Working Together: Accessing VA Services

NYS Discharge Planning Workgroup
Veterans Healthcare Administration
Partners in Access

- Leverage capabilities
- Conserve scarce resources
- Improve interagency understanding
- Meet Veteran needs
Veterans in New York

- Approximately 1 million veterans live in NY
- 28% use the VA Healthcare System
- 92% are male, 8% are female
VA in New York

- 12 VA Medical Centers
- 48 Community Based Outpatient Clinics
- 13 Vet Centers
- 2 VA Regional Benefits Offices
- VISN 2:  www.visn2.va.gov/
- VISN 3:  www.nynj.va.gov/
Veterans Services

- VA can meet these needs for eligible veterans:
  - Primary Care
  - Acute Care
  - Additional Specialty Care
  - Housing (Homeless Services/Rental Assistance)
  - Compensation & Pension Benefits
  - Education
  - Insurance
Primary Care

- All Community Based Outpatient Clinics have Integrated Primary Care (Medical/Behavioral)
- Larger Clinics have additional Specialty Clinics and Lab Services
Specialty Care

- Substance Abuse/Behavioral Health (Inpatient and Outpatient)
- Residential PTSD Program
- Geriatrics/Extended Care Community Living Centers
- Palliative Care
Housing/Homeless Services

- Domiciliary
- Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program
- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH Section 8)
Housing/Homeless Services

- VISN 2: www.visn2.va.gov/bh/homeless.asp
- VISN 3: www.nynj.va.gov/homeless.asp
Veteran Justice Outreach Initiative

- Law Enforcement
- Jails/Courts
- Incarcerated Veterans
Other Resources

- Veterans Counselors
  - NYS Division of Veterans Affairs
  - County Veteran Service Agencies
Veterans in Our Care

- **Co-managed care**
  - VA works with Community providers

- **Family members**
  - Support for those outside VA’s authorization
Coming Soon -

A “Community Partners” link on our VISN 2 Website

- Information for non-VA Providers
- Resources to help work with veterans
- Latest News on upcoming VA Programs