

CARES Commission



CARES Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2003
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 418
Washington D.C.

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions *(Chairman Alvarez)*

Stakeholder Perspectives:

8:35 a.m. Department of Defense: collaborative efforts *(Dr. David Chu,*
Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness)

9:00 a.m. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States *(William Bradshaw,*
Director of National Veterans Service)

The American Legion *(Cathy C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director for Health*
Care, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division)

9:30 a.m. Blinded Veterans Association *(Rebecca Vinduska,*
Director of Governmental Relations)

AMVETS *(James King, National Executive Director)*

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc. *(Michael Tomsey,*
National Service Director)

Paralyzed Veterans of America *(John Bollinger, Deputy*
Executive Director)

11:00 a.m. Disabled American Veterans *(David Gorman, Executive Director)*

Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association *(Gerard Kelly,*
Executive Director)

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. *(Thomas H. Corey, President)*

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Dialogue with Under Secretary for Health Robert H. Roswell

2:00 p.m. Affiliates
Association of American Medical Colleges (*Jordan Cohen, M.D. President*)

 American Association of College of Nursing (*Dr. Geraldine Bednash, Executive Director*)

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Employee Organizations
American Federation of Federal Employees, National VA Council (*Alma Lee, President*)

 Nurses Association of the VA (NOVA) (*Deborah Beck, Executive Director*)

 National Association of VA Physicians And Dentists (NAVAP) (*Kathy Udell-Martin, DDS*)

3:15 p.m. National Federation of Federal Employees
 IAM DVA Council (*Robert Redding, President*)
United American Nurses
 National VA Council (*Michael J. Boucher, President*)

 National Association of Government Employees (*Mark D. Bailey, Sr. National Representative*)

3:45 p.m. Mental Health

 National Mental Health Association (*Ralph Ibson, Vice President*)

 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (*Roscoe Swann, Board Member*)

 VHA, Seriously Chronic Mentally Ill (SCMI) Committee,
 New Jersey Health Care System (*Dr. Miklos Losonczy, Associate Chief of Staff for Mental Health Service, Co-chair*)

4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks (*Chairman Alvarez*)