

# 2003 Current Fiscal Year Report: President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Veterans Affairs	2003
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans	10793

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	09/07/2001		

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes	Executive Order 13214	05/31/2003

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Terminate	No	

<b>11. Establishment Authority</b>	Presidential		
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Executive Order 13214	05/28/2001	Continuing	Yes

**15. Description of Committee** National Policy Issue Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** 1

<b>16b. Report Date</b>	<b>Report Title</b>
05/31/2003	Final Report

**Number of Committee Reports Listed:** 1

<b>17a. Open</b>	7	<b>17b. Closed</b>	0	<b>17c. Partially Closed</b>	0	<b>Other Activities</b>	0	<b>17d. Total</b>	7
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**Meetings and Dates**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
Discuss format and issues for the Final Report to the President.	10/09/2002	10/09/2002
Discuss format and issues for the Final Report to the President.	11/13/2002	11/13/2002
Discuss format and issues for the Final Report to the President.	12/11/2002	12/11/2002
Discuss format and issues for the Final Report to the President.	02/12/2003	02/12/2003
Review format and issues for the Final Report to the President.	03/06/2003	03/06/2003
Review format and issues for the Final Report of the President.	04/09/2003	04/09/2003
Approval of the Task Force's final report for submission to the President.	04/24/2003	04/24/2003

### **Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 7**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$273,623.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$69,777.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$53,722.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$1,409,472.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$1,806,594.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	3.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The President's charge to the Task Force was to identify ways to improve health care delivery to VA and DoD beneficiaries through better coordination and improved business practices. In July 2002, the Task Force presented preliminary findings in its Interim Report. The Task Force's conclusions, including 23 recommendations for action, are presented in its Final Report (May 2003). This can be viewed at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Task Force is comprised of 15 members appointed by the President. Two of the 15 members serve as co-chairs of the Task Force. The Task Force membership includes health care experts, officials familiar with VA and DoD health care systems, and representatives from veterans and military service organizations. Experts or consultants may be engaged, to the extent permitted by law, to assist the Task Force.

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

Task Force members visited numerous VA and DoD health care facilities around the country, conducted focus groups with beneficiaries, and met with many beneficiary organizations.

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

This Task Force is established by Executive Order 13214, dated May 28, 2001. The Task Force has access to the collective knowledge of federal and private health care experts familiar with VA and DoD health care systems, and military service organizations. VA and DoD cannot otherwise

continuously engage the collective knowledge of experts in these domains without the establishment of an appropriate advisory council.

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

Meetings were not closed.

**21. Remarks**

**Designated Federal Officer**

Gail R. Wilensky Chair

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alvarez, Everett	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	Private Consultant, Fmr. Viet. POW, Author, Fmr. Dep. Adm. Vets. Adminis.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Anthony, Charles	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	Dir., Ctr. for Military Health Policy Research, RAND	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Clark, Terry	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	Fulbright Fellow, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fleming, Mack	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	Attorney, Private Practice	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hammerschmidt, John	05/10/2002	04/07/2003	Co-Chair; Retired Congressman	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hosek, Susan	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	Professor of Policy Analysis, RAND Graduate School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Krasner, Robert	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	VP of Medical Affairs, MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

McCann, Samuel	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	Dir., Financial Affairs, Under Sec. for American Museums Programs, Smithsonian Inst.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Porter, Arthur	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	President & CEO, Detroit Medical Center, Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schwartz, Susan	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	Dep. Dir., Govt. Relations, Health Affairs, The Retired Officers Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Spanogle, Robert	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	National Adjutant, American Legion	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wallace, Robert	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	Asst. Adjutant General & Executive Director, Veterans of Foreign Wars	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Walters, Harry	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	Principal, General Partnership, Lafayette Equity Fund, L.P.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weston, Josh	10/01/2001	04/07/2003	Retired Chairman, Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilensky, Gail	10/10/2001	04/07/2003	Co-Chair; John M. Olin Senior Fellow, Project Hope	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

### **Narrative Description**

The Task Force conducted a significant review of VA and DoD health care delivery systems, identified ways to improve health care delivery to VA and DoD beneficiaries through better coordination and improved business practices, and in the Final

Report issued 23 recommendations to enhance health care access and efficiency as well as provide a more seamless transition for those moving from military service to veteran status. The Task Force review, findings and recommendations are directly linked to assisting VA in meeting its health care mission and support three of VA's strategic goals.

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**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**

NA

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

23

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

NA

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

60%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

VA has indicated either full or partial support for 21 of the 23 recommendations contained in the Task Force Final Report.

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

30%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

VA has indicated either full or partial support for 21 of the 23 recommendations contained in the Task Force Final Report.

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

**Agency Feedback Comments**

NA

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>

Approved grants or other payments

☐

Other

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**Action Comments**

NA

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

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

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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**Access Comments**

NA