



*The Office of Patient
Care Services*

presents

**The 2015 Awards &
Recognition Ceremony**

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Sonny Montgomery Conference Room

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VA Central Office

810 Vermont Avenue NW

Washington, D.C.



A Note of Thanks For All Your Do

Message from the Acting Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services



2015 was an incredible year for the Office of Patient Care Services (PCS) as we made great strides forward in expanding services in critical areas for our nation's Veterans. As we look ahead to 2016, we know that changes are coming in key areas dealing with access to care, the just-in-time care for Veterans and in governance and the realignment of some areas of VA.

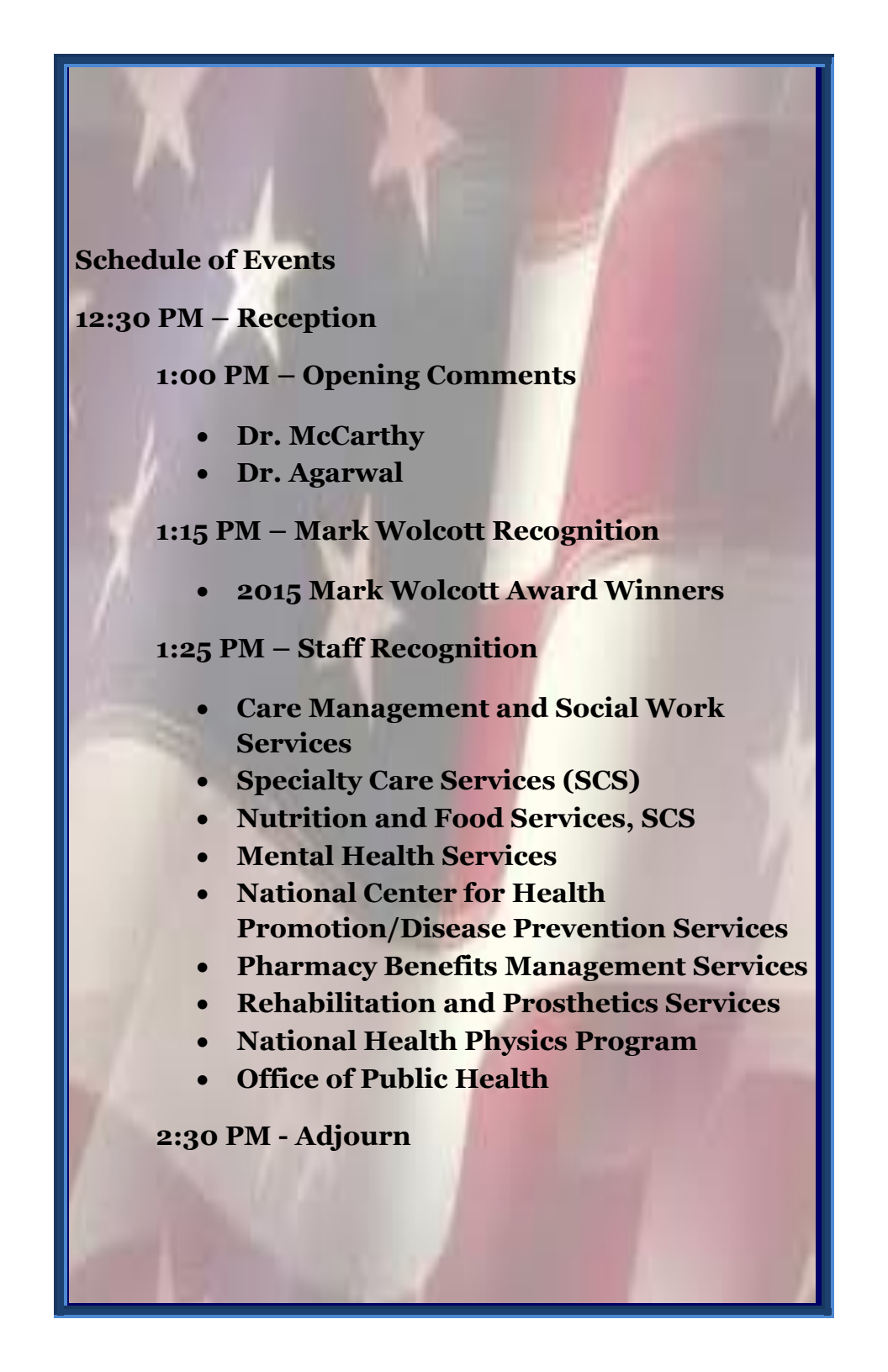
The critical area that will not change, however, is the continued emphasis on serving the Veterans experience, and I am especially proud that the professional clinicians, administrators and employees in PCS have demonstrated year in and year out their dedication and commitment to putting Veterans first.

