



**CARES Commission Meeting
April 2, 3, & 4, 2003**

Wednesday April 2nd, day one

- 8:00 a.m. Commissioners' informal gathering *(Coffee & Danish)*
Arlington Room
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions, Review Agenda *(Chairman Alvarez)*
Potomac Room
- 8:45 a.m. Market Planning Template – what it is; how it was applied in the process for developing solutions for the 'gaps'. *(Jill Powers)*
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. The Demand Model: history, rationale, interplay with needs assessments *(Smith Jenkins)*
- Unmet Demand and Mental Health Issues *(Allen Berkowitz, PhD)*
- 12:00 Noon Lunch with Secretary Principi **Arlington Room**
- 1:15 p.m. Status Report on the Technical Review of the Model *(Bob Burke and Tom Mannle)*
Potomac Room
- 2:15 p.m. Stakeholder Perspectives
Association of American Medical Colleges *(Jordan Cohen, President)*
- American Association of College of Nursing *(Dr. Geraldine Bednash, Executive Director)*
- VHA Office of Academic Affairs *(Dr. Stephanie Pincus)*
- 3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m.	Executive Session:	<i>(Chairman Alvarez & Richard Larson)</i>
	Ex parte Contacts	<i>(James E. Adams, Deputy Assistant General Counsel)</i>
	Staff Functional Responsibilities	<i>(Richard Larson)</i>
	Field Hearing Strategy/SOPs	<i>(Richard Larson)</i>
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn	<i>(Chairman Alvarez)</i>

Thursday April 3rd, day two

8:00 a.m.	Commissioners' informal gathering	<i>(Coffee & Danish)</i> Arlington Room
8:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks, Review Agenda	<i>(Chairman Alvarez)</i> Potomac Room
8:40 a.m.	<u>Stakeholder Perspectives</u> Nurses Association of the VA (NOVA)	<i>(Deborah Beck, Executive Director)</i>
	National Association of VA Physicians and Dentists (NAVAP)	<i>(Dr. John Burton & Dr. Kathy Udell-Martin)</i>
9:45 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m.	American Federation of Federal Employees	<i>(Alma Lee, President, National VA Council)</i>
10:20 a.m.	National Association of Government Employees	<i>(Steve Lenkart, lobbyist) (Unable to Attend)</i>
10:40 a.m.	United American Nurses	<i>(Michael J. Boucher, President, National VA Council)</i>
	<u>Perspectives of Veterans Service Organizations</u>	
11:00 a.m.	Veterans of Foreign Wars	<i>(Bob Wallace, Executive Director and Bill Bradshaw, Director)</i>
11:30 a.m.	American Legion	<i>(John Sommer, Jr., Executive Director)</i>
12:00 noon	Lunch	Arlington Room

- 1:00 p.m. Planning Initiative Overview *(Richard Larson and Dick Fry)*
Potomac Room
- Review Findings VISNs 16, 3 & 1 *(Rebecca Wiley, Ronald Bednarz,
Dick Fry, Team Leaders)*
- 2:00 p.m. Planning Initiative Findings *(Team Breakout)*
- 4:30 p.m. Teams Report Out *(Richard Larson)*
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn *(Chairman Alvarez)*

Friday April 4th, day three

- 8:00 a.m. Commissioners' informal gathering *(Coffee & Danish)*
Arlington Room
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks, Review Agenda *(Chairman Alvarez)*
Potomac Room
- Perspectives of Veterans Service Organizations**
- 8:35 a.m. Disabled American Veterans *(Joe Ilem, Assistant
National Legislative
Director)*
- 9:00 a.m. Paralyzed Veterans of America *(John Bolinger
Deputy Executive Director)*
- 9:25 a.m. Vietnam Veterans Of America *(Rick Weidman, Director,
Government Relations)*
- 9:50 a.m. American Veterans *(Jim King, National
Executive Director)
(Unable to Attend)*
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. VA Homeless Programs *(Pete Dougherty, Director)*
- 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Concerns *(Chairman Alvarez)*
- 11:50 a.m. Adjourn *(Chairman Alvarez)*
- 12:00 Noon Lunch with Deputy Secretary Leo S. Mackay, Jr., Ph.D
Arlington Room