

COLUMBIA CHAMBER MILITARY OUTREACH GROUP MEETING

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Department of Veterans' Affairs

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

- FY21 Budget \$755.4M
- FYTD21 Unique patients: 83,068; 2.7% 2 year growth
- FYTD21 Women Veterans: 9,859; 9.6% 2 year growth
- FYTD21 Outpatient visits: 997,297; 3.4% 2 year growth
- Continued emphasis on Telehealth: Ranked in top 8 for 4 of 4 national VA telehealth metrics

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- Blue Star Memorial and Wellness Path progress continues, collaboration with Columbia Garden Club and SCDOT
- Orangeburg CBOC nearly complete tentatively opening in October
- Sumter CBOC site prep and foundation work has begun
- Rock Hill CBOC groundbreaking tentatively beginning in November
- Fisher House fundraising continues groundbreaking tentatively planned for this Fall

COVID-19

- Continue to provide COVID testing for entire region:
 - Over 65,000 Roche PCR tests to date with an average TAT of 1.09 days
- Vaccinations as of 8/24/2021:
 - Over 85,000 Veterans with at least 1 dose (includes DHEC data)
 - 46,456 Fully vaccinated Veterans (59%)
 - 2,731 Fully vaccinated staff (90%)
 - 818 Doses Saves Life Act (Includes Spouses/Caregivers)
- Adding additional COVID beds in case they are needed
- Vaccination now mandated for all VHA staff

Current Events/Initiatives

- Summer Student Graduation held on August 6th at the Ft. Jackson NCO Club 32 students participated this year.
- Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, February 25th – Goal of 50 Units, 10th blood drive held at the Columbia VA since the beginning of the pandemic
- Current Patient Experience Trust Scores: 88.0% FYTD vs. 84.4% FY19
- National Red Coat Ambassador of the Year: Patient Experience Award