

On behalf of Mr. Joe Paiva, Executive Director, VLER, the following information is provided as input to the weekly Cabinet Report:

9-13 July 2012

Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record

During the week of 9-13 July 2012, the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) Overarching IPT (OIPT) will present an update to the Benefits Executive Council (BEC). This update will address VLER projects including Electronic Case File Transfer, which involves the electronic transfer of Veterans' Service Treatment Records in the Integrated Disability Evaluation System. The BEC provides an official forum for senior level interaction between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) to examine ways to expand and improve information sharing, refine the process of records retrieval, and identify procedures to improve the benefits claims process for the Departments. The Council is co-chaired by DoD's Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and VA's Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration. At the July BEC meeting, additional updates will be provided by BEC working groups including Pre-Discharge, Care Coordination, Disability Evaluation System, Communication of DoD/VA Benefits and Services, Medical Records, and Information Sharing/Information Technology (BEC IS/IT).