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Call starts at 4:30 pm ET

- **Adobe Connect**
 - Accessible outside the network – on your personal computer and phone.
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South Texas Veterans Health Care System
Infection Prevention (IP), Hospital Safety (HS), and
Quality Management (QM) Teams
For tireless and dedicated commitment to our Veterans

Dr. Jose Cadena-Zuluaga, Epidemiologist/ID MD
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Infection Preventionists (IPs) worked round the clock providing off duty hours (to include night shift) and weekend coverage support. STX VA Certified in Infection Control (CIC) IPs led nursing teams that included the “Swab Squad.” The squad was tasked with screening and collecting COVID-19 specimens. This screening established COVID-19 baseline data for long term care Veterans who resided in the community. Over 700 specimens were collected for this 4th mission.

Nominated by: Katherine F. Alford, Ph.D., RN, CPHQ, CPPS

Congratulation to All Physician Assistants - PA week October 6-12

October 6-12 is National PA Week. During this challenging time, PAs have not only proven themselves as flexible, adaptable, and collaborative – but also ESSENTIAL.

The OKC VAHCS – COVID-19 utilized a new format to achieve expedited credentialing of existing Physician Assistants who were “called up” in multiple areas when the patient census began to increase. PAs are trained in the medical model, with a generalist education and experiences which allow the profession flexibility into all areas of medicine. Over 30 PAs from Ambulatory Care, Medicine Subspecialties, and Surgery Services were repurposed into providing care in the areas of greatest need – ICUs, Hospitalist/ Nocturnist, and ER fast track to meet the needs of veteran care.

COVID Call to Duty:



On April 4, 2020, many employees of the Department of Veteran Affairs were called upon to serve their country. These are United States Army Reserve and Air Force Reserve service members who not only serve our Veterans but also serve our civilians. Second from left – White City/VISN 20 - VHA PA Jennifer Dengler DMSc, PA-C, MS, NHDP-BC

Minute with the Chief



Angela Upshaw

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Angela Upshaw is the Associate Director of Programs at Berkeley Food & Housing Project (BFHP), where she oversees several housing programs. Including three Veteran specific programs, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Grant and Per Diem Program (GPD), and Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) across six Northern California Counties including Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Amador Counties. Angela is a voting Board Member for the Sacramento Continuum of Care (CoC) and the non-profit agency, East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO). Angela holds two Master's Degrees, one in Public Health (MPH) and the other in Business Administration (MBA).





Marsheta Boyton

Marsheta Boyton joins from the Veterans Health Administration, Homeless Program Office, as an Administrative Officer with the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF). In her role, Marsheta manages daily activities and interactions relating to federal grant programs focused on ending and preventing Veteran homelessness. Marsheta is responsible for SSVF procurement and contracting projects. Marsheta holds two Master's Degrees, one in Public Administration (MPA), and another in Social Work (MSW).

Marsheta lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she enjoys spending time with her children, traveling, vacationing, reading, journaling, and shopping!



Announcing CHAI CARE!

I CARE + COVID-19 Hero Award for Innovation

Have good news, success stories,
innovative ideas from the front line, uplifting videos?

Please share them with us!

We will feature selected stories here!

- Please submit videos in .mov or .MP4 format
- Try to keep videos around a minute long
- If recording on a smartphone, shoot video sideways
- We plan to share one submission per *COVID in 20* episode.
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