

**OPTOMETRY SERVICE
CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES**

**August 16, 2013
3 p.m. Eastern Time**

1. Announcements:
 - a. Open VA Optometry Staff Positions
 - i. http://www.navao.org/documents/08_2013/Copy_of_Open_Optom_etry_Positions.pdf
 - ii. http://www.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/open_VA_Optometrists_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. Professional Development: VA MyCareer (<http://mycareeratva.va.gov/>)
 - e. VHA Directive 1039, Ensuring Correct Surgery and Invasive Procedures
 - i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive provides specific policy on what steps must be taken to ensure that all surgery and invasive procedures performed in the clinical setting are performed on the correct patient, at the correct site, and if applicable, with the correct implant.
 - ii. http://www.navao.org/documents/08_2013/VHA_Directive_1039_Ensuring_Correct_Surgery_and_Invasive_Procedures_7-26-13.pdf
 - f. VHA Directive 1026, VHA Enterprise Framework for Quality, Safety, and Value
 - i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive establishes authority and policy to design and implement the deployment of an enterprise-wide, integrated framework for VHA to become the most trusted choice of Veterans for high quality, safe and reliable care.
 - ii. The directive outlines redefined leadership roles at the national, network, and facility levels for oversight of the quality and safety of patient care within VHA. Designated leaders are directly accountable for program integration and communication within their level of responsibility.
 - iii. http://www.navao.org/documents/08_2013/VHA_Directive_1026_VHA_Enterprise_Framework_for_Quality,_Safety,_and_Value_8-2-13.pdf
 - g. VHA Handbook 1200.09, Inclusion of Women and Minorities in Research
 - i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Handbook defines the requirements regarding the inclusion of women and minorities in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) research.
 - ii. http://www.navao.org/documents/08_2013/VHA_Handbook_1200_09_Inclusion_of_Women_and_Minorities_in_Research_7-15-13.pdf
 - h. IL-10-2013-007, Mark Wolcott Awards for Clinical Excellence, 8/23/13 submission deadline reminder
 - i. This Information Letter announces the acceptance of nominations for the 2013 Mark Wolcott Awards for Clinical Excellence. Established in 1996, this award program recognizes outstanding Veterans Health

Administration (VHA) health care practitioners who are deserving of special recognition for their contributions in enhancing clinical care. It was named after Mark Wolcott, MD, who dedicated over 40 years of his life to serve and improve the quality of health care for VHA's Veteran population.

- ii. http://www.navao.org/documents/08_2013/IL_10-2013-007_Mark_Wolcott_Awards_for_Clinical_Excellence.pdf
2. Optometry Service Field Advisory Committee - Dr. Selvin – unavailable for comment.
3. Optometric Education Programs - Drs. Messer/Slagle
 - a. Dr. Townsend comment. All your residents should be on board by now. If there are still open residency positions, please let Ms. Gernhart or Dr. Townsend know.
 - b. They have updated the extern directory and will be posted online soon.
4. Optometry Productivity Workgroup - Drs. Bennett/Horn/Selvin
 - a. Dr. Townsend sent out an email recently about the 6 specialties they are looking at. They are going to make sure that all the specialty care providers have the proper mapping so their clinic vs. admin time is appropriately categorized. They want to assure everyone is getting credit for their residents. The resident workload should be mapped through the attending optometrist.
5. Electronic Medical Records/Information Technology Issues - Dr. Ballinger – unavailable for comment.
6. Infection Control/Reusable Medical Equipment Reprocessing - Drs. Horn/Mancil/O'Connor/White - unavailable for comment.
One Source Document Site: <http://onesourcedocs.com/member/index.html>
7. Teleretinal Imaging Screening Program - Drs. Cavallerano/Selvin
 - a. Dr. Townsend comment. The Teleretinal Imaging Screening Program has seen a record number of patients this year. They have already started the pilot screening for ARMD.
 - b. Dr. Hetrick comment. For those doing teleretinal reading, there is a new CPRS version 29, so if CPRS version 28 is still being used at your site there will be an incompatibility. Please contact Dr. Hetrick if you need help or have questions updating this system.
8. DoD/VA Vision Center of Excellence & Eye Injury Registry - Dr. Barker
 - a. Dr. Townsend comment. There will be a course next week he is attending where they are going to train to deal with veterans with brain injuries and visual impairments.
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. Brough
 - a. Dr. Brough comment. Nothing new to report.
12. VA Systems Redesign/Wait Times - Drs. Boyer/Horn
 - a. Dr. Townsend comment. We are not meeting the 14 day wait times but we are not the only ones, most of the other specialties are unable to meet

this goal. We are; however, busy and seeing about 3-4% more unique patients than last year.

13. VA Optometric Research & Development - Dr. Mancil – unavailable for comment.
<http://vaww1.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/research.asp>
14. VHA Optometry Service Websites - Drs. Hamilton/G. Singh
 - a. Dr. Townsend comment. They updated the Patient Education pages of the website that links to new materials that available through the VA. The Veterans Health Library is now active with the new materials.
15. VA Optometry Service Directory - Drs. Egusa/Lim/Pewitt
 - a. Dr. Pewitt comment. They are still troubleshooting with the website to update the online directory.
16. VA Residency Trained Optometrist Directory – Drs. Wang/Swift
 - a. Dr. Wang comment. She is happy to announce the addition of Dr. Swift on the committee to help with the database. There are approximately 1600 in the database and about 950 receive the email notices about open positions. They have received about 40 requests for the optional participation with current residents. They are also in the process of troubleshooting with updating the website.
17. AFOS Report - Drs. Wasik/Meers
 - a. Dr. Townsend comment. Please register online for the upcoming AFOS meeting preceding the AAO meeting in Seattle in October. For more information, please go to the website AFOS2020.org.
18. NAVAIO Report - Drs. Kawasaki/Storer
 - a. Dr. Kawasaki comment. Registration is now open for the annual NAVAIO Meeting which is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, October 24, 2013 in conjunction with the American Academy of Optometry Meeting in Seattle. Please visit our website for more details and to register for the meeting.
 - b. Elections begin on Monday, August 19 for the offices of NAVAIO President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please login to the member's area of the website to submit your ballot starting on August 19. Please note that only members with active membership for 2013 will be able to vote. Elections will close on August 31.
 - c. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the International Engineering Technology (IET) Foundation, NAVAIO would like to announce the availability of four, \$250 scholarships for use at the upcoming American Academy of Optometry meeting available by application to current, active resident NAVAIO members. Details and application instructions will be emailed to residents.