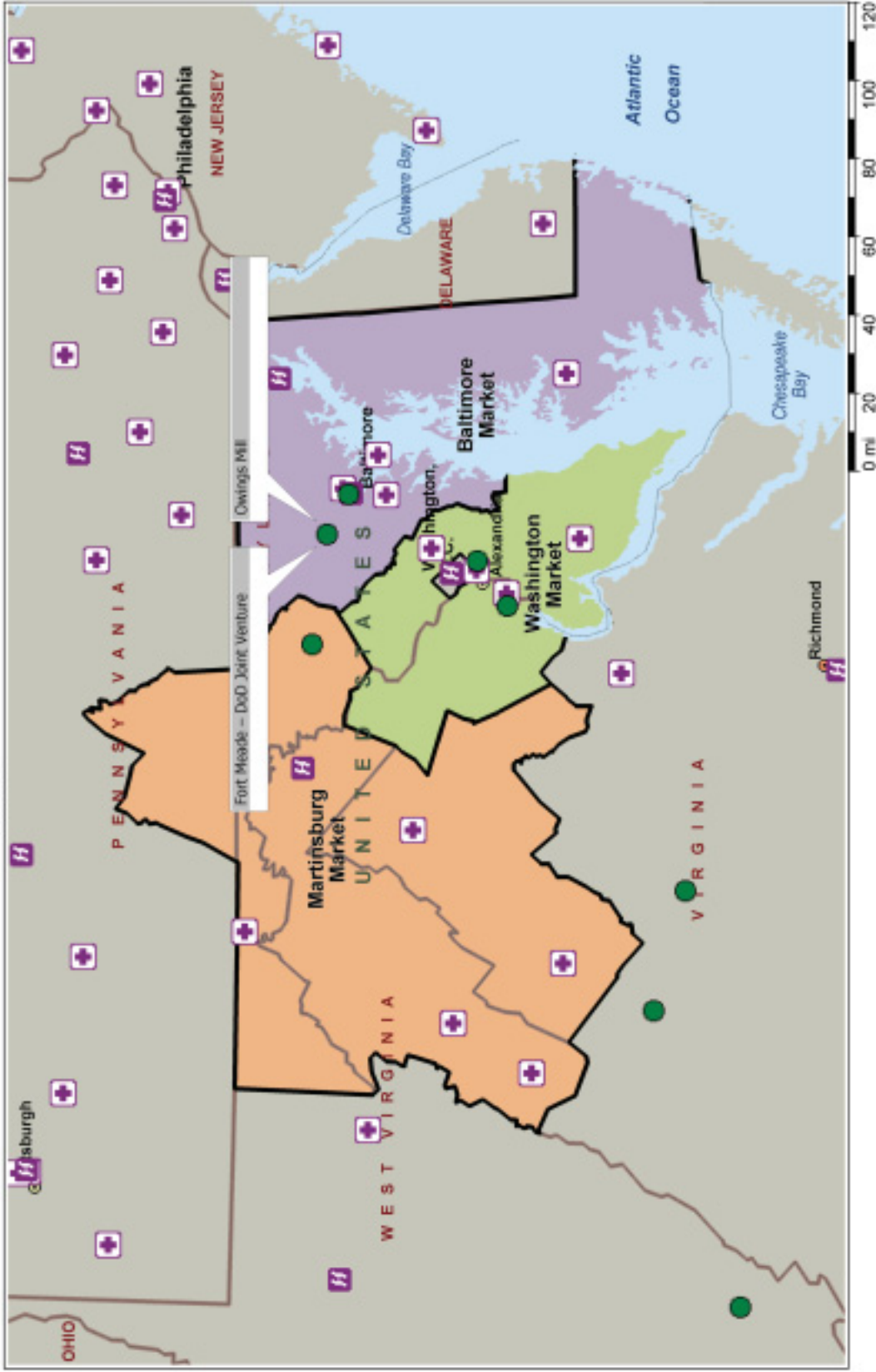


VISN 5



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CARES DECISIONS FOR VISN 5

CARES Commission Recommendation

I Campus Realignment, Extended Care

Perry Point VAMC

- 1 The Commission recommends that prior to taking any action to reconfigure or expand long-term care capacity or replace existing long-term care facilities VA should develop a long-term care strategic plan. This plan should be based on well-articulated policies, address access to services, and integrate planning for the long-term care of the seriously mentally ill.
- 2 The Commission concurs with the DNCP proposal to redesign the Perry Point campus, including enhanced use leasing, subject to the preparation and approval of a strategic plan.

Secretary's Decision

I Campus Realignment, Extended Care

Perry Point VAMC

The Perry Point campus is located at the banks of the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay and is situated on 364 acres of land, much of which is underused or vacant. While some buildings on the campus have been recently renovated, others are in dire need of repair, including the nursing home, which is almost 80 years old. To ensure that VA makes necessary improvements to patient care buildings and most effective use of existing buildings and land, VA will develop a Master Plan for the realignment of the Perry Point campus.

