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Asheville's Charles George VA Medical Center Announces New Director

Stephanie Young Brings Proven Experience to Asheville VA

Asheville, N.C. — The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephanie A. Young as the new director of Asheville's Charles George VA Medical Center. As the medical center's chief executive officer, Young will oversee a staff of over 1,700, responsible for an operating budget of more than \$365 million delivering health care to nearly 48,000 Veterans.

"We are excited to welcome Stephanie Young to our team as the new director of the Asheville VA Medical Center," said DeAnne Seekins, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 6 Director. "She has been with the VA for more than 25 years and comes to us with extensive experience and a proven history of making sound decisions for staff and our Veterans. She will be a valuable asset for the facility, our employees and volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve. We anticipate she will arrive at the medical center within the next 45 - 60 days."

Young has garnered more than 12 years of VA Leadership experience through a variety of positions at facilities in Saginaw, MI, and the Iliana Health Care System in Danville, Ill. Young has served in the capacity as director of the VA Iliana HCS since December 2015, responsible for operations and services for more than 40,000 enrolled Veterans in the 239-bed hospital, including a 156-bed Community Living Center and four outpatient clinics, with oversight of a budget exceeding \$176 million and a workforce of 1,500.

The Charles George VAMC is a Joint Commission accredited, tertiary referral, 1C facility that provides the full spectrum of health services to Veterans residing in a 23-county area of Western North Carolina.

The medical center has 119 authorized acute care beds (including a 16-bed inpatient psychiatric unit), two state-of-the-art Intensive Care Units, 120 authorized Community Living Center (CLC) beds, and 18 authorized Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program beds. The medical center also operates community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) in Franklin, Rutherford County, and Hickory, N.C.

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