

**OPTOMETRY SERVICE  
CONFERENCE CALL**

**AGENDA**

**July 20, 2012**

**3 p.m. Eastern Time**

**1 (800) 767-1750, Access Code: 16019**

1. Announcements:
  - a. Open VA Optometry Staff Positions
    - i. Dr. Townsend comment. Please see the link below for more information.
      1. [http://www.navao.org/documents/07\\_20\\_2012/OPEN\\_OPTOMETRY\\_POSITIONS\\_7-2012.doc](http://www.navao.org/documents/07_20_2012/OPEN_OPTOMETRY_POSITIONS_7-2012.doc)
      2. [http://www.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/open\\_VA\\_Optomestrist\\_Positions.asp](http://www.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/open_VA_Optomestrist_Positions.asp) or <http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/>
  - b. VA Core Values and Characteristics (I CARE)  
<http://vaww.va.gov/default.asp>
  - c. Continuous Readiness in Information Security Program (CRISP)  
<http://vaww.vhaco.va.gov/CRISP/>
  - d. VHA Directive 6300, Records Management
    - i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive establishes authority and policy for a formalized VHA records management program and defines the roles and responsibilities for all VHA personnel in response to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) policy and mandates of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).
    - ii. [http://www.navao.org/documents/07\\_20\\_2012/VHA\\_Directive\\_6300\\_Records\\_Management.pdf](http://www.navao.org/documents/07_20_2012/VHA_Directive_6300_Records_Management.pdf)
  - e. VHA Handbook 1120.02, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Core Program Requirements
    - i. This Handbook provides processes and procedures for a comprehensive, evidence-based, population-level interdisciplinary HPDP program at each Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facility and VA health care system (HCS).
    - ii. [http://www.navao.org/documents/07\\_20\\_2012/VHA\\_Handbook\\_1120.02\\_Health\\_Promotion\\_and\\_Disease\\_Prevention\\_Core\\_Program\\_Requirements.pdf](http://www.navao.org/documents/07_20_2012/VHA_Handbook_1120.02_Health_Promotion_and_Disease_Prevention_Core_Program_Requirements.pdf)
  - f. IL 10-2012-011, Antimicrobial Stewardship
    - i. This Information Letter describes the importance of optimizing antimicrobial use through the process of antimicrobial stewardship and provides guidance for the development of antimicrobial stewardship programs (ASPs) in Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facilities.
      1. [http://www.navao.org/documents/07\\_20\\_2012/IL\\_10-2012-011\\_Antimicrobial\\_Stewardship.pdf](http://www.navao.org/documents/07_20_2012/IL_10-2012-011_Antimicrobial_Stewardship.pdf)
  - g. VHA Handbook 1105.05, Magnetic Resonance Imaging Safety

- i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Handbook provides procedures for the safe conduct of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). **Authority:** Title 38 United States Code 7301(b) and Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations 17.38.
  - 1. [http://www.navao.org/documents/07\\_20\\_2012/VHA\\_Handbook\\_1105.05\\_Magnetic\\_Resonance\\_Imaging\\_Safety.pdf](http://www.navao.org/documents/07_20_2012/VHA_Handbook_1105.05_Magnetic_Resonance_Imaging_Safety.pdf)

Dr. Townsend comment. He is pleased to announce that Dr. Glenn Cockerham from the Paolo Alto VA has been officially appointed as the national program director for ophthalmology.

- 2. Optometry Service Field Advisory Committee - Dr. Selvin
  - a. Dr. Townsend comment. They have submitted the request to VA Central office for funding for the joint optometry/ophthalmology committee meetings.
- 3. Optometric Education Programs - Drs. Messer/Slagle
  - a. Dr. Slagle comment. The ACOE (Accreditation Council on Optometric Education) has published an update to the accreditation manual for optometric residency programs. The most notable changes are:
    - i. The change in accreditation lengths from 7 to 8 years.
    - ii. VA programs will now pay for the site visit in the year that it is held. In the past it was a prorated amount on the annual fee.
    - iii. There are changes to standard 2.2 which states the residents involved in patient care must fulfill residency mission, goals, and objectives and lead to an advanced level of competence; standard 3.5 which states that residents must participate in clinical quality assurance process; standard 5.3 the residents orientation to the program must include a written supervision policy.
    - iv. At its June meeting, ASCO Board of Directors approved an 11<sup>th</sup>. The newest title is: **Brain Injury Vision Rehabilitation:** The majority of the clinical didactic curriculum will be devoted to topics and practice relevant to assessment, management, and interdisciplinary rehabilitation of patients with brain injury and neurologic disease.
      - 1. [http://www.navao.org/documents/07\\_20\\_2012/ASCO\\_Residency\\_Titles\\_and\\_Descriptions\\_June\\_2012.doc](http://www.navao.org/documents/07_20_2012/ASCO_Residency_Titles_and_Descriptions_June_2012.doc)
    - v. Resident's day will be held at Academy 2012 this year on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for submission is August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 4. Optometry Productivity Workgroup - Drs. Bennett/Horn/Selvin
  - a. Dr. Townsend comment. We are now in the physician's productivity cue.
- 5. Electronic Medical Records/Information Technology Issues - Dr. Ballinger – unavailable for comment.
- 6. Infection Control/Reusable Medical Equipment Reprocessing - Drs. Horn/Mancil/White/O'Connor

