



Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration

Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services

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Urgent Need for Modernization

 VA must move forward to provide modern efficient health care facilities with new operating suites, state of the art nursing homes, mental health facilities and other services

 This modernization should be done in a way that rationalizes the VA Boston healthcare system so that VA is more efficient and effective in delivering health care services

Modernizing VA Healthcare Facilities for Boston Veterans



 Secretary has listened to the concerns expressed by Congress and other public officials

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To move the process forward VA is introducing the following option:

 Keep the Alzheimer's Program, Nursing Home, GRECC and Outpatient Services on the Bedford Campus in new state of the art facilities

Use the Enhanced Use Leasing **Program to develop a creative** collaboration with the private sector to use the balance of the Bedford campus for services to veterans such as a continuing retirement care community, assisted living facilities and other compatible services

 Consolidate all mental health services at the Brockton campus from Bedford: long term psychiatry, domiciliary, rehabilitation services

 Create state of art facilities including new long term care and chronic SCI&D resulting improved continuity/quality through integration of acute and intermediate and long term mental health services

 Consider the consolidation of Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury as a separate option. Full modernization of West Roxbury as planned in other options

 Complete the integration of these facilities and modernize the consolidated campus at West Roxbury

 These new options are designed to encourage a consensus for change and modernization while preserving in new modern facilities the world class Alzheimer's program at the Bedford campus and

 Complete the physical integration of Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury campuses

 VA Requests that LAP provide recommendations to the Secretary regarding these new options