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VA Northwest Health Network Announces New Director Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics

Don Burman Brings Leadership, Proven Experience to VA NW Health Network

Vancouver, WA. — The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of Don Burman as the new director of the Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics (SORCC). Burman will oversee delivery of health care to more than 16,000 Veterans and an operating budget of \$89 million.

“We are excited to bring Mr. Burman on board as the new director of the SORCC,” said Larry Carroll, Network Director, VISN 20. “His sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the VISN, the employees and volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve. We anticipate he will arrive in White City within the next 45 to 60 days to begin his appointment.”

Mr. Burman is currently the Director of the Heartland Surgical Specialty Hospital, a private sector facility located in Overland Park, Kansas. He has held this position since May 2009. In this role, Mr. Burman is responsible for all business decisions within this very diverse organization including development, fiscal, strategic planning and regulatory issues that are required to ensure stability of the organization. During his tenure, he acquired one spine and orthopedic practice, one primary care practice and assumed the management of one Ambulatory Surgery Center. He also reduced operating expenses by 15%, saving the institution approximately \$2 million and negotiated the real estate purchase options for future acquisition of a land for buildings surrounding the hospital.

Under his leadership, Heartland was recognized by Press Ganey as a leader in patient satisfaction for 3 years, and recognized by Women Preferred as a facility of distinction and by the Becker group as one of the top 50 hospitals in the country. Mr. Burman also served as CEO for Pinnacle Healthcare LLC in Crown Point Indiana from 2006-2008 and the CEO for Orthopedic Hospital of Oklahoma from August 2000 – November 2005. He has an impressive resume of progressively responsible leadership positions in the field of Health Care Administration during a 24+ year career. He also served in the US Air Force, has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Trinity University in Texas, and a Master of Health Administration from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.



The VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinics (VA SORCC) is a Joint Commission and CARF accredited facility serving as a national resource for Veterans. As VA's only free standing rehabilitation center, this 450-bed facility serves as a regional and national resource for underserved special populations, e.g., homeless, chronic mentally ill, and substance abuse, providing quality residential treatment in psychiatry, addictions, medicine, bio-psychosocial, physical and vocational rehabilitation. Primary outpatient medical, dental and mental health care is offered to Veterans living in the southern Oregon and northern California region. Rural healthcare clinics include: Klamath Falls CBOC which provides primary and mental health care, Grants Pass West VA Outreach Clinic, and Lakeview VA Outreach Clinic.

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