- a. Dr. Mancil comment. They had another meeting of the ad hoc subcommittee recently addressing issues with RME. See the link below for manufacturer's guidelines on infection control involving RMEs. They are also working on creating a standardized template for SOPs for use.
- b. Dr. Townsend comment. The One Source Document site is also found on the intranet on the administrative page of the optometry service website.

**One Source Document Site:** <http://onesourcedocs.com/member/index.html>

7. Teleretinal Imaging Screening Program - Drs. Cavallerano/Selvin
  - a. Dr. Townsend comment. There has been an improvement in access through CBOCs. They are also doing a pilot study on their diabetic patients using their macular degeneration template. This will be discussed at the next field advisory committee meeting in September.
8. DoD/VA Vision Center of Excellence & Eye Injury Registry - Dr. Barker – unavailable for comment.
  - a. Dr. Townsend comment. There was an expert workgroup meeting in Feb to look at the development of clinical recommendations for visual dysfunction following traumatic brain injuries. This will be discussed at the next Vision Center of Excellence meeting in Galveston, TX.
9. TBI Vision Rehabilitation - Dr. Eldred – unavailable for comment.
10. Low Vision Rehabilitation - Drs. Chan-O'Connell/Mancil – unavailable for comment.
11. Optometry Quality Improvement - Dr. Norden – unavailable for comment.
12. VA Systems Redesign/Wait Times - Drs. Boyer/Horn – unavailable for comment.
13. VA Optometric Research & Development - Dr. Mancil
  - a. Dr. Mancil comment. In preparation for the field advisory committee meeting, they will be communicating with the mail groups asking for any updates on current research activities by VA optometrists. In the template that will come out, they will ask for specific information under categories of VA funded research or unfunded approved research ongoing.  
<http://vaww1.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/research.asp>
14. VHA Optometry Service Websites - Drs. Hamilton/G. Singh – nothing new to report.
15. VA Optometry Service Directory - Drs. Egusa/Lim/Pewitt
  - a. Dr. Townsend comment. He encourages everyone to look at the directory and make sure the listings are current. If there are any changes, please contact the committee members.
16. VA Residency Trained Optometrist Directory - Dr. Wang
  - a. Dr. Townsend comment. Dr. Wang is requesting for the new residents to complete the form for the new residents' directory.
17. AFOS Report - Drs. Hunter/Wasik

- a. Dr. Wasik comment. There was an email sent out to all members about the AOA meeting. There were a few issues that were addressed during that meeting but the resolution to those issues are discussed in the email. She wanted to thank the delegates from the VA that participated: Angela Musick, John Dziadul and Dorothy Hitchmoth. The main push at this time is to get members registered for the annual meeting in Phoenix. There is more information on the AFOS website.
18. NAVAIO Report - Drs. Kawasaki/Storer
- a. Please mark your calendars for the 2012 NAVAIO Annual Meeting which is currently scheduled for the evening of Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix in conjunction with the American Academy of Optometry Meeting. There will be a format change to our annual meeting this year. You can read about the details in the latest edition of our Newsletter which was published this past week. An email blast was sent to all members with a link to the newsletter. It is also posted to Member's Area *Newsletters* page of the NAVAIO website. Online registration with more details about our annual meeting will be available through the NAVAIO website by August 1.
19. Dr. Townsend comment. There was a first conference call involving the C&P workgroup lead by Makesha Sink and Brian LeStrange. The next one is on contact lenses and contact lens care. Those interested about C & P issues or the disability evaluation system for active duty military may want to join. There will be a series of conference calls addressing issues that are concerns to everyone and the resources available to them.