

2016 Current Fiscal Year Report: Commission on Care

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Veterans Affairs	2016
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Commission on Care	2542

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	07/22/2015	07/22/2017	08/06/2016

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	VACAA Section 202(e)	08/06/2016

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
VACAA Section 202	08/07/2014	Continuing	Yes

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 2

16b. Report Date	Report Title
11/30/2015	The Interim Report of the Commission on Care
07/06/2016	Commission on Care - Final Report

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2

17a. Open	6	17b. Closed	0	17c. Partially Closed	5	Other Activities	0	17d. Total	11
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Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
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On October 6, the Commission heard from VHA and other Department officials as well as other experts on the feasibility, advisability, and cost implications of recommendations in the CAMH Independent Assessment. 10/06/2015 - 10/06/2015

On October 19, the Commission heard from experts who provided insights on work to be done by the Commission. In addition, presentations were made by VHA on clinical health services. On October 20, the Commission heard about access to VA health care and support services. 10/19/2015 - 10/20/2015

On the mornings of November 16 and 17, the Commission heard from experts who provided insights on work to be done by the Commission. On the afternoons of November 16 and 17, and the morning of November 18, the Committee convened closed sessions in accordance with The Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (c)(9)(B). 11/16/2015 - 11/18/2015

On December 14 and the mornings of December 15 and 16, the Commission heard from experts who provided insights on work to be done by the Commission. On the afternoon of December 15, the Commission convened closed sessions in accordance with The Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2) and (c)(9)(B), to conduct administrative work. 12/14/2015 - 12/16/2015

On January 19 and 21, the Commission heard from experts who provided insights on work to be done by the Commission. On January 20, the Commission convened a closed session in accordance with The Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2) and (c)(9)(B), to conduct administrative work. 01/19/2016 - 01/21/2016

On February 8 and 9, the Commission heard from experts who provided insights on work to be done by the Commission. On the afternoon of February 9, the Commission convened a short closed session in accordance with The Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2) and (c)(9)(B), to conduct administrative work. 02/08/2016 - 02/09/2016

On February 29 and March 1, the Commission heard from experts who provided insights on work to be done by the Commission. 02/29/2016 - 03/01/2016

On March 21-23, the Commission heard from experts who provided insights on work to be done by the Commission. On the morning of March 21, the Commission convened a short closed session in accordance with The Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2) and (c)(9)(B), to conduct administrative work.

03/21/2016 - 03/23/2016

On April 18-19, the Commission heard from experts who provided insights on work to be done by the Commission.

04/18/2016 - 04/19/2016

On May 9-11, the Commission heard from experts who provided insights on work to be done by the Commission.

05/09/2016 - 05/11/2016

On June 7-8, the Commission met to conduct deliberations on the draft content of its final report.

06/07/2016 - 06/08/2016

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 11

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$378,873.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$1,718,724.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$238,982.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$51,655.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$1,659.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$292,756.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$2,682,649.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	12.54	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of the Commission, as described in section 202 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (VACAA), is to examine the access of Veterans to health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and strategically examine how best to organize the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), locate health care resources, and deliver health care to Veterans during the next 20 years. In undertaking this assessment, the Commission will evaluate and assess the results of the Independent Assessment conducted by CMS Alliance to Modernize Healthcare in accordance with section 201 of VACAA. The Commission will submit an interim report not later than 90 days after the initial meeting (September 2015) to the President, through the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and a final report not later than 180 days after the initial meeting of the Commission.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Legislation specified the appointment authority by the President and Congress.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated monthly meetings starting in September 2015. In FY 2016, the Commission held 11 meetings in various locations in Washington D.C. The meetings took place during the months of October 2015 (two meetings), November 2015, December 2015, January 2016, February 2016 (two meetings), March 2016, April 2016, May 2016, and June 2016.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Congressionally mandated

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c)(2) and (c)(9)(B)

21. Remarks

Not Applicable

Designated Federal Officer

John Goodrich Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Blecker, Michael	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	Swords to Plowshares	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blom, David	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	Ohio Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cosgrove, Delos "Toby"	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	Cleveland Clinic	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gorman, David	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	Disabled American Veterans	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Harvey, Thomas	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hickey, Stewart	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	AMVETS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Johnson, Joyce	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	Consultant, Retired, USPHS Admiral	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kahn, Ikram	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	Quality Care Consultants	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Longman, Phillip	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	New America	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McClenney, Lucretia	10/15/2015	08/06/2016	Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schlichting, Nancy	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	Henry Ford Health System	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Selnick, Darin	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	Concerned Veterans for America	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Steele, Martin	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	Veterans Research, University of South Florida; Retired 3-Star Marine Corps General	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Taylor, Charlene	10/12/2015	08/06/2016	California Veterans Board	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Webster, Marshall	08/07/2015	08/06/2016	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

Not Applicable

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

18

Number of Recommendations Comments

The 18 recommendations are outlined in the Commission's final report, which can be found at:

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

12%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

According to a statement released by VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald on September 1, 2016, the Department of Veterans Affairs has already accomplished or have been working on 12 out of the 18 through our ongoing MyVA transformation.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2815>

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not Applicable