councilmember Weiss to be sure veterans' needs are looked at first.
 - No commercial use of the land.
- Testimonial #17:
- Reminder to Vietnam Veteran leaders, there are 27,000 homeless veterans in LA County. There are no permanent housing solutions and will not be any for years. Homelessness is a huge concern.
 - Propose that homelessness be addressed by building temporary housing. Private sleeping modules better than putting 200 people into shelters. VA land can be used to test sleeping modules - immediate temporary solution for people sleeping on the street.

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- Testimonial #18:
 - The YMCA would love to be included in master plan. Specifically to enter into joint venture with the VA, lease 6 acres of land, raise money to build YMCA facility and staff it.
 - Location would be on the Southeast corner of the West LA campus.
 - YMCA can provide a number of real benefits, including child care for VA employees.
 - YMCA would be giving back to the veteran community.

- Testimonial #19:
 - Honored to be with other honored veterans in this room.
 - Storage bins very much needed at this facility so veterans can store their personal belongings.

- Testimonial #20:
 - West LA Campus should provide permanent affordable housing for veterans, social place for veterans and employment for veterans.
 - One person or one group cannot make this a reality. If a collaboration of all levels can come together and make it happen for the under utilized spaces we can help those that need the most.

- Testimonial #21:
 - Why shouldn't the government keep its promise of 117 years ago of 400 acres of land for veterans' use? Why are we now going to speculate what veteran needs are over the next 20 years?
 - No reasons for giving one square inch of use of this land other than to the veterans.

- Testimonial #22:
 - Strong supporter that the West LA property must be retained for use by veterans and for veterans only.
 - Very creative and wonderful ideas of serving need of veterans have been spoken today.
 - How can anyone say highest and best use for veterans will be through a shopping center or office building?

- Testimonial #23:
 - Yesterday, today and tomorrow's veterans need the West LA facility to be the diamond of the Pacific Coast.
 - Please do not let this diamond fade by not allowing the facilities to meet all the need of veterans.

- Testimonial #24:
 - Question for PwC: Are these land use criteria that will be coming from VA Central Office be here soon, near future, or longer? Options – word used repeatedly, unclear as to form the options will take – what degree of specificity will be provided?
 - PwC Response: Criteria are currently being developed and cannot speak as to when it will be completed. Re-use Criteria - cannot speak to, need to discuss with re-use contractor. For the Capital Planning – Team PwC is looking at a variety of options that are limitless, input from panel, public, etc. When options are developed, public and panel will be able to comment and provide input to Secretary.

- Testimonial #25:
 - How can this process ensure that the historical and cultural value is considered in the options development?

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- Request to have the historical and cultural significance of the West LA campus be maintained and considered in options development.
- Testimonial #26:
 - There are over 20,000 homeless veterans that belong here on this property in assisted living. There is no excess land; there is only under-utilized land.
 - Facilities have never been re-developed for the veterans. Request to open the vacant buildings on the West LA campus and utilize the space for veterans.
 - Request for Columbarium to honor the veterans who fought for freedom.
- Testimonial #27:
 - How can someone sell a piece of property that he/she never paid for?
 - The Salvation Army is charging rent to non-veterans for housing on the West LA campus; UCLA is taking over buildings that could be used for veterans; Brentwood School is using the land, and charging among the highest tuition in LA.
 - Veterans' land is not something that can be sold.
 - Suggestion to the Secretary of the VA: Get creative on meeting needs of veterans. The only stakeholders here are the veterans.
- Testimonial #28:
 - Question: Is part of charge to present master document in draft form prior to recommendations being made?
 - Answer: Process is an open process; three more meetings are set up as we move through different phases. Outside proposals will be accepted for review. Please submit proposals via appropriate PO Box established for CARES process.
 - Question: Which environmental process applies to the recommendations?
 - Answer: Unknown, taken under advisement.
- Testimonial #29:
 - Looking for a new home for Plato Society of UCLA.
 - Propose a rent/lease for 25 years, with 1/2 - 1/3 of the facility occupied by Red Cross and the remainder of the facility used as a home for the Plato Society of UCLA.
- Testimonial #30:
 - West LA Chamber of Commerce would like to see consolidation of services to one campus so veterans are not going all over the place to get the care they need. One-stop shop as transportation is difficult for veterans.
 - Commendation for all the staff at the West LA VA and all their efforts for the care of our veterans.
 - Community will support veterans all the way.
- Testimonial #31:
 - "Location, location – this is the high ground." Veterans possess it and intend to keep it.
 - The money that is given to consultants for this project should be given to veterans as oversight for the CARES process.
- Testimonial #32:
 - Property was dedicated for veterans' use, any criteria that is developed that goes against this - shame on you.
 - This land needs to be used for veterans. Do not fool anyone by allowing commercial companies to say they are for the benefit of veterans when in fact only have their own interest in mind.
 - Use the property for veterans only. Do not use the property for commercial interest.