This dedication of PCS becomes evident as we take this opportunity to mark the accomplishments of our employees through the 2015 PCS Awards Ceremony. The Awards and Recognition Ceremony (and accompanying brochure) is designed to provide much deserved recognition to individuals, teams and program areas in PCS who received special awards and recognition in the past year from professional

organizations, associations, and affiliations and from VA or other federal agencies for their work. PCS has a large number of individuals and teams and programs which have received recognition from their professional peers in very impressive ways these past few years. The 2015 Awards ceremony includes recognitions ranging from an Award as a White House Champion to awards received from such notable organizations as the American Psychiatric Association and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Congratulations to all of the individuals recognized and cited as part of this ceremony for their awards and accomplishments. I also want to add that I believe that everyone who works in PCS are award winners for what you do each and every day on behalf of Veterans, and I am honored to serve with you as we move forward with our mission.

I'm particularly pleased that we had as smooth a transition as possible with the merger of Public Health into PCS. There were many, many challenges that we faced to make this realignment happen and I thank all of you who were involved for the many hours of hard work. I believe, and I think Dr. Kaslow does as well, that we have lots of opportunities in the future to do many positive things for Veterans and our staff. I'm looking forward to our work together.

Maureen F. McCarthy, MD



Schedule of Events

12:30 PM – Reception

1:00 PM – Opening Comments

- **Dr. McCarthy**
- **Dr. Agarwal**

1:15 PM – Mark Wolcott Recognition

- **2015 Mark Wolcott Award Winners**

1:25 PM – Staff Recognition

- **Care Management and Social Work Services**
- **Specialty Care Services (SCS)**
- **Nutrition and Food Services, SCS**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **National Center for Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Services**
- **Pharmacy Benefits Management Services**
- **Rehabilitation and Prosthetics Services**
- **National Health Physics Program**
- **Office of Public Health**

2:30 PM - Adjourn

MARK WOLCOTT ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

The Mark Wolcott Award for Excellence in Clinical Care Leadership

The recipient is to be a health care practitioner in a leadership or management position who has demonstrated excellence through exceptional support for direct patient care providers, including support of innovations enhancing the quality of direct patient care delivery.

Mark Wolcott Award for Excellence in Clinical Care Delivery

The recipient is to be a practitioner in any health care setting who has demonstrated excellence in “hands on” direct patient care.

2015 Excellence in Clinical Care Leadership

Matthew B. Goetz, MD

Dr. Goetz, Chief of the VA Greater Los Angeles (GLA) Infectious Diseases Division, Director of the GLA HIV/AIDS Clinical Care Center and Chair of the GLA Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, has been selected from a group of outstanding nominees as the winner of the Excellence in Clinical Care Leadership Award. Dr. Goetz has had an extensive and important positive effect on the quality of care in VA. These contributions principally derive from his leadership roles within VHA HIV-Hepatitis Quality Enhancement Research Initiative and the VA Office of Public Health, the VA Antimicrobial Stewardship Taskforce, the VA Infectious Disease Field Advisory Group, and the VA Medical Advisory Panel to the VA Pharmacy Benefits Management Program.

2015 Excellence in Clinical Care Delivery Sanjay Saint, MD

Dr. Saint, Chief of Medicine Service at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, has been selected from a group of outstanding nominees as the winner of the Excellence in Clinical Care Delivery Award. Dr. Saint is widely regarded as the international leader in the area of prevention of catheter-associated urinary tract infection, the world's most common healthcare-associated infections. As one of the top patient safety researcher in the United States, his transformative work has included his surprising findings that physicians are often unaware which of their patients have urinary catheters, and his novel approaches to limiting catheter use, which are now being used in 950 hospitals across the nation. He is well known for his innovative approach to the study of translating scientific discoveries into improvements in the real world of patient care.

