

Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services

Business Plan Studies for Montrose/Castle Point VAMC

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 Montrose/Castle Point VAMC



- **The Montrose and Castle Point campuses of Hudson Valley Health Care System are both underutilized.**
- **VA will implement a consolidation of services between the Montrose and Castle Point campuses that will enhance patient care and make for effective use of VA health care resources.**
- **VA will develop a Master Plan for both the Montrose and Castle Point campuses ensuring an effective transition of services.**

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Specific Considerations/Requirements –

- **Transfer from Montrose to Castle Point:**
 - ◆ **Acute Psychiatry**
 - ◆ **Long-term Psychiatry**
 - ◆ **Nursing Home beds**
- **Continue to provide at Montrose:**
 - ◆ **Outpatient**
 - ◆ **Domiciliary**
 - ◆ **Residential Rehabilitation**
- **Augment the mission of Castle Point with new construction**
- **Reduce the footprint on the Montrose campus through and enhanced use lease for assisted living or other compatible uses or divestiture of property**