

2005 Inventory of VHA Organizational Characteristics

Profile of Medical Centers in VISN 2 March 2006

Medical Center Profile:

The Inventory of VHA Organizational Characteristics was conducted in late summer and fall of 2005 by the Center for Organization, Leadership & Management Research and its Collaborating Partners Council. The Inventory was designed to collect data on a range of structural and process characteristics, both administrative and clinical, that are expected to affect clinical practice and care to veterans. Data were collected by means of a web-based survey sent to VISN and medical center directors. All VISNs and 136 medical centers completed the Inventory. One Inventory was submitted per organization.

This summary profile presents the *Inventory* results for the medical centers in your VISN. Most but not all information provided by medical centers is included in these reports; information such as organization charts is not easily presented in this format.

Results for each facility are presented by survey item or variable, and organized under four content categories. Frequency distributions are shown for the VISN and nationally. Distributions are based on the number of facilities who responded to that question, unless otherwise noted on the report.

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Additional Information:

A sample of the original web-based *Inventory* instrument is available on our website at http://www.colmr.research.med.va.gov/publications/reports/. Additional questions for COLMR regarding the 2005 *Inventory* may be directed to Zoë LeVan at zoe.levan@va.org.

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

1. List up to 6 clinical areas for which there are integrating structures or processes within the Medical Center.

Free-text response categories. Presented as received.

Facility	Clinical Areas
500	
514	Multi-Disciplinary Clinical Committees
	Clinical Service Lines
528	Primary Care
	Behavioral Health
532	Geriatrics and Extended Care
	Medical VA Care
	Diagnostics and Therapeutics Care
	Behavioral Health VA Care
670	Medical VA Care Line
	Behavioral VA Care Line
	Geriatric/Extended Care Line
	Diagnostic & Therapeutic Care Line

1a. For each of the areas listed above, select the category that best describes its integrating/coordinating structure:

Shown as % of clinical areas listed for which each option was selected; each cell represents a distinct variable of 0-100%. Multiple responses could be selected per clinical area. Clinical SL with staff & budget Multi-disciplinary committee to set n (# areas & communicate policy, resolve Multi-disciplinary team for quality authority, matrixed with Clinical SL with line authority for **Facility** listed) problems improvement dept/discipline leaders staff and budget 500 0 514 2 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 100.0% 528 2 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 100.0% 532 0.0% 100.0% 4 0.0% 0.0% 670 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 100.0% **VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION** 0.0% 25.0% 25.0% 50.0% **NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION** 40.3% 33.6% 31.9% 25.1%

2. To which position level(s	Γο which position level(s) in the Medical Center do CBOCs report?									
Multiple responses could be selected.										
Facility	Med Center Director or Chief of Staff	Staff to MCD or COS	Primary or Ambulatory Care Line Lead	Medicine or Medical Care Line Lead	Second-level Care Line Manager	Other Quadrad Leader	Other Admin Lead	Other Care Line Lead		
500	or otali	000	Lillo Lodd	Line Lead	√	Loudel	Loud	Loud		
514				✓				✓		
528		✓	✓	✓						
532				✓	✓					
670		✓		✓						
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	0.0%	40.0%	20.0%	80.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%		
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	12.4%	4.1%	61.2%	14.9%	17.4%	16.5%	7.4%	4.1%		

3. Does the Medical Center have one or more primary medical school affilitates? At least one affiliate within walking distance of VAMC: **Facility** No affiliates 1 affiliate 2 affiliates (n=facilities who indicated 1+ affiliates) 500 514 ✓ 528 532 ✓ 670 **VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION** 80.0% 0.0% 75.0% 20.0% **NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION** 34.5% 9.7% 66.9% 23.4%

ng units are associate	a with the Met	alcai Celliel :
1 union	2 unions	3+ unions
	✓	
✓		
		✓
		✓
✓		
40.0%	20.0%	40.0%
TION 47.6%	33.1%	19.4%
	1 union ✓ ✓ 40.0%	1 union 2 unions

