

# Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services

## Business Plan Studies for West Los Angeles campus

Presentation to Local Advisory Panel



# CARES History and Background



- **A March 1999 GAO report concluded that if VHA restructured its capital assets it could significantly reduce the operating and maintenance costs of its facilities**
- **In response VHA initiated development of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Program**
- **The CARES process was piloted in VISN 12 (Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and parts of Michigan) using a contractor to objectively assess health care needs and recommend optimal Service Delivery Options**

# CARES History and Background

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- **CARES Phase II extended the CARES Program to all 21 Networks within VHA**
- **Phase II relied primarily upon VA staff and resources to develop the Network CARES Market Plans**
- **The Undersecretary for Health used the Networks CARES Market Plans to prepare a Draft National CARES Plan (DNCP) with recommendations to the Secretary.**
- **After review by the Secretary, the final DNCP was submitted to the CARES Commission in August 2003.**

# CARES History and Background Cont'd



- **The Secretary appointed a National Commission of non-VA executives to review the DNCP to provide an objective and external perspective**
- **The Commission made recommendations to the Secretary to consider in his review of the draft National CARES Plan**
- **The final report of the CARES Commission was submitted in February 2004, and the Secretary announced his decision in May 2004**

# Secretary's May 2004 Decision Document for West Los Angeles campus



- **Spread across 387 acres in an urban neighborhood, the West LA campus is a unique resource and it is important that VA preserve the integrity of the land originally granted for use as an Old Soldiers home. VA is committed to maintaining the property for uses that serve to enhance the Department's mission.**
- **To ensure that VA has a clear framework for managing the vacant and underused property at the West LA campus, VA will develop a Master Plan for the campus in collaboration with stakeholders who will have input into the plan's development.**

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## Specific Considerations/Requirements –

- **Purpose of the comprehensive Capital and Reuse Plan is to redesign West Los Angeles campus to ensure appropriate reuse potential of the campus, and ensure modern healthcare facilities are available for the care of veterans.**
- **Reuse Plan to be developed by another contractor in coordination with Team PwC; Business Planning Options to include most likely potential reuse of available property identified in Capital Planning process – coordinated with Capital Planning and Stakeholder communications teams.**