



DIRECTOR APPOINTED FOR VA TENNESSEE VALLEY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



Network Director John Dandridge, Jr. is pleased to announce VA Secretary James Nicholson's appointment of Mr. Juan A. Morales, R.N., M.S.N., to the position of Director of the VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, effective January 6, 2008.

Mr. Morales fills the vacancy left by retired director, David N. Pennington.

Mr. Juan A. Morales

Mr. Morales has served as Interim Director of Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS) since June 6, 2007. Mr. Morales joins TVHS from the James H. Quillen VAMC, Mountain Home, Tennessee, where he served as Associate Director for Patient Care/Nursing Services since 2001. He was Acting Associate Director for Operations there from April 2005 until July 2006.

As Associate Director for Patient Care/Nursing Services, Mr. Morales was responsible for evaluating, planning, developing, and directing patient care activities in the medical center. He provided leadership and direction to Nursing, Chaplain, Volunteer, Learning Resources, and Pharmacy Service.

Mr. Morales has a Masters Degree in Nursing Administration from the University of Puerto Rico. Mr. Morales' previous VA service includes the San Juan, Miami, Amarillo, TX and Birmingham, Alabama VAMC's. He is Chairperson for the Department of Veterans Affairs Disciplinary Appeals Board for nurses, physicians and dentists. He is Chairperson of the VISN 9 EEO Diversity Committee, and the VISN 9 Academic Affairs Committee. He serves on the VISN 9 Health System Council, the VISN 9 Workforce Development Council, 2006 Senior Management Board of Directors and a mentor in the Executive Career Field (ECF) Program. Mr. Morales was recently selected to the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program 2009.