Does the Medical Center h	ave a regular,	recurring proce	ess for labor-ma	ınagement coı	mmunication?	
Facility	Yes	No				
500	✓					
514	✓					
528	✓					
532	✓					
670	✓					
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	100.00%	0.00%				
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	96.0%	4.0%				
Is a union representative a	ppointed to th	ne Medical Cent	er Executive Co	uncil?		
Facility	Yes	No				
500	✓					
514	✓					
528	✓					
532	✓					
670	✓					
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	100.00%	0.00%				
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	54.8%	45.2%				
n = only facilities who answ	wered <u>yes</u> to que	stion 6 above.				
				Most of the		
Facility	Never	Occasionally	Half the time	time	All the time	
500		✓				
514					✓	
528			✓			
532				✓		
670				✓		
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	40.0%	20.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	8.7%	26.1%	15.9%	34.8%	14.5%	
Are union representatives	appointed to	other committee	es?			
Facility	Yes, to all	Yes, to many	Yes, to a few	No		
500		✓				
514		✓				
528			✓			
532		✓				
670						
		✓				
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	0.0%	√ 80.0%	20.0%	0.0%		

14.4%

64.0%

20.0%

1.6%

NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES: INTEGRATED VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS ONLY

Items in this section (questions 8 & 9) pertain only to integrated facilities. Here, as in other sections, denominators include only facilities who answered the question.

8. For the following services, select the structure which best describes the organization of those services within the integrated medical center:

Percentages are based on # of integrated facilities that selected a given structure, by service.

Facility	Service	Services consolidated to one campus	Services at multiple campuses, but combined under single system chief	Services at multiple campuses and under separate campus chiefs	Other integrating structure	
528	Inpatient acute care		✓			
	Inpatient psychiatry		✓			
	Inpatient long-term care		✓			
	Outpatient primary care		✓			
	Outpatient mental health		✓			
	Outpatient specialty care		✓			
	Outpatient surgery		✓			
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	Inpatient acute care	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Inpatient psychiatry	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Inpatient long-term care	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Outpatient primary care	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Outpatient mental health	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Outpatient specialty care	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Outpatient surgery	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	Inpatient acute care	40.9%	50.0%	9.1%	0.0%	
	Inpatient psychiatry	54.5%	40.9%	0.0%	4.5%	
	Inpatient long-term care	36.4%	63.6%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Outpatient primary care	0.0%	81.8%	9.1%	9.1%	
	Outpatient mental health	0.0%	90.9%	4.5%	4.5%	
	Outpatient specialty care	0.0%	81.8%	9.1%	9.1%	
	Outpatient surgery	50.0%	45.5%	4.5%	0.0%	

9. Is there a single set of medical bylaws for the integrated medical center, or does each campus have its own?

	Single set for	Each campus			
Facility	the system	has own set			
528		✓			
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	0.0%	100.0%			
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	91.3%	8.7%			

III. DECISION-MAKING & LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

10. Decisions are made at various levels within an organization. Indicate the level at which ultimate approval is made for the following decisions:

Percentages based of	on # of facilities that selected a decision-making level for the g	iven decision.				
		Network	Med Center	Service or	Unit or	Other
Facility	Decision	Director	Director	Service Line	Workgroup	(Unspecified)
500	1) Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)	✓				
	2) Allocation of resources among clinical services		✓			
	3) How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented					✓
	4) What categories of patients will receive hearing aids					✓
	5) Where patients will receive open heart surgery			✓		
	6) What services a campus will provide	✓				
	7) Development of a strategic plan for clinical services		✓			
	8) Other (unspecified)					
514	1) Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)		✓			
	2) Allocation of resources among clinical services		✓			
	3) How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented		✓			
	4) What categories of patients will receive hearing aids	✓				
	5) Where patients will receive open heart surgery	✓				
	6) What services a campus will provide	✓				
	7) Development of a strategic plan for clinical services		✓			
	8) Other (unspecified)					
528	1) Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)	✓				
	2) Allocation of resources among clinical services		✓			
	How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented			✓		
	4) What categories of patients will receive hearing aids					✓
	5) Where patients will receive open heart surgery	✓				
	6) What services a campus will provide	✓				
	7) Development of a strategic plan for clinical services	✓				
	8) Other (unspecified)					
532	1) Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)	✓				
	2) Allocation of resources among clinical services	✓				
	3) How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented			✓		
	4) What categories of patients will receive hearing aids			✓		
	5) Where patients will receive open heart surgery				✓	
	6) What services a campus will provide	✓				
	7) Development of a strategic plan for clinical services			✓		
	8) Other (unspecified)					

