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Veterans Affairs Announces Appointment of New Director for VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

OMAHA, Neb. — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the appointment of B. Don Burman as the new director of the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System (VA NWIHCS).

“We are excited to bring Mr. Burman on board as the new director of the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System,” said Steven Julius, M.D., acting Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23 director. “His sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the health care system, the employees, volunteers, and most importantly, for the veterans we are honored to serve. We anticipate he will arrive at the health care system within the next 30 days to begin his appointment.”

Mr. Burman has served more than 28 years in health care leadership positions within VA and private health care. He most recently served as medical center director, Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics (SORCC), White City, Ore.

Mr. Burman holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, and a master’s degree in Health Administration from Washington University, School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Burman is a member in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Mr. Burman is a 10-year veteran of the U. S. Air Force.

Mr. Burman has an exceptional background and possesses the leadership, knowledge, and skills necessary to successfully lead the VA NWIHCS into the future.

The VA NWIHCS is a Joint Commission-accredited, level-1c facility, which consists of a tertiary medical center in Omaha, Neb., and two larger clinics in Lincoln and Grand Island – which includes a community living center – five community-based outpatient clinics (CBOC) and one contract clinic. VA NWIHCS is part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23), which serves an estimated veteran population of 161,000 in 101 counties in Nebraska, western Iowa, Kansas and Missouri with an estimated 593,000 annual outpatient visits, and an operating budget of \$334 million as of October 2014.

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The VA NWHCS is one of eight medical centers, 56 CBOCs or outreach clinics, eight community living centers and four domiciliary residential rehabilitation treatment programs within VISN 23. VISN 23 covers 392,000 square miles and serves 422,992 enrolled veterans who reside in the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and portions of Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

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