

2005 Inventory of VHA Organizational Characteristics

Profile of Medical Centers in VISN 22 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
593	
600	Spinal Cord Injury
	Medicine
	Primary and Specialty Care Clinics
	Surgery
	Geriatrics and Rehabilitation
605	Medical Executive Council
	Process Improvement Council
	Service Quality Council
	Clinical Executive Board
664	Mental Health
	Ambulatory Care
	Rehabilitative Services
	Critical Care
	Spinal Cord Injury
	Extended Care
691	

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

Shown as 9	% of clinical areas listed	d for which each option was selected; each	n cell represents a distinct variable of 0-100°	%. Multiple responses could be selected	per clinical area.
Facility	n (# areas listed)	Multi-disciplinary committee to set & communicate policy, resolve problems	Multi-disciplinary team for quality improvement	Clinical SL with staff & budget authority, matrixed with dept/discipline leaders	Clinical SL with line authority for staff and budget
593	0				
600	5	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
605	4	75.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
664	6	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
691	0				
VISN 22 DIS	TRIBUTION	58.3%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%
NATIONAL I	DISTRIBUTION	40.3%	33.6%	31.9%	25.1%

To which position level(s)	in the Medical (Center do CBO	Cs report?					
Multiple responses could be se		ocinici do obo	оз геропт:	_	_	_	_	_
Maniple responses could be so	Med Center		Primary or	Medicine or	Second-level			
		Staff to MCD or	Ambulatory Care	Medical Care	Care Line	Other Quadrad	Other Admin	Other Care
Facility	of Staff	cos	Line Lead	Line Lead	Manager	Leader	Lead	Lead
593								
600			✓		✓			
605	✓							
664	✓					✓		
691			✓					
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	12.4%	4.1%	61.2%	14.9%	17.4%	16.5%	7.4%	4.1%
Does the Medical Center h	nave one or more	e primary medi	ical school affilia	ates?				
						iliate within walki		VAMC:
Facility	No affiliates	1 affiliate	2 affiliates		(n=facilities who	indicated 1+ affilia	tes)	
593								
600		✓						
605		✓			✓			
664		√			✓			
691		✓						
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%		50.0%			
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	9.7%	66.9%	23.4%		34.5%			
How many bargaining uni	ts are associate	d with the Med	ical Center?					
Facility	1 union	2 unions	3+ unions					
593								
600		✓						
605		✓						
664	✓							
691			✓					
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%					
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	47.6%	33.1%	19.4%					
Does the Medical Center h	nave a regular, re	ecurring proce	ss for labor-mar	nagement con	nmunication?			
Facility	Yes	No						
593								
600	✓							
605	✓							
664	✓							
691	✓							
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	100.0%	0.0%						

6.	Is a union representative a	ppointed to the	e Medical Cente	r Executive Coι	ıncil?	
	Facility	Yes	No			
	593					
	600	✓				
	605		✓			
	664	✓				
	691	✓				
	VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	75.0%	25.0%			
	NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	54.8%	45.2%			
	6a. <u>If appointed</u> , how frequ	ently does the	union represer	ntative attend th	e Executive (Council?
	n = only facilities who answ	vered <u>ves</u> to ques	stion 6 above.			
					Most of the	
	Facility	Never	Occasionally	Half the time	time	All the time
	593					
	600			✓		
	605					
	664	✓				
	691				✓	
	VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%
	NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	8.7%	26.1%	15.9%	34.8%	14.5%
7.	Are union representatives a	appointed to o	ther committees	s?		
	Facility	Yes, to all	Yes, to many	Yes, to a few	No	
	593					
	600	✓				
	605		✓			
	664			✓		
	691		✓			
	VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%	0.0%	
	NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	14.4%	64.0%	20.0%	1.6%	

II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES: INTEGRATED VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS ONLY (Nationaln=27)

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.

