Attachment B

OneVA CAB – August 16, 2017
VA Medical Center

Key discussion points:

1. Signing of extension of Choice program/Legislation
2. Dental care is shifted to the community in many cases
3. Parking and construction issues. Will potentially change to a SMART Parking Control System.
4. 400 Choice Provider agreements
5. Dental Clinic in Oceanside will have a soft opening and then a hard opening early this Fall.
6. TriWest contract – required for services – the strength is in adherence to the contract.
7. Suicides – 20 a day.
   a. Current suicides are a complicated issue.
   b. Reductions in rates due to more accurate counting of those who are at risk.
   c. Peer support program (see notes from mental health summit).
   d. Link up with DoD – Safeline
   e. Cohen Veteran Network - $250M to set up mental health clinics – due? Possibly October 2017.
   f. No mention of the Sheriff's PERT team.
   g. Screening – risk of suicide – lethality scale – identify higher risk programs.
   h. Build mental health programs into primary care – PCMHI Program along with warm handoffs.
   i. Question: Do family benefits change if a suicide occurs (i.e. is it criminal?). Benefits stayed the same.
8. Patrick Prieb, VARO Director
   a. 3.5 months to process claim (most likely only AD to retiree – statistics are higher for those who are already out of service).
   b. Stand down. 80 volunteers took 188 claims.
   c. Non-ratings are down from 288 days to 162 days for dependency claims.
   d. Mandatory Overtime at the VARO to increase processing time.
9. VA Cemetery.
   a. Medallions will be presented upon death.
   b. Casket and urn program – changes will include services to the private sector burials.
   c. Renovations of 1940's building at Fort Rosecrans. Rosecrans will be dark due to IT changes.
   d. 25 grave sites were added to Fort Rosecrans.
   e. No sites for urns. Cremations go faster than burials. Urn sites are closed.
   f. Miramar – On 12/16/2017 Wreaths across America will occur again.
      (1) Require donations of wreaths.
      (2) Phase II – expansion in Miramar is in the works.
   g. Question. If a veteran dies in Mexico – how is the death reported? Reported to the consultant so that death benefits, burial, and family benefits can be resolved.
   h. There is a national grave site locator.