

Department of Veterans Affairs

CARES Commission

Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services

Hearing on VISN 10 Eastern Market

August 12, 2003

Intercontinental Hotel and Conference Center

Cleveland, OH

9:00 a.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Mr. Everett Alvarez, Jr., Chairman

Mr. John Vogel, Hearing Chair

Dr. John, Kendall, Commissioner

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Commissioner

Witnesses submitted written comments prior to the hearing in accordance with procedures for a public hearing. Questions for panelists will be limited to Commissioners.

Interested individuals are welcome to submit written comments on issues raised during the hearing for seven calendar days after the hearing. In addition, comments may be submitted on the draft national plan during the sixty-day period after publication in the Federal Register.

Comments on issues raised during the hearing or the draft plan may be submitted on the web site at www.carescommission@va.gov or to:

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[Marked "Comments"]

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CLEVELAND HEARING (VISN 10)
FINAL WITNESS LIST

PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE

OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ AND VICE CHAIRMAN VOGEL

9:00 am

PANEL #1

Mr. Clyde Parkis, Network Director VISN 10, accompanied by
Mr. William Montague, Director Cleveland VAMC

PANEL #2

Mr. Don Lanthorn, American Legion
Mr. Leslie James, Disabled American Veterans
Mr. Jim Eddins, Veterans of Foreign Wars *(No written statement provided)*
Mr. Clarence Garsee, Paralyzed Veterans of America
Mr. David May, Blinded Veterans Association
Mr. J.P. Brown, AMVETS

PANEL #3

Dean Horwitz, Case Western Reserve College of Medicine *(No written statement provided)*

PANEL #4

~~Mr. Steve Matune, Director, Ohio Veterans Home (Sandusky)~~
~~*(Unable to attend, no written statement provided)*~~
Mr. Gary Chetwood, Director of Public Affairs, Ohio Veterans Home
~~*(No written statement provided)*~~
~~Ms. Mary O'Neal, President, American Federation Government~~
~~—Employees Local 31—*(Unable to attend, no written statement provided)*~~
Mr. Victor Gaddis, AFGC Local 31 *(No written statement provided)*
Ms. Deloris Roach, Minority Veterans Coordinator
Mr. Dennis J. Kresnak, Volunteers of America, Northeast and North Central Ohio

PANEL #5

Honorable Jane Campbell, Mayor, City of Cleveland
Honorable Sabra Pierce Scott, Councilwoman *(No written statement provided)*
~~Dr. Hunter Peckham, Director, Functional Electrical Stimulation Consortium~~
~~*(Unable to attend, no written statement provided)*~~

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CLOSING REMARKS - VICE CHAIRMAN VOGEL

CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENTS

Congressman Sherrod Brown

Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich

Congressman Tim Ryan