While the mission of the Perry Point VAMC will remain unchanged, the Master Plan will propose an efficient, cost-effective, and appropriately sized design that will reduce vacant and underused space on the campus and include modernization of patient care buildings to meet current and anticipated needs. The plan will include construction of a replacement

nursing home. Plans for the size of the nursing home will be developed using the long-term care and mental health strategic plans. The Master Plan will ensure that plans for alternate use or disposal of VA property serve to enhance the Department's mission.

VA is committed to minimizing any impact on patients, employees, and the community as it manages this planning process and transition. VA will continue to work closely with its stakeholders to ensure that development and implementation of the Master Plan is managed effectively.

While this transition is expected to take place over several years, VA will complete a Master Plan by the end of 2004 (*Reference – Excess VA Property, Long-Term Care: Crosscutting*).

CARES Commission Recommendation

II Inpatient Acute Psychiatry and Residential Rehabilitation Care

- 1** The Commission concurs with the DNCP proposal to move 77 domiciliary beds from Martinsburg VA Medical Center to Washington, DC.
- 2** In view of the fact that there are a large number of homeless veterans in the Washington, DC, area, the Commission recommends that consideration be given to transferring more residential rehabilitation beds to the Washington, DC, area.
- 3** The Commission concurs with the DNCP proposal to move 22 acute psychiatry beds from Perry Point to the Washington, DC VAMC.

Secretary's Decision

II Inpatient Acute Psychiatry and Residential Rehabilitation Care

While the Washington DC market has the largest population of homeless veterans in the region, it currently has no domiciliary beds. As a result, homeless veterans are primarily referred to Martinsburg for domiciliary care. The transfer of 77 domiciliary beds from Martinsburg to the Washington, DC area will improve access to care for many homeless veterans. As VA proceeds with implementation planning and future strategic planning, it will continue to explore the possibility of transferring more domiciliary care services to the Washington, DC area.

VA will improve access to acute inpatient psychiatry services in the VISN by shifting 22 beds from the Perry Point VAMC to the Washington DC VAMC. This bed transfer will help VA to meet forecasted increases in demand in the Washington, DC area.

The VISN will develop a plan to manage the transfer of beds in its FY 2005 strategic planning submission. VA is committed to minimizing any impact on patients, employees, and the community and will continue to work closely with its stakeholders to ensure that development and implementation is managed effectively.

CARES Commission Recommendation

III Outpatient Care

The Commission concurs with the DNCP proposal to address the need for increased space for outpatient primary, mental health, and specialty care through in-house expansion, new construction, and leases.

Secretary's Decision

III Outpatient Care

The VISN will meet increases in demand for care through expansion, renovation, new construction of existing space, or leases. Existing authorities and policies will be used to contract for care where necessary.

The VISN also will develop new CBOCs through the National CBOC Approval Process. VISN 5 has five new CBOCs and a mental health clinic targeted for priority implementation by 2012:

Parent Facility	New Facility Name	State
Martinsburg VAMC	Fort Detrick – DoD Joint Venture	MD
Baltimore VAMC	Fort Meade – DoD Joint Venture	MD
Baltimore VAMC	Owings Mill	MD
Baltimore VAMC	Baltimore City – Mental Health	MD
Washington DC VAMC	Fort Belvoir – DoD Joint Venture	VA
Washington DC VAMC	Southern Prince George	MD

These CBOCs will enhance VA/DoD sharing, improve access to care for area veterans, and relieve space deficits at the crowded Baltimore and Washington DC VAMCs. The Baltimore City site will enhance mental health services for Baltimore area veterans (*Reference – Contracting for Care, Community-Based Outpatient Clinics: Crosscutting*).

CARES Commission Recommendations

IV VA/DoD Sharing

- 1 The Commission concurs with the DNCP proposal on developing joint ventures with DoD at Fort Meade, Fort Detrick, and Fort Belvoir.
- 2 The Commission recommends that the DNCP proposal for the VISN 5 VA/DoD collaborative opportunities include clear, written evidence of a joint commitment.

Secretary's Decision**IV VA/DoD Sharing**

VA will work with DoD to implement sharing opportunities at Fort Meade, Fort Detrick, and Fort Belvoir (*Reference – VA/DoD Sharing: Crosscutting*).

CARES Commission Recommendation**V Enhanced Use**

The Commission concurs with the DNCP proposal for an enhanced use lease project at Fort Howard.

Secretary's Decision**V Enhanced Use**

The VISN will pursue its plan to realign the Fort Howard campus using enhanced use lease authorities (*Reference – Excess VA Property: Crosscutting*).