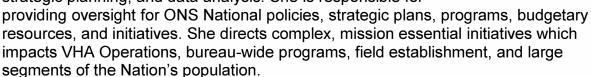
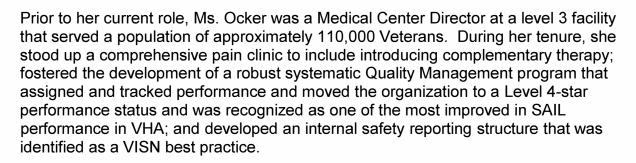
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Ms. Ocker has also served in the capacity of Acting Medical Center Director in several facilities and was the Associate Medical Center Director at a Level 2 facility. Because of her extensive leadership background, she was appointed as the Acting Human Resource Officer in VISN 1 for several months. Prior to this, she was a Service Line Manager for Sensory and Physical Rehabilitation, and had a long career in Nursing where she provided both leadership and direct patient care to a wide array of complex Veteran patients in the medical/surgical, Primary Care, Intensive Care Unit, and Emergency Room settings. Her commitment to quality improvement and organizational excellence is deeply rooted in her practice and was the catalyst for her to be engaged as a former Robert W. Carey Award senior examiner.

Ms. Ocker is passionate about excellence in the workforce and is a Certified VHA Coach and Mentor. In addition, she has been a VHA Coach and Mentor Core Trainer. She is actively engaged in many coaching/mentoring relationships and has been a Coach at VHA's Health Care Leadership Institute.

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2015 - 2018 Medical Center Director, VAMC, Manchester, NH

2008 – 2015 Associate Director, VAMC, White River Junction, VT

2006 – 2008 Service Line Manager for Sensory and Physical Rehabilitation Service

1997 – 2006 Nurse Manager of the Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Department

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2009 Master of Business Administration, University of Phoenix

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1986 Associate Degree in Nursing, New Hampshire Technical College