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- Testimonial #33:
 - The VA has an oil well that has been pumped for years and years. However, the veterans only get 2% of 12% of the total revenue. Where does the revenue go?
 - Answer: The Mineral Rights Lease is with the Department of Interior and it is understood that they receive 18% royalties under the terms and conditions of that agreement. The VA has a revocable license for the drilling site and receives 2% royalty and a 2% gift under that agreement.
 - The money from the oil well has gone into revenue of the US government, not the veterans.
 - This money should be kept for use by veterans and enhancement of property.

- Testimonial #34:
 - CARES commission should view every option to provide for the needs of the homeless veterans.
 - Use the land to build a columbarium for veterans.
 - Request to use under-utilized land only for veterans.

- Testimonial #35:
 - Veterans were only notified yesterday of CARES process. How can notices go out so late?
 - Only three veterans are on the panel. How is this possible?
 - Ask each person on the panel to slow process down and reconsider options for this project.

- Testimonial #36:
 - Request to look at housing for veteran students as suggested use of the West LA site.

- Testimonial #37:
 - If someone wants to do a good consulting job, there should be a well defined statement of work. Where is PwC's statement of work?
 - If someone wants to resolve all these questions about process, there needs to be a statement of work.

- Testimonial #38:
 - Here to support Land Use Deputy for Councilman Yaroslavsky, no commercial development of the West LA campus.
 - Strong supporter of the Veterans' Memorial Park. Open space is therapeutic and very important for our veterans.

- Testimonial #39:
 - One issue that has not been addressed is the cost of living in this area for our caregivers.
 - Many caregivers cannot afford to live in this area, and getting to work in traffic takes a toll on each person.
 - Suggestion to build employee housing on the West LA facility for caregivers.

- Testimonial #40:
 - Milliman demand/workload study is being taken as baseline. How can the VA say the war in Iraq will not affect veteran's healthcare?
 - The DOD and VA are putting burden of proof on veterans.
 - PwC talks about credibility? Can PwC take the stand that the war in Iraq will not affect the healthcare of the VA system? How can anyone expect the audience to accept credibility with PwC if they are going to take the Milliman stand that the war in Iraq will not affect VA healthcare?

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- Testimonial #41:
 - Many veteran stakeholders did not know of the CARES Public meeting. Ask that more notice given for scheduled meetings.
 - There is no excess property in West LA, only under-utilized property.
 - Can we take the property and provide housing to medical staff? It is too expensive for staff to live in this community.
 - What if there was a large disaster? This is a perfect site for disaster care.
 - Suggestion that land be used for employee housing and disaster care.

Afternoon Public Comments adjourned at 3:02PM.

