

Department of Veterans Affairs

# CARES Commission

Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services

**Hearing on VISN 11 Michigan Market**  
August 22, 2003  
John D. Dingell VA Medical Center  
Detroit, MI  
9:00 a.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

**Mr. Everett Alvarez, Jr., Chairman**  
**Dr. Richard McCormick, Hearing Chair**  
**Mr. John Vogel, Hearing Chair**  
**Ms. Jo Ann Webb, Commissioner**

Witnesses submitted written comments prior to the hearing in accordance with procedures for a public hearing. Witnesses are grouped into panels to present comments. Witnesses, except the Network Director, are asked to adhere to a five minute statement so Commissioners will have time to ask questions of the witnesses. Questions for panelists will be limited to Commissioners.

Everyone is welcome to submit written comments for seven calendar days after each hearing on issues reviewed at the hearing. In addition, comments may be submitted on the draft national CARES plan during the sixty-day period after publication in the Federal Register. Comments on the testimony or draft plan may be submitted on the web site at [www.carescommission@va.gov](http://www.carescommission@va.gov) or to:

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[Marked "Comments"]  
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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MR. HARVEY THEIBE**

**OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ AND COMMISSIONER MCCORMICK**

**PANEL #1**

Ms. Linda Belton, Network Director VISN 11, accompanied by Ms. Alice Wood (Battle Creek VAMC), Mr. James Roseborogh (Ann Arbor Healthcare System), Mr. Michael Wheeler (Detroit VAMC), Mr. Gabriel Perez (Saginaw VAMC), Dr. Pamela Reeves (Chief Medical Officer), and Mr. Craig Anderson (CARES Coordinator)

**PANEL #2**

Col. Hugh Hess, Deputy, Michigan Department of Veterans Affairs *(No written statement provided)*  
Mr. Robert Rasche, The American Legion  
Mr. Keith Pryor, Disabled American Veterans  
Mr. Darrell Kozma, AMVETS  
Mr. Henry Verner, Paralyzed Veterans of America *(No written statement provided)*  
Mr. Dan Penzien, VVA *(No written statement provided)*

**PANEL #3**

Mr. Max Bryant, President, AFGE Local 2092 (Ann Arbor) *(No written statement provided)*  
Mr. Edward Mason, President, AFGE Local 2274 (Saginaw) *(No written statement provided)*  
Dr. Richard Coffey, Director of Planning, University of Michigan *(No written statement provided)*  
Mr. Kenneth Aune, VFW *(No written statement provided)*  
Dean John D. Crissman, MD, Wayne State University  
*(Unable to attend, written statement provided)*  
Dean Allen S. Lichter, MD, University of Michigan Medical School  
*(Unable to attend, written statement provided)*

**CLOSING REMARKS - COMMISSIONER MCCORMICK**