

I want to inform all of you that we have begun to make organizational changes at Greater Los Angeles VAMC. These changes are intended to promote greater community engagement and provide greater administrative leadership to critical practice areas promoting more focused Veteran-centric care.

Effective immediately, Michelle Wildy is now the Director of Education for Social Work Service and Bill Daniels will act as the interim lead for what is now being reorganized to be Community Engagement and Reintegration Services.

I would like to thank Ms. Wildy for her years of service and wish her continued success in her new role. In this interim role Mr. Daniels will have responsibilities for what was formerly Community Care and The Domiciliary, Compensated Work Therapy (CWT), CWT Therapeutic Resident Program, and Homeless Patient Aligned Care Teams (HPACTS) while ensuring there is strong coordination with Social Work, Mental Health, and community partners. Mr. Daniels will report to the Chief of Staff while also working closely with Vince Kane and myself to ensure a smooth transition of these programs and services.

To further assist with this transition, we will begin adding additional interim staff to help with community relations.

Sarah Mahin is being detailed to work with City, County, Home for Good, the USC Collaborative, and externally funded partners.

Julie Malphurs will be detailed to assist with data. Shawn Dowling will be detailed to assist with HUD-VASH.

We will continue to add additional details later in the month focused on outreach.

We are also in the process of recruiting three Senior Executive Service level leaders for the medical center. The new organizational structure will have one Executive Director and two Deputy Directors. One Deputy Director will have leadership responsibilities for land use issues on the North Campus and will oversee the Community Engagement and Reintegration section of the organization. The other Deputy Director will have responsibility for Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center and Community Based Outpatient Clinics. We expect to begin recruiting for these positions later this summer and we will keep you informed regarding our progress.

Thanks for your assistance and all that you do to better serve our Veterans.

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