

**OPTOMETRY SERVICE
CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES
January 16, 2015
3 p.m. Eastern Time**

1. Announcements:
 - a. Open VA Optometry Staff Positions
 - i. http://www.navao.org/documents/01_2015/Open_Optometry_Positions.pdf
 - ii. http://www.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/open_VA_Optomtrist_Positions.asp or <http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/>
 - b. VA Core Values and Characteristics (I CARE)
<http://www.va.gov/ICARE/index.asp>
 - c. Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI)
<http://www.diversity.va.gov/programs/pwd.aspx>
 - d. Office of Resolution Management (ORM) – <http://vaww.va.gov/orm/>
(three related links: EEO Complaint Processing <http://vaww.va.gov/ORM/EEOcomplaint.asp> ; Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) <http://www.va.gov/adr/> + VA Directive 5978; and Resolution Support Center <http://www.va.gov/orm/RSC.asp>)
 - e. Continuous Readiness in Information Security Program (CRISP)
<http://vaww.vhaco.va.gov/CRISP/>
 - f. Professional Development: VA MyCareer (<http://mycareeratva.va.gov/>)
 - g. VHA Directive 1047, All-Hazards Emergency Caches
 - i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive establishes authority and policy for configuration, maintenance, and activation of caches to be used in response to natural or man-made disasters, pandemics and epidemics, catastrophes, terrorist attacks, or weapons of mass destruction events.
 - ii. http://www.navao.org/documents/01_2015/VHA_Directive_1047_All-Hazards_Emergency_Caches_12-30-14.pdf
 - h. VHA Handbook 1907.02, My Health- E-Vet Identity Verification
 - i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Handbook establishes procedure for verifying the identity of a Veteran or personal representative requesting an upgraded account for initial access to individually-identifiable health information within My HealtheVet (MHV). This includes procedures for Release of Information (ROI) staff, MHV Coordinators, or other staff assigned to perform identity verification.
 - ii. http://www.navao.org/documents/01_2015/VHA_Handbook_1907_02_My_HealtheVet_Identity_Verification_12-30-14.pdf
 - i. VHA Handbook 1170.04, Rehabilitation Continuum of Care
 - i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Handbook describes the rehabilitation paradigm that integrates rehabilitation service procedures for the rehabilitation continuum of care within Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Living Centers (CLC).
 - ii. http://www.navao.org/documents/01_2015/VHA_Handbook_1170_04_Rehabilitation_Continuum_of_Care_12-30-14.pdf
 - j. VHA Handbook 1101.03, Organ, Tissue, and Eye Donation Process
 - i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Handbook describes the procedures and requirements for processing referrals to local procurement organizations, which encompass solid organ, tissue, and eye donation.
 - ii. http://www.navao.org/documents/01_2015/VHA_Handbook_1101_03_Organ_Tissue_and_Eye_Donation_Process_1-2-15.pdf

- k. PIV Badging of Health Professions Trainees
 - i. Dr. Townsend comment. For those who have remote access, there have been issues surrounding use of a PIV card. Please read the link below involving its use.
 - ii. http://www.navao.org/documents/01_2015/PIV_Badging_of_Health_Professions_Trainees_12-11-2014.pdf
2. Optometry Service Field Advisory Committee - Dr. Selvin – unavailable for comment.
3. Optometric Education Programs – Drs. Slagle/Messer
 - a. Dr. Slagle comment. The interim undersecretary for health issued a memorandum regarding PIV badging of trainees on 12/11/2014. It states that trainees are required to seek PIV credentials. However, if trainees cannot be badged before the start of their training rotation, they will be allowed to start their rotation (including access to VA IT systems with a user name and password), provided that they have completed all of the other required on-boarding processes as noted below.
 - i. Application and appointment paperwork
 - ii. Completion of the VHA mandatory training for trainees and signed the online VA rules of behavior
 - iii. Fingerprint screening – special agreement check
 - iv. Identity proofed per HSPD-12 requirements
 - v. Have a school-issued credential or, in absence of a school credential, have been issued a facility-based, non-smart-card credential
4. COPE Approved EES Coursework – Dr. Hetrick
 - a. Dr. Hetrick comment. The Low Vision Continuum of Care Course is being reviewed. The module leaders have a conference call next Tuesday. TMS is now a COPE provider for education. If there is anyone out there that is interested in proposing a course there is a lot of great information on the ARBO website. There is no budget, currently, for online education but it is being proposed.
5. Optometry Productivity Workgroup - Drs. Bennett/Horn/Selvin – unavailable for comment.
6. Electronic Medical Records/Information Technology Issues - Dr. Ballinger – unavailable for comment.
7. Infection Control/Reusable Medical Equipment Reprocessing - Drs. Horn/Mancil/O'Connor/White – unavailable for comment.
 - a. **One Source Document Site:**
<http://onesourcedocs.com/member/index.html>
8. Teleretinal Imaging Screening Program - Drs. Cavallerano/Selvin – unavailable for comment.
9. DoD/VA Vision Center of Excellence & Eye Injury Registry - Dr. Barker – unavailable for comment.
10. TBI Vision Rehabilitation - Dr. Eldred/Dr. Rakoczy – unavailable for comment.
11. Low Vision Rehabilitation - Drs. Chan-O'Connell/Brahm
 - a. Dr. Townsend comment. They have monthly conference calls and if you would like to participate, please contact Ms. Gernhart.
12. Optometry Quality Improvement - Dr. Brough – unavailable for comment.
13. VA Systems Redesign/Wait Times - Drs. Cantrell/Varanelli
 - a. Dr. Cantrell comment. The next conference call will be on January 28 @ 1pm.

14. VA Optometric Research & Development - Dr. Mancil – unavailable for comment.
 - a. **VA HSR&D Centers of Innovation (COINs) and Resource Centers:**
<http://www.hsr.d.research.va.gov/centers/>
15. VHA Optometry Service Websites – Dr. G. Singh
 - a. Dr. Singh comment. They have made some changes on the administrative page and the links should be more user-friendly.
16. VA Optometry Service Directory - Drs. Egusa/Lim/Pewitt – unavailable for comment.
17. VA Residency Trained Optometrist Directory – Drs. Wang/Swift
18. AFOS Report - Dr. Musick
 - a. Dr. Engelke comment. Registration for SECO/AFOS Federal Service Optometry Program is now open. Registration and information can be found on the website AFOS2020.org. AFOS has negotiated and all inclusive package, but optometrists must register through the AFOS website.
 - i. The package includes 51 CE hours plus SECO University which includes 55 online CE that registrants would have access to. This also includes breakfast, lunch, an open bar reception and an exclusive exhibit hall. There is also a VA breakout forum.
 - ii. The host hotel will be the Ritz Carlton in Atlanta, GA. The package runs from March 4th – 8th.
 - b. In conjunction with the meeting, awards will be presented. The awards committee is now accepting nominations for VA JR Optometrist and SR Optometrist of the Year. Please recognize your deserving colleagues.
19. NAVAIO Report - Drs. Wong/Thomann
 - a. Dr. Wong comment. The Optimum VA Newsletter will be distributed shortly. It will highlight some of the events that occurred during the NAVAIO meeting.
 - b. NAVAIO is currently engaged in its membership drive.
 - i. Renewal of dues or to become a new member of NAVAIO can be done electronically through the NAVAIO website at www.NAVAIO.org. The deadline is January 31, 2015 to avoid any late fees.
 - ii. Please encourage your resident trainees and new appointments to consider membership in NAVAIO.