Veterans Benefits Administration: Seattle Regional Office



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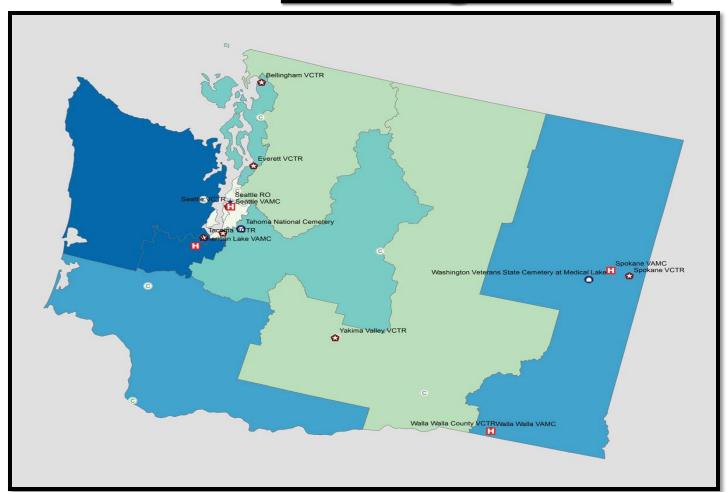
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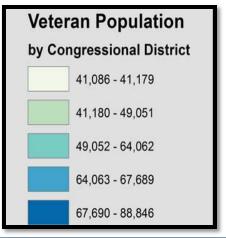




VA Facilities by Congressional District: Washington State











myVA Objectives

MyVA Building Trusted Relationships

Strategic Partnerships Leveraging the community

Veterans **Experience**

Predictable, consistent, easy access

> **Employee Experience**

Unleashing the power of employees

Performance Improvement

Establishing a Lean culture to ensure safety, quality, and agility **Support Services**

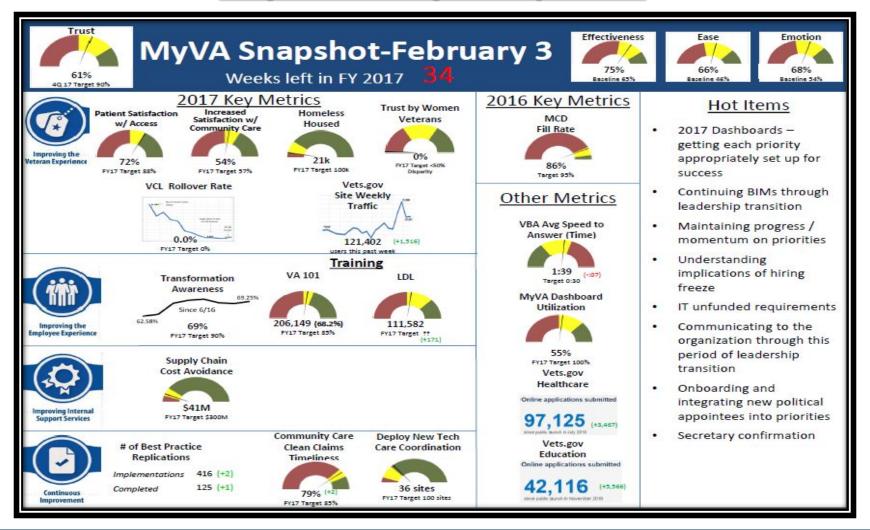
Delivering efficient and effective internal services







MyVA Daily Snapshot







VBA Missions & Service Offerings

EDUCATION

- Provided \$12.6B to 1Mbeneficiaries in FY16
- Processed reenrollment claims in avg.
 of 7.8 days in Dec. 2016
- Post-9/11 GI Bill has paid over
 \$71.59B to nearly 1.7M students and schools since inception

LIFE INSURANCE

- Provides over \$1.2T in coverage
- Paid over \$2B in benefits to insure
 6.1M lives in FY16
- Paying insurance death claims in avg.
 of 3.45 days at nearly 100% accuracy
 as of Dec. 2016

COMPENSATION

- Completed 1.3M claims & 5.76M issues in FY16
- Average days to complete a Veteran's claim is 119 days (228day reduction from peak)

PENSION & FIDUCIARY

- Reduced pension inventory 72.9% from peak to 9.85K
- Completed over 89K field exams in FY16 – 6% more than FY15
- Served 198K Fiduciary beneficiaries in FY16 – 8% more than FY15

Veterans
Benefits
Administration

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION & EMPLOYMENT

- Over 14K Veterans achieved positive outcomes in VR&E program in FY16
- VR&E participants grew **4.1%** from FY15 to more than **137K** in FY16

HOME LOAN GUARANTY

- Over 2.7M home loans on the books
- Guaranteed **705K** loans in FY16 (**12%** more than FY15) totaling **\$179B**
- Helped **97K** Veterans avoid foreclosure in FY16

BENEFITS ASSISTANCE SERVICE

- Over **6.2M** registered eBenefits users
- 514K Facebook likes; 85K Twitter followers
- Provided 14K VA Benefits briefings to est. 378K transitioning
 Servicemembers & family through the Transition Assistance Program in FY16

Top 10 Priorities for the Secretary

- Accountability Legislation
- 2. Extend the Choice Deadline Past August
- 3. Choice 2.0 Legislation: Eliminate the 40/30 Rule
- 4. Infrastructure Improvements and Consolidations
- Enhance Foundational Services in VA
- 6. VA/DOD/Federal Coordination
- 7. EMR Interoperability and Modernization
- 8. Breakthrough in Suicide Prevention
- Appeals Modernization
- 10. Accelerating VBA Performance on Claims





Seattle VA Regional Office

1. Benefits & Services Provided:

- Veteran Service Center (VSC)
- Disability Rating Activity Site (DRAS)
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)

2. Improving the Veteran Experience & Outreach:

- Newly Renovated Public Contact Office
- Outreach Projects: Rural, LGBT, Elderly, Women, Homeless and Minorities

3. Improving the Employee Experience:

- LEAN Yellow and Green Belt Training Opportunities
- Leadership Development Program
- Telework Programs

4. Partnerships & Stakeholder Engagement:

- Formed two Community Veteran Engagement Boards (CVEB)
- Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) bi-monthly meetings
- Quarterly meetings with the Joint American Indian Veterans Advisory Council (JAIVAC)





Questions?





