



Memorandum

Date: November 29, 2010
From: Chief Officer, Office of Research Oversight (ORO)(10R)
Subj: ORO Realignment
To: VHA Network Directors & Facility Directors

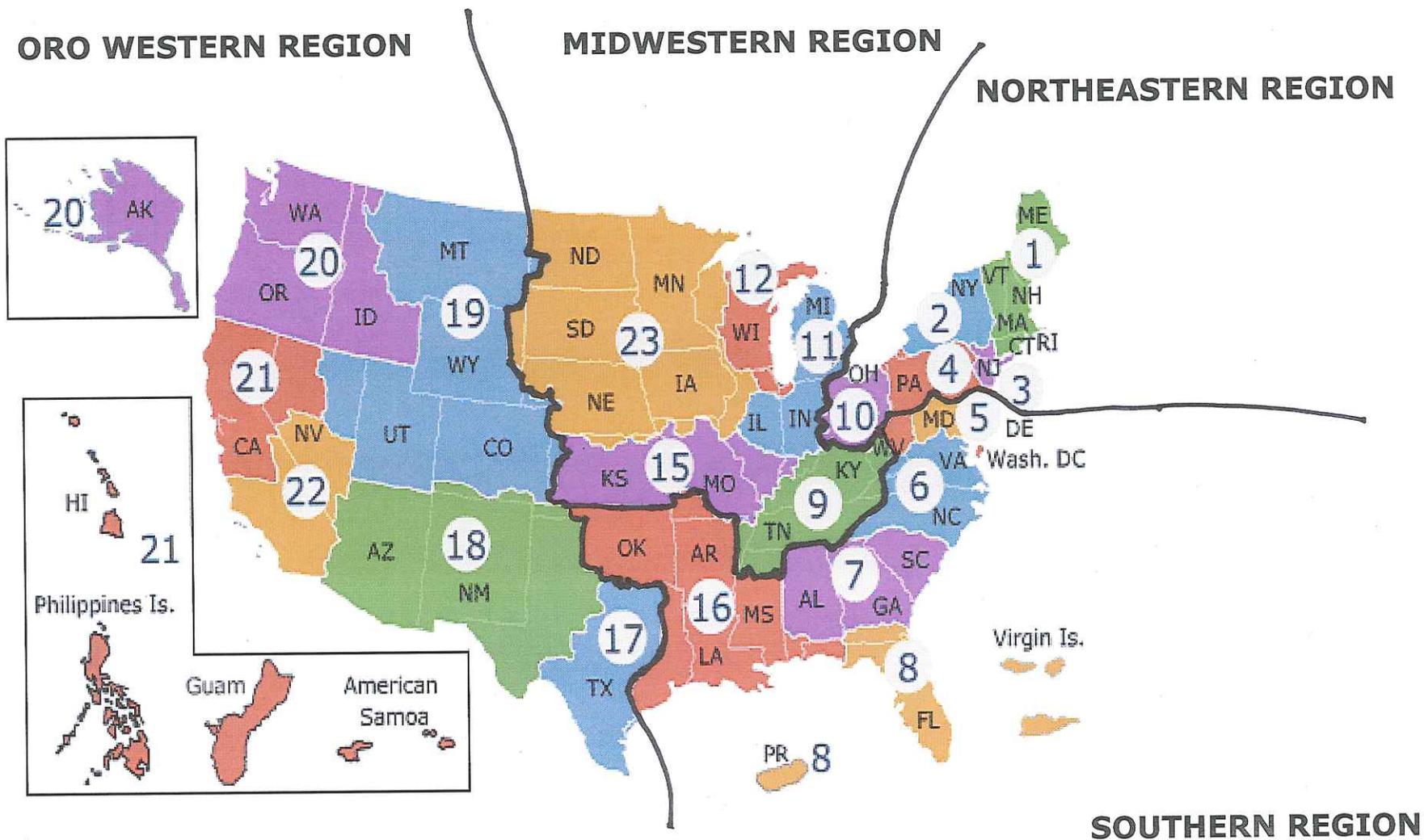
1. As you know, ORO exercises oversight of compliance with VA and other Federal requirements for the protection of human research subjects, laboratory animal welfare, research safety, research laboratory security, research information protection, research misconduct, and governmentwide debarment for research impropriety.
2. With the goal of fostering a more client-centered, results-driven, and forward-looking system of research compliance oversight, ORO has launched a transformational initiative to identify optimally effective oversight strategies, standardize the implementation of these strategies ORO-wide, and maximize operational efficiency and effectiveness.
3. To effect this transformation, ORO is realigning from five to four Regional Offices (Northeastern, Southern, Midwestern, and Western).
4. ORO Regional Offices will continue to serve as the focal point for oversight of facility Human Research Protection Programs (HRPPs) and Research and Development (R&D) Committee Oversight Programs. ORO Central Office will serve as the focal point for oversight of facility Animal Care and Use Programs (ACUPs), Research Safety and Security Programs (RSSPs), and Research Information Protection Programs (RIPPs).
5. The re-assignment of ORO Regional Offices to individual VHA research facilities will take effect on January 1, 2011 (see attached). Each facility affected by this re-assignment will soon receive an individual communication regarding these changes.
6. I very much appreciate your continued commitment to excellence in the protection of human research subjects, laboratory animals, and research personnel and to the conduct of research benefiting Veterans.
7. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