			Services at		
			multiple campuses		
		Services	but combined	multiple campuses	
Facility	Service	consolidated to	under single	and under separate	
Facility		one campus	system chief	campus chiefs	structure
691	Inpatient acute care	✓			
	Inpatient psychiatry	\checkmark			
	Inpatient long-term care		✓		
	Outpatient primary care		✓		
	Outpatient mental health		✓		
	Outpatient specialty care		✓		
	Outpatient surgery	✓			
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	Inpatient acute care	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Inpatient psychiatry	100.0%	0.0%	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	100.0%	0.0%	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	
691	✓		
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	100.0%	0.0%	
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	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)
593	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)					
600	1) Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)		\checkmark			
	2) Allocation of resources among clinical services		\checkmark			
	3) How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented			\checkmark		
	4) What categories of patients will receive hearing aids				\checkmark	
	5) Where patients will receive open heart surgery			\checkmark		
	6) What services a campus will provide		\checkmark			
	7) Development of a strategic plan for clinical services			\checkmark		
	8) Other (unspecified)					\checkmark
605	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)					
664	1) Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)	✓				
	2) Allocation of resources among clinical services		\checkmark			
	3) How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented					\checkmark
	4) What categories of patients will receive hearing aids					\checkmark
	5) Where patients will receive open heart surgery	\checkmark				
	6) What services a campus will provide	\checkmark				
	7) Development of a strategic plan for clinical services		\checkmark			
	8) Other (unspecified)					

(continued)						
		Network	Med Center	Service or	Unit or	Other
Facility	Decision	Director	Director	Service Line	Workgroup	(Unspecified)
691	Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)	✓				
	Allocation of resources among clinical services		✓			
	How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented			\checkmark		
	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 22 DISTRIBUTION	1) Purchase of expensive medical equipment (>\$1mil)	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	2) Allocation of resources among clinical services	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	3) How new clinical practice guidelines will be implemented	25.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	25.0%
	4) What categories of patients will receive hearing aids	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%
	5) Where patients will receive open heart surgery	50.0%	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%	0.0%
	6) What services a campus will provide	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	7) Development of a strategic plan for clinical services	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	8) Other (unspecified)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
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 posit	I. For each staff position listed, indicate regular attendance for up to 6 Medical Center committees that deal with quality or patient safety:							
Percentages based or	all facilities surveyed; responses left bla	ank could not necess	arily be assumed	'0'.				
Facility	Position	Attends 1 committee	Attends 2-3 committees	Attends 4-6 committees				
593	Medical Center Director Chief of Staff Associate Director Nurse Executive	✓	✓ ✓					
600	Medical Center Director Chief of Staff Associate Director Nurse Executive	√						
605	Medical Center Director Chief of Staff Associate Director Nurse Executive	✓	✓ ✓ ✓					
664	Medical Center Director Chief of Staff Associate Director Nurse Executive		✓ ✓	✓ ✓				
691	Medical Center Director Chief of Staff Associate Director Nurse Executive	✓	√					
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTIO	ON Medical Center Director Chief of Staff Associate Director Nurse Executive	20.0% 0.0% 40.0% 40.0%	20.0% 60.0% 40.0% 40.0%	0.0% 20.0% 0.0% 20.0%				
NATIONAL DISTRIBU	TION Medical Center Director Chief of Staff Associate Director Nurse Executive	39.3% 11.1% 14.8% 9.6%	32.6% 56.3% 52.6% 44.4%	2.2% 24.4% 15.6% 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. VISN Committees, Task-forces, Workgroups National Committees, Task-forces, Workgroups **Facility Position** 0-2 groups 3-4 groups 5+ groups 0-2 groups 3-4 groups 5+ groups 593 Medical Center Director Chief of Staff **Associate Director** Nurse Executive \checkmark 600 Medical Center Director Chief of Staff Associate Director Nurse Executive 605 Medical Center Director Chief of Staff Associate Director Nurse Executive \checkmark 664 Medical Center Director Chief of Staff \checkmark Associate Director Nurse Executive 691 Medical Center Director Chief of Staff Associate Director \checkmark Nurse Executive **VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION Medical Center Director** 40.0% 20.0% 40.0% 100.0% 0.0% 0.0% Chief of Staff 0.0% 80.0% 20.0% 80.0% 20.0% 0.0% **Associate Director** 80.0% 0.0% 20.0% 100.0% 0.0% 0.0% 20.0% 80.0% 20.0% 0.0% **Nurse Executive** 60.0% 20.0% **Medical Center Director** 43.0% 78.5% 17.8% 3.7% NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION 29.6% 27.4% **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 respon	ses could	be selected.
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		By Service,		
		Service-Line or		By Individual
Facility	By Facility	Dept	By Work-Unit	Clinician
593				
600	✓	✓	✓	✓
605	✓	✓	✓	✓
664	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
691	✓	✓	✓	✓
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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	
593						
600	\checkmark					
605	✓					
664		✓				
691		✓				
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	50.0%	50.0%	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	
593						
600	✓					
605	✓					
664						
691		✓				
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	53.7%	39.8%	4.9%	1.6%	0.0%	