Afternoon LAP Deliberation Re-convened at 3:30PM

- Comment/Evaluation cards filled out by panel members regarding process. Question 5, please summarize critical issues:
 - Space needs to be used specifically for veterans. Memorandum from Secretary Principi referred to multiple times during public comments and should be taken into consideration when developing options. Potential use of land through senior housing and homeless housing for veterans. All revenue achieved through the land use should stay at the West LA VA to improve current services.
 - Veterans are a high percent of our population. The VA needs research that will benefit veterans in the future. Benefits to veterans, such as a YMCA facility and veterans' park, were shared and discussed. The West LA VA is open land in LA that should be preserved as open land.
 - Re-use options must be for veteran use only. The VA must honor the past commitments of VA and provide a wider range of services to veterans, especially looking at what we can do for the homeless veteran population. This piece of land needs to be a premier showcase for what is done and services provided to veterans.
 - Property needs to be utilized for veterans, used for homeless veterans, and add additional services to meet the current demands of the veterans. The public did not agree with the Milliman demand data. The needs of veterans are not declining just because WWII veterans are not going to be here.
 - Use of the land as envisioned in original deed is not being lived up to. Public is looking for more upgrades to the West LA campus for veterans. There is a certain amount of distress in what PwC is saying and a lot of questions with the demand projections. Concern over where all the current revenue going and why not being used for the veterans. Money that VA gets stays here, of the \$5.0M that VA gets the veterans get. Concern about the use of the cemetery land; look into deed for use of cemetery land. The slides in these presentations need to be more specific in language; what end point are you going for in the options to the Secretary?
 - Land should remain for the direct benefits of veterans use; not commercial use. Honor Secretary Principi's commitment. Public had great questions on process, how PwC will develop options? Public is not comfortable with national criteria that will be used since this campus is very unique. Need additional meeting during different times of the day. Lack of services data - range of services not adequate; what other needs are out there that are not being met. Milliman model relied on too heavily for demand projections; what are all the other types of services that could go on at this campus if not constrained by Milliman model?
- How does the LAP feel about meeting in the evening? Panel agrees to have meetings in the evening; LAP resolved that next meeting will be held in the evening.
- LAP Member Request: Request for LAP members to obtain a copy of the original land deed and position of VA on the deed.
- LAP Member Request: Do not know what Milliman forecasting entails. LAP members would like to understand specifics of what the Milliman model actuary data entails.

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- LAP Member Concern: Timing – no one knew that the CARES Public Meeting was happening, no notice placed on the campus. How were notices delivered? Notices apparently were not given appropriately; very critical for notices to be placed on campus.
 - Response to LAP Members - Flyers were posted in the Medical Center - email and information center. Entire list of stakeholders were notified of today's meeting. Notices must be placed in Federal Register and legal section of LA Times. Lots of people were notified and published in meetings in newspaper. Explore some additional opportunities for marketing meeting. Ask PwC maximum notice possible so can get to stakeholders, May 19th cut-off date. Possibility – PwC will look into it. Significant themes of public comments: level of comfort giving PwC levels of understanding of what the public wants and needs. Would hate to push time out and delay process. At next panel meeting will be telling options for review and obtain LAP members' opinions.
- LAP Member Question: Is this the only facility that you have that is deeded land? Why/how can this particular facility be put into the same evaluation criteria as the other 18 sites?
 - Response to LAP: Options are specific to this site. Other study sites are based on deeded land. Recommendation that options presented for GLA be only for veteran use.
- LAP Member Comment: Letter from Secretary Principi – committed that the property will not be used for commercial purposes. PwC to get copy of Feb 25, 2002 letter of commitment for use of property.
- LAP Member Comment: Would like LAP members to be more than just transcribing what we hear at the public meetings. Put our judgment into thoughts. (i.e., lots of homeless veterans in LA, so need to ask what does it mean to provide shelter to thousands of homeless?) More importantly, need to look at what would be the best use of the money – do not lose sight that land needs to be preserved for use in the future – i.e. job training, use money/land for this instead of for homeless. Need to balance process.
- LAP Member Comment: Need to allow PwC to follow process and not lose site of the process so early in the game. Take the information and wait until later in the game to develop input from the options PwC develops.
- PwC – A video has been put together regarding methodology used for Milliman study. Shorter version of the Milliman video tape was sent to LAP members, need to send longer version to the LAP members. Long version of Milliman tape to be sent upon request by individual LAP members.
- LAP Member Concern: With over 400 acres of land, a healthcare facility will not take up all this land; how do we take the original plan for the land and incorporate into this process? Need to enhance VA's full mission and translate them into the options for the land.
- LAP Member Comment: If the land for re-use generates revenue, it can be used for additional services. LAP would like to see revenue connected to services that will benefit veterans. Increase in services offered to veterans can be options. Interested to hear these considerations in the range of option developments.
- LAP Member Concern: The Veteran's Park Conservancy; columbarium; State Veterans' Home Facility; Cemetary extension is part of the process, can this be done with provisions of the deed? No deed restriction according to panel members.

4:43 PM - Adjournment by Dean Stordahl, LAP Chair.