# Why we met:

1. Third quarterly Diversity and Inclusion in VA Council (DIVAC) meeting of Fiscal Year 2023.

# What we shared with our stakeholders:

1. DIVAC Co-Chair Ms. Gina Grosso, Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security and Preparedness, and Acting DIVAC Co-Chair, Dr. Anne-Marie Duncan, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Resolution Management, Diversity and Inclusion (ORMDI), provided opening remarks and promoted the I\*DEA intranet site.
2. Mr. Jim Wartski, Executive Director, Veterans Experience Office (VEO), Veterans, Family and Community Engagement (VFCE); Mr. Chris Olson, Deputy Director, VEO-VFCE; and Mr. Cajun Comeau, Project Manager, VEO-VFCE, provided an overview of the Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC).
3. Ms. Jennifer Esparza, White House Liaison, Office of the Secretary, presented an overview of the I-STAND Sub-Council.
4. Mr. Terry Allbritton, Executive Director, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion & Assault and Harassment Prevention Office, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), discussed the diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) Journey. The VHA DEI Summit is schedule to be held virtually June 27-29, 2023. Registration information will be released May 1.

# What we accomplished:

1. Robust discussions and idea exchanges on how to enhance the available programs and mitigate risk including the topic of Veteran employment and applicant feedback.
2. Networking and alignment across organizations.
3. Link to VEAC overview video was shared: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=np3Yq5WAQAY>.

# What the action items are:

1. VA employees interested in participating in the Louisville, Kentucky VEAC event in June should contact VEAC.
2. VEAC will research why the VISN 4 homeless Veteran program may have ended and report back to DIVAC.
3. All VA employees are asked to take the White Ribbon Pledge: <https://www.whiteribbonusa.org/whiteribbon-va-pledge>.
4. VA employees interested in subscribing to VHA’s *Inclusive News* newsletter can email Mr. Allbritton.

# What we voted on:

1. Approved summary notes from previous DIVAC.