



# **Toward a VA Women's Health Research Agenda:**

## **Setting Evidence-based Research Priorities for Improving the Health and Care of Women Veterans**

*Sponsored by the VA Office of Research & Development*

**November 8-9, 2004  
Washington DC**

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### ***AGENDA***

***DAY ONE: Monday, November 8, 2004, 5:00-7:45pm***

**Location: Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial Museum  
Washington, DC (Arlington Cemetery Metro Stop)**

**Welcome, Opening Remarks and Introduction to Conference Goals**

[Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF \(Ret.\)](#)  
President, WIMSA Memorial Foundation

## Welcome, Opening Remarks and Introduction to Conference Goals continued

[Ms. Nora Egan, Chief of Staff](#)  
Department of Veterans Affairs

[Michael J. Kussman, MD, MS, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health](#)  
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[Stephan D. Fihn, MD, MPH, Acting Chief Research & Development Officer](#)  
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[Elizabeth M. Yano, PhD, Chair, VA Women's Health Research Planning Group](#)  
Deputy Director, VA Greater Los Angeles HSR&D Center of Excellence

### **Toward a VA Women's Health Research Agenda: Presentations of Planning Group's Activities**

**What Do We Know about Women Veterans' Health and Health Care?**  
*Susan Frayne, MD, MPH*, Advanced Research Career Development Awardee,  
VA HSR&D Center for Health Care Evaluation, VA Palo Alto Health Care  
System

**Barriers to Conducting VA Women's Health Research**  
*Lori Bastian, MD, MSHS*, HSR&D Research Associate, HSR&D Center for  
Health Services Research in Primary Care, Durham VA Medical Center

**DAY TWO: Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 7:30am-5:00pm**

Location: **Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel**  
**Alexandria, VA**

**Morning**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

*Stephan D. Fihn, MD, MPH*, Acting CRADO  
*Elizabeth M. Yano, PhD*

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**Review of VA's Current Women's Health Research Portfolio**  
*Paula P. Schnurr, PhD*, Deputy to the Executive Director, National Center for  
PTSD, White River Junction VA Medical Center

**Published Research on Women Veterans and Women in the Military:  
Results of a Literature Synthesis**  
*Caroline Lubick Goldzweig, MD, MSHS*, Associate Chief, Division of General  
Internal Medicine, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

## **Research Gaps/Opportunities: Where Do We Go From Here? Charge to Workgroups**

### **Morning Workgroup breakouts and deliberations**

VA Biomedical/Laboratory R&D (*Alexandra Howell, PhD, Chair*)

VA Clinical Science R&D (*Lori Bastian, MD, Chair*)

VA Rehabilitation R&D (*Ann Spungen, EdD, Chair*)

VA Health Services R&D (*Susan Frayne, MD, Chair*)

Infrastructure for Women's Health Research (*Paula Schnurr, PhD, Chair*)

### **Working LUNCH**

*Keynote:* Introduction  
*Stephan D. Fihn, MD, MPH, Acting Chief R&D Officer, Veterans Health Administration*

*Keynote Speaker:* [Laura J. Miller, MPA, CHE, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations & Management, Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

### **Afternoon Workgroup deliberations (continued))**

#### **Workgroup Reports and Introduce Panel (15 minutes/workgroup)**

#### **Panel Comments and Large Group Discussion**

##### *Panelists:*

*Rosaly Correa-de-Araujo, MD, ScD, PhD, Senior Advisor on Women's Health, Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ)*

*Loretta P. Finnegan, MD, Medical Advisor to the Director, Office of Research in Women's Health, National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

*Laura J. Miller, MPA, CHE, Deputy Under Secretary for Health Veterans Health Administration*

*Stephan D. Fihn, MD, MPH, Acting Chief R&D Officer Veterans Health Administration*

### **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**



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