(continued)						
	- · · ·	Network	Med Center	Service or	Unit or	Other
Facility	Decision	Director	Director	Service Line	Workgroup	(Unspecified)
670	1) Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)	✓				
	Allocation of resources among clinical services		✓			
	3) How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented			✓		
	4) What categories of patients will receive hearing aids	✓				
	5) Where patients will receive open heart surgery			✓		
	6) What services a campus will provide	✓				
	7) Development of a strategic plan for clinical services		✓			
	8) Other (unspecified)			✓		
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	1) Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	2) Allocation of resources among clinical services	20.0%	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	3) How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented	0.0%	20.0%	60.0%	0.0%	20.0%
	4) What categories of patients will receive hearing aids	40.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	40.0%
	5) Where patients will receive open heart surgery	40.0%	0.0%	40.0%	20.0%	0.0%
	6) What services a campus will provide	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	7) Development of a strategic plan for clinical services	20.0%	60.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	8) Other (unspecified)	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	1) Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)	83.9%	15.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%
	2) Allocation of resources among clinical services	3.2%	92.8%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	3) How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented	10.4%	24.0%	55.2%	2.4%	8.0%
	4) What categories of patients will receive hearing aids	31.1%	14.8%	32.8%	7.4%	13.9%
	5) Where patients will receive open heart surgery	27.4%	23.4%	32.3%	8.1%	8.9%
	6) What services a campus will provide	44.7%	52.8%	0.0%	0.8%	1.6%
	7) Development of a strategic plan for clinical services	13.8%	57.7%	24.4%	1.6%	2.4%
	8) Other (unspecified)	7.1%	50.0%	7.1%	0.0%	35.7%

11. For each staff position listed, indicate regular attendance for up to 6 Medical Center committees that deal with quality or patient safety:

Percentages based on all fac	ilities surveyed; responses left bla	ank could not necess	arily be assumed	'0'.	
		Attends 1	Attends 2-3	Attends 4-6	
Facility	Position	committee	committees	committees	
500	Medical Center Director	✓			
	Chief of Staff		✓		
	Associate Director		✓		
	Nurse Executive			✓	
514	Medical Center Director		✓		
	Chief of Staff			✓	
	Associate Director				
	Nurse Executive		✓		
528	Medical Center Director	✓			
	Chief of Staff	✓			
	Associate Director	✓			
	Nurse Executive	✓			
532	Medical Center Director	✓			
	Chief of Staff		✓		
	Associate Director				
	Nurse Executive			√	
670	Medical Center Director		✓		
	Chief of Staff			✓	
	Associate Director		✓		
	Nurse Executive			✓	
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	Medical Center Director	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%	
	Chief of Staff	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%	
	Associate Director	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	
	Nurse Executive	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	Medical Center Director	39.3%	32.6%	2.2%	
	Chief of Staff	11.1%	56.3%	24.4%	
	Associate Director	14.8%	52.6%	15.6%	
	Nurse Executive	9.6%	44.4%	37.8%	

12. For each staff position listed, indicate the number of committees (external to the Medical Center) of which that person is a formal member: Responses left blank were assumed '0' here, as specified in the *Inventory* instrument.

Responses left blank were as	sumed '0' here, as specified in the	<i>Inventory</i> instrume	nt.				
		VISN Commit	tees, Task-forces	, Workgroups	National Comn	nittees, Task-force	s, Workgroups
Facility	Position	0-2 groups	3-4 groups	5+ groups	0-2 groups	3-4 groups	5+ groups
500	Medical Center Director			✓		✓	
	Chief of Staff	✓			✓		
	Associate Director		✓		✓		
	Nurse Executive			✓	✓		
514	Medical Center Director			✓	✓		
	Chief of Staff			✓	✓		
	Associate Director	✓			✓		
	Nurse Executive			✓	✓		
528	Medical Center Director			✓	✓		
	Chief of Staff			✓	✓		
	Associate Director			✓	✓		
	Nurse Executive			✓			✓
532	Medical Center Director			✓			✓
	Chief of Staff			✓	✓		
	Associate Director	✓			✓		
	Nurse Executive			✓	✓		
670	Medical Center Director			✓		✓	
	Chief of Staff	✓			✓		
	Associate Director			✓	✓		
	Nurse Executive		✓		✓		
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	Medical Center Director	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%
	Chief of Staff	40.0%	0.0%	60.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Associate Director	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Nurse Executive	0.0%	20.0%	80.0%	80.0%	0.0%	20.0%
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	Medical Center Director	29.6%	43.0%	27.4%	78.5%	17.8%	3.7%
	Chief of Staff	39.3%	34.1%	26.7%	90.4%	5.2%	4.4%
	Associate Director	45.9%	33.3%	20.7%	95.6%	3.0%	1.5%
	Nurse Executive	37.8%	37.0%	25.2%	77.8%	17.0%	5.2%

IV. PERFORMANCE & QUALITY

13. At what level(s) of aggregation is performance data available in the Medical Center?

Multiple responses could be selected.