16.	Approximately what proporti	on of <i>admini</i> s	strative unit he	eads share perfo	rmance data v	vith their staff?		
	Facility	AII	Most	About half	A few	None		
	593							
	600	✓						
	605	✓						
	664		\checkmark					
	691		✓					
	VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
	NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	42.7%	48.4%	4.0%	4.8%	0.0%		

Approximately what proport	tion of individi	uai ciinicai un	its are neid accol	intable for pei	Tormance goals?	
Facility	All	Most	About half	A few	None	
593						
600	✓					
605	✓					
664		\checkmark				
691		\checkmark				
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	65.9%	26.2%	2.4%	2.4%	3.2%	

oes the facility have des	signated physicia	n champions fo	or performanc
		Multiple champs	No formally
	Single champ for	for different	designated
Facility	all measures	areas	champs
593	✓		
600	✓		
605		\checkmark	
664		\checkmark	
691		\checkmark	
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	40.0%	60.0%	0.0%
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	9.4%	79.7%	10.9%

19.	Are funds set aside for employee recognition programs (other than national/ECF)?											
	Facility	Yes	No	Avg proportion of budget set aside for employee recognition programs:								
	593	✓		1.00%								
	600	✓		2.00%								
	605	✓		1.00%								
	664	\checkmark		0.50%								
	691	\checkmark		0.50%								
	VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	100.0%	0.0%	1.00%								
	NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	96.1%	3.9%	0.90%								

). When was the Medical Cent	er's most rece	ent JCAHO revi	ew conducted?			
Facility	2002	2003	2004	2005		
593			✓			
600		✓				
605			✓			
664			✓			
691			✓			
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	0.0%	20.0%	80.0%	0.0%		
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	11.6%	24.8%	42.6%	20.9%		

. Approximate number of req	uirements for	improvement fr	rom last JCAHO rev	/iew:		
Facility	0-3	4-7	8-25			
593	✓					
600	✓					
605			✓			
664			✓			
691			\checkmark			
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	40.0%	0.0%	60.0%			
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	38.9%	27.0%	34.1%			

22. Has the Medical Center formally adopted the seven categories of the Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award as an organizing framework?

Facility	Yes	No	
593	✓		
600	\checkmark		
605	✓		
664	\checkmark		
691	✓		
VISN 22 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 and	swered <u>ves</u> to que	stion 22 above.	
Facility	Yes	No	
593	✓		
600	✓		
605	✓		
664	✓		
691	✓		
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	100.0%	0.0%	
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	85.7%	14.3%	

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

n = only facilities who ans	wered <u>yes</u> to qu	estion 22 above.		
Facility	Yes	No		
593	✓			
600	✓			
605	✓			
664		✓		
691		✓		
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	60.0%	40.0%		
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	57.2%	42.9%		

3. Has the Medical Center ap	plied for or rece	ived any qual	ity award(s) <u>oth</u>	er than <i>Baldrig</i>	<u>re</u> ?			
Facility	Yes	No						
593	✓							
600		✓						
605	✓							
664		✓						
691	✓							
VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	60.0%	40.0%						
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION	39.7%	60.3%						
23a. If yes: Which award((s) has the Medic	cal Center app	lied for or recei	ved?				
n = only facilities who an	swered ves to que	stion 23 above	Multiple response	s could be select	red.	_	_	_
,	<u>,</u>					VA Quality		
	Robert Carey	Local city or	Presidential	Ken Kizer	JCAHO Codman	Achievement		Other national
Facility	Award	state award	Quality Award	Quality Award	Award	Grant	Other VA award	award
593		✓						
600								
605	✓							
664								
691	✓			✓				
691 VISN 22 DISTRIBUTION	√ 66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	√ 33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%