

**Department of  
Veterans Affairs**

# Memorandum

**Date:** July 26, 2021  
**From:** Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services/Chief Medical Officer (11)  
**Subj:** Release of the National Supplement Detailed Staff in Support of the implementation of new Electronic Health Record (EHR)  
**To:** Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN) (1,5,6,9,10,12,17,20,22,23)

1. The National Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) Supplemental Staffing Unit (NESSU) recruited volunteers in March 2021 to support the implementation of the new Cerner Millennium EHR. In April 2021, the Secretary requested a strategic review of EHRM implementation plan, which paused the deployment cycle and placed the volunteers on hold. As of today, fifteen volunteers remain on the list. See attached list.

2. Upon completion of the strategic review, the deployment to the next medical facilities has been delayed until calendar year 2022, therefore, I have decided to release the volunteer staff from the hold. The National Supplement is currently recruiting for permanent staff who will support the upcoming deployment sites.

3. Please extend my deepest appreciation to those employees and their supervisors for stepping up to support their colleagues across the country. I know they were eager to learn about the new EHR and share insights with their own facilities. We will still need their enthusiasm and support when we deploy to their facility.

4. Questions can be directed to Ms. Brenda Faas and Dr. James Weiss, Acting Co-Directors of the National Supplement at [brenda.faas@va.gov](mailto:brenda.faas@va.gov) and [james.weiss@va.gov](mailto:james.weiss@va.gov).



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Attachment

## Attachment

Attachment: Release of the National Supplement Detailed Staff in Support of the implementation of new Electronic Health Record

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Facility Location</b>	<b>VISN</b>
Nancy Falleur	Glen Gechlik	Manchester, NH	1
Chase Shieder	Berook Addisu	Washington, DC	5
Melanie Markland	John Kauffman	Hampton, VA	6
Aretha Wiggs	James G. Dixon	Hampton, VA	6
David Hobbs	Martha Gibson	Mountain Home, TN	9
Shanel Kelly	Edith Thompson	Dayton, OH	10
Danielle Washington	Edith Thompson	Dayton, OH	10
Ami Prag	Praveen Mehta	Chicago, IL (Hines)	12
Sabbina Thomas	Philip Chiaramonte	Chicago, IL (Hines)	12
Rachele Keeton	Joel Ellis	North Texas	17
Kay Burnett	Matt Rogers	Boise, ID	20
Leann Bach	Evan Krasner	Spokane, WA	20
Lalida Chupatanakul	Russell Roberts	Phoenix, AZ	22
Carla Yrigolla	Karen Hawk	Tucson, AZ	22
Promil Bhutani	Scott Grindel	Fargo, ND	23