Care Management and Social Work Services

Jennifer Koget, VA Fisher House and Family Hospitality Program Manager, was selected by Fisher House Foundation as one of their “25 Hearts Behind the House” for her work in expanding the VA Fisher House Program

Specialty Care Services

Dr. Caroline Tanner, Neurology, was selected as a White House Champion of Change for Parkinson Disease

Chaplain Keith Ethridge, Associate Director, National VA Chaplain Center, received the 2015 Distinguished Service Award from the Military Chaplains Association

Choosing Wisely-Hypoglycemic Safety Initiative Workgroup implemented a national patient safety program as featured in an Under Secretary for Health press release, the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation's Choosing Wisely newsletter, Integrated Perspectives newsletter, and U.S. Medicine

Key Offices include, Specialty Care Services (Lead Office), VISN 12, National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Office of Nursing Service, Pharmacy Benefits Management Program, Primary Care, Quality Safety and Value

Nutrition and Food Services, SCS

Katie Black, BS, RD, Clinical/Oncology Dietitian at James A. Haley VAMC, Nutrition Research, received a commendation from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for her contributions to the National Oncology

Angel Planells, MS, RDN, CD, Home Based Primary Care RNS at VA Puget Sound, Clinical Nutrition Practice, was named a Hero in the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Food & Nutrition Magazine for September–October 2015

Angela DiTucci, RDN, Clinical Dietitian at the VA Boston Healthcare System, Nutrition Administration, during the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition Clinical Nutrition Week she served as the script writer for “Ethical Dilemmas in Communication Across the Age Spectrum: A Theatrical Presentation”

Joanne Cooke, MS, RDN, CSR, CNSC, Renal Dietitian at Kansas City VAMC Nutrition Administration, serves as Chair Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair for the Renal Dietitians Practice Group (part of the Academy for Nutrition & Dietetics) from 2013-2016

Mental Health Services

Dr. Dan Bradford, Director, Intensive Case Management, Distinguished Fellow of American Psychiatric Association

Dr. Jeffrey Burk, National Mental Health Director, Psychosocial Rehabilitation & Recovery, received the Antoinette Zeiss Distinguished Leadership Award, presented by the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders

Dr. Harold Kudler, Chief Consultant, Mental Health Services, received the Medical Order of the Caduceus Award, presented by the Old North State Medical Society

Dr. Caitlin Thompson, National Mental Health Director, Suicide Prevention & Community Engagement, and Gun Safety Work Group, 2015 ISTSS Frank Ochberg Award for Media and Trauma Study

Dr. Carolyn Greene, National Program Director, Web Services, Steven Baumgartner, Instructional Systems Specialist, received the following awards: The Brandon Hall Group Excellence Award, The Interactive Media Award, The Web Health Award, The Omni Intermedia Award, and The Federal Government distance Learning Association Annual Award

National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

received First Place in the 2015 VHA Communications Awards, Public Relations/Communication Campaigns category for its June 2015 Posttraumatic Stress Disorder awareness month campaign

National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

received the top Silver Telly Award in the Online Video Category for its suite of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder whiteboard videos

Dr. Alan Anticevic, Affiliated Investigator, Clinical Neurosciences Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the Top Poster Award, Society for Biological Psychiatry

Dr. Joan Cook, Affiliated Investigator, Evaluation Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the Award for Outstanding Service to the Field of Trauma Psychology, American Psychological Association Division 56, Trauma Psychology

Dr. Marylene Cloitre, Associate Director for Research, Dissemination and Training Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the Outstanding Contributions to Practice in Trauma Psychology Award, American Psychological Association Division 56, Trauma Psychology

Dr. Ronald Duman, Affiliated Investigator, Clinical Neurosciences Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine)

Dr. Cassidy Gutner, Investigator, Women's Health Sciences Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the Early Career Achievement Award, American Psychological Association

Dr. John Krystal, Director, Clinical Neurosciences Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the 2015 Henri Begleiter Research Excellence Award, Research Society on Alcoholism

Dr. Robert Pietrzak, investigator, Clinical Neurosciences Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the Outstanding Contribution to Trauma Psychology by an Early Career Psychologist Award, American Psychological Association Division 56, Trauma Psychology

Dr. Naomi Samimi-Sadeh, investigator, Women's Health Sciences Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the Early Career Achievement Award, American Psychological Association

Dr. Dawne Vogt, investigator, Women's Health Sciences Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the VA Women's Health Practice Based Research Network Impact Award, VA Health Services Research & Development Women's Health Research Network

