DIVAC

Summary Notes

07/17/19

# Why we met:

1. Fourth quarterly DIVAC meeting of FY19.

# What we shared with our stakeholders:

1. Update provided on the SECVA D&I ADR Awards program ceremony. Descriptions of winners’ accomplishments can serve as best practices: <https://www.diversity.va.gov/programs/sec-awards.aspx>, <https://www.va.gov/adr/Awards.asp>. POCs: Ms. Yvonne Rannels, ODI, and Leroy Hill, ORM.
2. ASHRA/OSP Daniel Sitterly shared his view of DIVAC and how the Council’s work aligns with SECVA’s focus to creatively meeting Veterans’ needs.
3. Ms. Shawanda Poree discussed the VHA nursing shortage.
4. CMD Angela Fallon, Deputy Director, Office of Clinical & Preventative Services, Indian Health Service, discussed IHS.
5. Dr. Kathleen Klink, Senior Advisor to Chief Academic Affiliations Officer, and Dr. Jemma Ayvazian, OAA Director of Nursing Education, presented OAA’s health professions training programs with a focus on nursing initiatives.
6. Ms. Andreé Sutton, Chief of Reasonable Accommodation Services, ORM, presented on sign language and CART training and promoted the VA Pulse RA Community of Practice: <https://www.vapulse.net/login.jspa?referer=%252Fgroups%252Freasonable-accommodation-services>.
7. Save the Date – 1st National Minority Veterans Summit 9/27-28/19 Dallas Texas – POC Mr. Dennis May, Deputy Director, Center for Minority Veterans.
8. VA HBCU Summit originally scheduled for 9/5/19 has been postponed.

# What we accomplished:

1. Robust discussions and idea exchanges on how to enhance the available programs and mitigate risk.

# What the action items are:

1. CHCO Tracy Therit will connect with VHA regarding nursing shortage.
2. ASHRA/OSP Daniel Sitterly called for clarification on the pay scale.

# What we voted on:

1. Approved summary notes as distributed and read from previous DIVAC.