

regional office are currently located in leased spaces, for which the leases would not be renewed under either action alternative. VA has tentatively determined that renovating the existing Robley Rex VAMC is not a reasonably foreseeable alternative and would adversely affect VA's ability to provide needed services to Veterans.

Environmental topics that will be addressed in the EIS include aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources and historic properties, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, wildlife and habitat, noise, land use, floodplains and wetlands, socioeconomic, community services, solid waste and hazardous materials, transportation and traffic, utilities, and environmental justice. Best management practices and mitigation measures that could alleviate any identified environmental effects will be included where relevant.

Two prior environmental assessments (EAs) addressed aspects of VA's proposal. In June 2012, VA completed a *Programmatic EA of the Proposed Site Selection, Construction, and Operation of a Replacement Louisville VA Medical Center*. This analysis concluded with a Finding of No Significant Impact for selecting and acquiring the Brownsboro Site for the replacement Louisville VAMC, with the provision that mitigation measures would be identified in a subsequent site-specific EA to ensure that impacts would not be significant. In December 2014, VA published a *Draft Site-Specific EA: Proposed Replacement VA Medical Center Campus, Louisville, Kentucky*. However, upon further review before publishing a Final Site-Specific EA, VA concluded that an EIS was the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for evaluating the potential for adverse impacts from constructing and operating a replacement campus at the Brownsboro Site. This Notice of Intent initiates the EIS for the replacement Louisville VAMC campus.

Extensive public input was provided by Veterans, elected officials, residents

near the proposed new locations, and other interested members of the public throughout the scoping and public draft reviews for the two EAs. These comments remain in the project record and are being incorporated as identified scoping issues for this EIS.

VA does not intend to hold a public scoping event specific to this EIS, anticipating that any input would largely reiterate issues that have been previously identified. Upon specific request, VA will consider whether an additional in-person scoping event would enhance public involvement in this EIS. The event would be at a Louisville venue at which a project fact sheet would be available in hard copy, posters summarizing the EIS process would be available for viewing, and members of the public could submit written comments using either comment forms or their own written format. There would be no formal presentation by VA or verbal public comment opportunity. The comment form (this form is not a required format for submitting scoping comments), the fact sheet, and the two previous EAs are available online at [www.louisville.va.gov/newmedicalcenter/](http://www.louisville.va.gov/newmedicalcenter/), along with other information related to the EIS process.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Robert L. Nabors II, Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on October 22, 2015, for publication.

Dated: October 27, 2015.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Commission on Care Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, the Commission on Care gives notice that it will meet on Monday, November 16, 2015, and Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at the J.W. Marriott, Jr. ASAE Conference Center, 1575 I St. NW., Washington, DC 20005. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. on both days. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission, as described in section 202 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, is to examine the access of Veterans to health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs and strategically examine how best to organize the Veterans Health Administration, locate health care resources, and deliver health care to Veterans during the next 20 years.

On the mornings of November 16 and 17, the Commission will hear from experts who will provide insights on work to be done by the Commission. On the afternoons of November 16 and 17, and the morning of November 18, the Committee will convene closed sessions in accordance with The Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (c)(9)(B).

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. The public may submit written statements for the Commission's review to Sharon Gilles or John Goodrich, Designated Federal Officers, Commission on Care, at [sharon.gilles@va.gov](mailto:sharon.gilles@va.gov) or [john.goodrich@va.gov](mailto:john.goodrich@va.gov), respectively. Any member of the public wanting to attend may contact Ms. Gilles or Mr. Goodrich.

Dated: October 26, 2015.

**Sharon Gilles,**

*Designated Federal Officer, Commission on Care.*

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