



STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

New Mexico Veterans' Home

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DVS/DOH TRANSITION UPDATE

▶ FACTS

- ▶ 168,000 Veterans in New Mexico
- ▶ 90,000 Veterans over the age of 60
- ▶ 50,000 of the 90,000 are over the age of 70
- ▶ 85,000 live in the Albuquerque Metro Area
- ▶ 83,000 live outside of Albuquerque Metro Area
- ▶ Based on current capacity, New Mexico is facing a challenge to care for aging veterans
- ▶ Based on VA data, New Mexico is short 212 nursing beds

DVS/DOH TRANSITION UPDATE

- ▶ Official transfer of oversight on 1 Jul 2017
- ▶ Conducted town halls and briefed state wide veteran community
- ▶ Worked closely with Albuquerque VA Medical System
- ▶ Addressed staffing issues at Veteran Home/Held rapid hire event 30 June 2017
- ▶ Working with WNMU to conduct Certified Nursing Assistant training vs travel to Fort Bayard
- ▶ Facility is at 100% capacity (135 beds filled) with waiting list due to increased exposure to veteran community on existence of facility
- ▶ Formal transfer ceremony to be held on 11 Nov 2017 (Veterans Day)

DVS/DOH TRANSITION UPDATE

- ▶ Future Vision
 - ▶ Propose building new resident facility utilizing VA Funding Grant (65% VA – 35% State Funds)
 - ▶ Propose repurpose existing facility
 - ▶ Increase domiciliary housing
 - ▶ Convert existing dining area/kitchen to large meeting room/auditorium
 - ▶ Possible in-house museum

DVS/DOH TRANSITION UPDATE

- ▶ Future Infrastructure Needs
 - ▶ Access Control, Door Replacement/Fence Installation (Priority 1 - \$269,275.00)
 - ▶ AC Upgrade (Priority 2 - \$441,207.00)
 - ▶ Tunnel Ventilation & Lighting - \$75,000.00
 - ▶ Power Grid Upgrade - \$2,636,917.00
 - ▶ Replace Windows - \$87,000.00
 - ▶ Laundry Warehouse Expansion - \$470,234.00
 - ▶ Maintenance & Ground Shop Roof Repair - \$47,000.00
 - ▶ Total Cost - \$4,026,633.00