		By Service,		
		Service-Line or		By Individual
Facility	By Facility	Dept	By Work-Unit	Clinician
500	✓	✓		
514	✓	✓	✓	✓
528	✓	✓	✓	✓
532	✓	✓	✓	✓
670	✓	✓	✓	✓
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	100.0%	100.0%	80.0%	80.0%
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	95.2%	91.9%	81.5%	81.5%

14. Approximately what proportion of clinical service chiefs share performance data with their staff?

Facility	All	Most	About half	A few	None	
500		✓				
514		✓				
528		✓				
532	✓					
670		✓				
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	20.0%	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	52.8%	43.9%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	

15. Approximately what proportion of nurse managers share performance data with their staff?

Facility	AII	Most	About half	A few	None	
500		✓				
514		✓				
528		✓				
532		✓				
670		✓				
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	53.7%	39.8%	4.9%	1.6%	0.0%	

Facility	AII	Most	About half	A few	None	
500		✓				
514		✓				
528		✓				
532		✓				
670		✓				
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	42.7%	48.4%	4.0%	4.8%	0.0%	

17. Approximately what proportion of individual clinical units are held accountable for performance goals?

Facility	AII	Most	About half	A few	None	
500	✓					
514		✓				
528	✓					
532	✓					
670	✓					
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	65.9%	26.2%	2.4%	2.4%	3.2%	

18. Does the facility have designated physician champions for performance goals?

		Multiple champs	No formally
	Single champ for	for different	designated
Facility	all measures	areas	champs
500		✓	
514		✓	
528			✓
532		✓	
670		✓	
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	0.0%	80.0%	20.0%
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	9.4%	79.7%	10.9%

19. Are funds set aside	for employee recogniti	on programs (ot	her than national/ECF)?
Facility	Yes	No	Avg proportion of budget set aside for employee recognition programs:
500	✓		0.16%
514	✓		0.69%
528	✓		1.00%
532	✓		0.60%
670	✓		0.40%
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTIO	N 100.0%	0.0%	0.57%
NATIONAL DISTRIBU	ITION 96.1%	3.9%	0.90%

. When was the Medical Cent	ter's most rec	ent JCAHO revi	ew conducted	?		
Facility	2002	2003	2004	2005		
500		✓				
514		✓				
528		✓				
532		✓				
670		✓				
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	11.6%	24.8%	42.6%	20.9%		

. Approximate number of red	quirements for	improvement	from last JCAHO	review:		
Facility	0-3	4-7	8-25			
500			✓			
514			✓			
528		✓				
532	✓					
670	✓					
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%			
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	38.9%	27.0%	34.1%			

22. Has the Medical Center formal	ly adopted the seven categories of the I	Malcom Baldrige National Quality Awa	rd as an organizing framework?
	,, ,		

Facility	Yes	No	
500	✓		
514	✓		
528	✓		
532	✓		
670	✓		
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	100.0%	0.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	38.0%	62.0%	

22a. If yes: Does the Medical Center currently use Baldrige principles to inform internal improvement efforts?

n = only facilities who an	swered <u>yes</u> to que	estion 22 above.		
Facility	Yes	No		
500	✓			
514	✓			
528	✓			
532	✓			
670	✓			
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	100.0%	0.0%		
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	72.1%	27.9%		

22b. If yes: Has the Medical Center submitted a Baldrige quality application?

n = only facilities who ans	swered <u>yes</u> to que	estion 22 above.
Facility	Yes	No
500	✓	
514	✓	
528	✓	
532	✓	
670	✓	
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	100.0%	0.0%
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	50.7%	49.3%

VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION

NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

23. Has the Medical Center applied for or received any quality award(s) other than Baldrige?									
Facility	Yes	No							
500	✓								
514	✓								
528	✓								
532	✓								
670	./								

0.0%

60.3%

100.0%

39.7%

23a. If yes: Which award(s) has the Medical Center applied for or received?												
n = only facilities who answered yes to question 23 above. Multiple responses could be selected.												
Facility	Robert Carey Award	Local city or state award	Presidential Quality Award	Ken Kizer Quality Award	JCAHO Codman Award	VA Quality Achievement Grant	Other VA award	Other national award				
500	717010	otato awara	additty /twaia	√	7111010	O COLIT	✓	✓				
514	✓											
528	✓			✓								
532	✓			✓								
670	✓			✓								
VISN 2 DISTRIBUTION	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%				
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	69.2%	25.0%	9.6%	13.5%	3.8%	1.9%	17.3%	11.5%				