

Addendum to Second Local Advisory Panel (LAP) Meeting

Following the second LAP meeting on September 30, 2005, Mr. John King, Walla Walla LAP member, as agreed to by consensus of the LAP members, submitted an addendum to the meeting minutes. The addendum was signed by Timothy B. Williams, the Walla Walla LAP chair, and sent to Team PwC on October 28, 2005.

Amendment:

"All BPO's going forward for the Secretary's review should include the following statement":

"Considerations for reuse of the Walla Walla VAMC campus should include the following: The Federal VA form a partnership with state and local governments, nonprofit organizations and private business to develop housing for veterans. The VA could then provide a continuum of health care in the form of Home Care, Hospice Care and skilled nursing, especially for low to no income veterans who would be eligible for such care."

The following italicized comments were included in the letter from LAP Chair Timothy B. Williams

(Mr. King's comments in support of his amendment: Demographic projections indicate that over the next twenty years, the increase of veterans 65 years old and older will grow significantly. Those 85 years and older will experience up to a 300% increase and of those, 50% or more will suffer from Dementia. To develop high diversity housing for low to no income veterans on the grounds of the Medical Center would be a progressive way for the Federal VA to provide the least cost, least restrictive means of health care, in a matter that provides dignity and compassion to veterans. Veterans would be able to "age in place".)