

Warrior-Family Roundtable (WFR) Information Paper

Topic: "Future State of VA Community Care"

When: Wednesday, December 2, 2015

8:45 a.m. (light breakfast)

 $9:00 \ a.m. - 12:00 \ p.m.$ Roundtable Discussion

Where: The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

1015 15th Street NW Washington, DC 20005

Background: The WFR expands on previous MOAA forums and efforts to improve the

physical, psychological, and overall well-being of our warriors and their families. A not-for-attribution, invitation only venue, the Roundtable is an extension of MOAA's annual Warrior-Family Symposium (WFS), providing a networking forum for more targeted and detailed discussions on topics and issues surfacing from the symposium. The goal of the Roundtable meetings are to enhance communication in the public and private-sector, offering key leaders or influencers a forum to generate new insights and help leverage strengths on contemporary, cross-cutting and emergent

issues.

Meeting Purpose: This particular forum will be a focused discussion around the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposed "*Plan to Consolidate Community Care Programs*," released on October 30, 2015—a new managed care model called the *Veterans Choice Program* (VCP) for purchasing health care in the community. Representatives from the VA transition team will present and engage in an interactive discussion with attendees in the following way:

- Provide background information as it relates to the <u>Veterans Health Care Choice</u> <u>Improvement Act of 2015</u> and <u>The Choice Act</u> (Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014), including individuals/stakeholders involved in Plan development;
- An overview of the Plan and phased implementation approach;
- Integration of the Plan in the Secretary's MyVA transformation and the Commission on Care efforts underway; and,
- Open discussion with forum attendees/other stakeholders on opportunities for engagement/partnerships for shaping and implementing the New VCP, including legislative/budget relief.

Information discussed during the Roundtable will be summarized and available for distribution to help increase awareness of the Plan as well as provide some tangible suggestions or ideas for improving health care access and dissemination of information that will be helpful to military, veterans and their families.