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Attachment

cc: Under Secretary for Health (10)
Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health (10A)
Chief of Staff (10B)
Deputy Under Secretary of Health for Operations and Management
VHA Program Offices

**OFFICE OF RESEARCH OVERSIGHT
Regional Office Facility Assignments *
Effective January 1, 2011**



*** NOTE: Facilities hosting ORO Regional Office are assigned separately.**

ORO REGIONAL OFFICE FACILITY LIST
Effective January 1, 2011

	VISN #	Num	Network	Facility	Component	Component	Component
NERO	1	5	VA New England HCS				
				VA Boston HCS	Jamaica Plain	West Roxbury	
				VA Connecticut HCS	West Haven	Newington	
				Manchester			
				Providence, RI			
				White River Jt, VT			
NERO	2	5	VA HCN Upstate NY				
				Albany (Stratton)			
				Bath			
				Canandaigua			
				Syracuse			
				VA Western NY HCS	Batavia	Buffalo	
NERO	3	5	VA NY/NJ VA HCN				
				Bronx, NY			
				VA Hudson Valley HCS	Castle Point	Montrose	
				VA New Jersey HCS	East Orange	Lyons	
				Northport, NY			
				VA New York Harbor HCS	Brooklyn	New York	St. Albans
NERO	4	5	VA Stars and Stripes HCN				
				Coatesville, PA			
				Clarksburg, WV			
				Wilkes-Barre VAMC			
				Philadelphia, PA			
				VA Pittsburgh HCS	Pittsburgh (Highland)	Pittsburgh (University)	Heinz PCC
NERO	10	5	VA HC System of Ohio				
				Columbus (Chalmers OPC)			
				Chillicothe			
				Cincinnati, OH			
				Cleveland, OH			
				Dayton, OH			
NERO		3	ORO Host Facility				
	12			Hines			
	12			JAL-FHCC			
	7			Atlanta VAMC			
NERO	Total	28					

