



**CARES Commission Meeting**  
**May 13-14, 2003**  
*Sofitel Lafayette Square, Washington D.C.*

**Tuesday, May 13, day one**

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| 8:00 a.m.  | Commissioners' informal gathering   | Continental Breakfast<br><b>Concorde Room</b>                                  |
| 8:30 a.m.  | Welcome and Introductions, Review Agenda  | <i>(Chairman Alvarez)</i><br><b>Paris Ballroom</b>                             |
| 8:45 a.m.  | Staff Findings on Planning Initiatives  | <i>(Kathy Collier)</i>   |
| 9:05 a.m.  | Discussion and Commission Decision on whether the National CARES Planning Office (NCPO) reasonably adhered to uniform application of policy guidance and made consistent application of the data when establishing the Planning Initiatives | <i>(Chairman Alvarez)</i>  |
| 9:15 a.m.  | Veterans Centers Programs   | <i>(Alfonso R. Batres, Director)</i>   |
| 9:50 a.m.  | Preparatory Session: how to reach a decision on the Model   | <i>(Contract Staff)</i>  |
| 12:00 Noon | Lunch   | <b>Concorde Room</b>   |
| 1:00 p.m.  | VA's Fourth Mission and the potential impact of Homeland Security issues on VA health care delivery   | <i>(Kevin Lambretta and<br/>General Rob Claypool)</i><br><b>Paris Ballroom</b> |
| 1:45 p.m.  | President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans  | <i>(S. Anthony McCann, Commissioner)</i>                                       |
| 2:30 p.m.  | Office of Management and Budget   | <i>(Hari Sastry and Dan Ermann,<br/>Program Examiners, OMB)</i>                |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Break   |  |

**Tuesday, May 13, day one (continued)**

- 3:15 p.m. Administrative Session (Chairman Alvarez)
- Vouchers, Honorarium payments, Hearing travel scheduling (Shirley Lai)  
Field Hearing Strategy (Richard E. Larson)  
Field Hearing Draft Schedules (Rebecca Wiley)  
Congressional and Legislative Issues (Gordon Mansfield,  
Assistant Secretary)  
Protocol at the Field Hearings (Ron Bednarz)  
Report Draft Outline (Susan M. Webman)  
Review Commission's Schedule (Richard E. Larson)
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn (Chairman Alvarez)

**Wednesday, May 14, day two**

- 8:00 a.m. Commissioners' informal gathering Continental Breakfast  
**Madeleine Room**
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks, Review Agenda (Chairman Alvarez)  
**Paris Ballroom**
- 8:40 a.m. Status of Market Plan review  
Introduction and Overview (Randy Estes)  
Team Breakout (Teams 1, 2 and 3)
- 12:00 noon Working Lunch **Madeleine Room**
- 1:00 p.m. Teams Report Out (Commissioner Leads;  
facilitator: Katy McBride)
- 1:45 p.m. Stakeholder Perspectives: Mental Health  
  
Dr. Miklos Losonczy, Associate Chief of Staff for Mental Health Service,  
Co-Chair, VHA, Seriously Chronic Mentally Ill (SCMI) Committee,  
New Jersey Health Care System  
  
Ralph Ibson, Executive Director, National Mental Health Association
- 2:45 p.m. General Accounting Office (Paul Reynolds, Assistant Director, Health  
Care; Michael Blair, Assistant Director,  
Health Care; Cindy Bascetta, Health Care,  
Director, Health and Benefit Issues)

**Wednesday, May 14, day two (continued)**

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Enhanced Use Issues *(Jim Sullivan, OAEM)*

4:00 p.m. Critical Access Hospitals *(Dr. Barbara Chang)*

4:45 p.m. Commissioner concerns *(Chairman Alvarez)*

5: 15 p.m. Adjourn