Dr. Erica Wolf, investigator, Behavioral Science Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the Chaim and Bela Danieli Young Professional Award, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

Dr. Jessica Hamblen, Acting Executive Director and Deputy for Education, Executive Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the David M. Worthen Award for Career Achievement in Educational Excellence, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Academic Affairs

Dr. Terence Keane, Director, Behavioral Science Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, received the Lifetime Achievement Award, Canadian Psychological Association, Trauma Section

National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Dr. Michael Goldstein, Associate Chief Consultant,
received the 2015 Jessie Gruman Award for Health
Engagement from the Society of Behavioral Medicine

Ragan Communication's 2015 Health Care Public Relations
and Marketing Awards Honorable Mention: Best Website
Staywell for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans
Health Library

**Contributors: Dr. Rose Mary Pries, Becky Minor,
Barbara Snyder, Kelcy Walker, Jay Shiffler**

2015 National Mature Media Awards: Merit Award for the
article, "On a Bike, On a Mission: Overcoming Devastating
Injury with VA Care, Government Article
Magazine/Newsletter/Newspaper

Contributors: Ted Slowik, Ph.D., Writer/Editor

2015 Office of VHA Communications, Second Place for the
NCP 2015 Highlights Report, Special Purpose Publication

**Contributors: Jay Shiffler, Dr. Ted Slowik,
Kelly McMullen**

2015 National Health Information Award, Merit Award for the
NCP Manage Stress Workbook, Health Promotion/Disease
and Injury Prevention Information; Government
Booklet/Brochure/Pamphlet

**Contributors: Dr. Michael G. Goldstein,
Dr. Peg Dundon, Dr. David Kearney and his team at
the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Program at
VA Puget Sound**

Pharmacy Benefits Management Services

Pharmacy Benefits Management Services Virtual Pharmacy Service received first place in the poster competition at the 2015 JFPS conference

Contributors: Susan E. Brooks, R.Ph., Carol A. Ludwig, R.Ph., Ronald A. Nosek, Jr., MS, R.Ph., John Santell, MS, R.Ph., Kevin S. Jessup

Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services

Nan Musson, VHA Speech Language Pathology Discipline Leader, received Fellowship from the Association from the American Speech-Language-Hearing

Dr. Anthony Lisi, National Director, VHA Chiropractic Care, received the Academician of the Year Award from the American Chiropractic Association

Dr. Joe Webster, Medical Director, VHA Amputation System of Care, received the Burgess Award from the Amputee Coalition

Patricia Suh, VHA Prosthetic Program Manager, was received as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives

National Health Physics Program

Edward M. Leidholdt, Jr., Ph.D., was awarded the United States Environmental Protection Agency Bronze Medal for Commendable Service and contributions to the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation

Office of Public Health

2015 MarCom Awards-Gold Award, Entry “Smokefree VET: Veterans’ Virtual Champion for Quitting Tobacco”, Category, Video/Film Government

**Contributors: Dana Christofferson,
Kim Hamlett-Berry, Brian Nogues, Nicole Carey,
Brandon Carr, Amanda Gage, Natalie Wong**

2015 MarCom Awards – Honorable Mention, 2015 Gulf War Newsletter, Agent Orange Newsletter, and Post 9/11 Vet Newsletter, “Reaching Generations of Veterans through Public Health Newsletters”

**Contributors: Paul Ciminera, Stephanie Eber,
Ralph Erickson, Vincent Mitchell, Doré Mobley,
Prachi Patel, Steven Sloane, Ryan Spiker,
Karen Costa, Ron Twyman, Ryan Phillips,
Morgan Predieri, Elizabeth Robbins, Natalie Wong,
Emily Yu**

VHA National Communications Award – 1st Place, Public Health Communications Toolkits SharePoint Site, Web/Social Media

Contributors: Prachi Patel, Doré Mobley, Brian Nogues, Sarah Price, Ryan Phillips, Morgan Predieri, Elizabeth Robbins, Natalie Wong, Emily Yu

VHA National Communications Award – 1st Place, Airborne Hazards External Campaign

Contributors: Doré Mobley, Paul Ciminera, Ryan Spiker, Sarah Price, William Cole, Elizabeth Robbins, Emily Yu, Natalie Wong

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Thank you