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	VISN #	Num	Network	Facility	Component	Component	Component
SRO	5	3	VA Capitol HCN				
				Washington, DC			
				Martinsburg, WV			
				VA Maryland HCS	Baltimore	Fort Howard	Perry Point
SRO	6	6	VA Mid-Atlantic HCN				
				Asheville, NC			
				Durham, NC			
				Hampton, VA			
				Richmond, VA			
				Salem, VA			
				Salisbury, NC			
SRO	7	5	VA Southeast Network				
				Tuscaloosa, AL			
				Augusta VAMC			
				Birmingham VAMC			
				Columbia VAMC (Dorn)			
				Charleston VAMC			
SRO	8	6	VA Sunshine HCN				
				Bay Pines			
				VA North Florida / South Georgia HCS	Gainesville	Lake City	
				Miami HCS			
				San Juan, PR			
				Tampa (James Haley)			
				Orlando			
SRO	16	9	South Central VA HCN				
				Biloxi, MS (Gulf Coast)			
				Jackson, MS (Sonny Montgomery)			
				Fayetteville, AR (Ozarks)			
				Houston (DeBaakey)			
				Central Arkansas VA HCS	Little Rock		
				Muskogee (Jack Montgomery)			
				New Orleans			
				Oklahoma City			
				Shreveport VAMC (Overton Brooks)			
SRO	Total	29					

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	VISN #	Num	Network	Facility	Component	Component	Component
MWRO	9	6	VA Mid South HCN				
				Huntington, WV			
				Lexington, KY			
				Louisville, KY			
				Memphis			
				Mountain Home (Quillen)			
				VA Tennessee Valley HCS	Nashville	Murfreesboro	
MWRO	11	6	Veterans in Partnership				
				Battle Creek, MI			
				Illiana HCS	Danville		
				Detroit, MI			
				Indianapolis, IN			
				Saginaw, MI			
				VA Ann Arbor HCS			
MWRO	12	3	The Great Lakes HCS				
				Jesse Brown VAMC			
				Madison, WI			
				Milwaukee, WI			
MWRO	15	5	VA Heartland Network				
				Columbia (Harry S Truman)			
				VA Eastern Kansas HCS	Leavenworth	Topeka	
				Kansas City, MO			
				St. Louis	Jefferson Barracks	John Cochran	
				Wichita (Bob Dole)			
MWRO	23	7	VA Midwest HCN				
				VA Black Hills HCS	Fort Meade	Hot Springs	
				Fargo, ND			
				Iowa City, IA			
				Minneapolis, MN			
				Sioux Falls, SD			
				St. Cloud, MN			
				Nebraska / Western Iowa HCS	Omaha	Lincoln	Grand Island
MWRO		2	ORO Host Facility				
	22			Las Vegas, NV			
	22			Loma Linda			
MWRO	Total	29					

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WRO	17	3	VA Heart of Texas HC				
				VA Central Texas HCS	Temple	Waco	Marlin
				VA North Texas HCS	Dallas	Bonham	
				VA South Texas Vets HCS	San Antonio	Kerrville	
WRO	18	3	VA Southwest HCNetwork				
				New Mexico VA HSC	Albuquerque		
				Phoenix			
				Southern Arizona HCS	Tucson		
WRO	19	2	Rocky Mountain Network				
				Eastern Colorado	Denver		
				VA Salt Lake City HSC			
WRO	20	3	Northwest Network				
				Boise VAMC			
				Portland VAMC			
				VA Puget Sound HCS	Seattle	American Lake	
WRO	21	6	Sierra Pacific Network				
				VA Central Calif HCS	Fresno		
				VA Pacific Islands HCS	Honolulu		
				VA Northern Calif. HCS	East Bay - Martinez	Sacramento Valley	
				VA Palo Alto HCS	Palo Alto	Menlo Park	Livermore
				Sierra Nevada HSC	Reno		
				San Francisco			
WRO	22	3	Desert Pacific HCN				
				Long Beach, CA			
				San Diego, CA			
				VA Greater Los Angeles HCS	Los Angeles	Sepulveda	West Los Angeles
WRO		2	ORO Host Facility				
	1			Bedford			
	1			Togus			
WRO	Total	22					
ORO	ORD	1	VHA Central IRB	Deputy Chief Officer and Regional Office Directors			
Total							
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