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In order to further improve the lines of communication and to respond to the concerns between the National VA Council and you our members, I have established a National VA Council Briefing. This NVAC Briefing will bring you the latest news and developments within DVA and provide you with the current status of issues this Council is currently addressing. I believe that this NVAC Briefing will greatly enhance the way in which we communicate and the way in which we share new information, keeping you better informed.

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National VA Council, President

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**VA Southeast Network Announces New Network Director
Leslie Wiggins *Brings Leadership and Proven Healthcare Experience to VISN 7
Network Office***

Duluth, GA — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Leslie Wiggins as the new Network Director of the VA Southeast Network – Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 7. Wiggins will oversee delivery of health care to the third largest Veteran population. Over 1.4 million Veterans live in the VISN’s geographic area which continues to attract Veterans.

“We are excited to bring Ms. Wiggins on board as the new Director for VISN 7,” said Janet Murphy, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management. “Her sound leadership

qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the facility, the employees and volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve. We anticipate she will arrive at the Network Office within the next 45 to 60 days to begin her appointment.”

Wiggins has a proven track record as an exceptional health care leader in her current role as Medical Center Director at the Atlanta VA Medical Center and former VA Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Labor Management Relations, with outstanding qualifications and skills, demonstrated management ability to lead complex organizations, motivate employees, manage resources, and work successfully with widely varied stakeholder groups.

Wiggins’ extensive experience includes strong and decisive management of clinical health care operations and administrative functionalities (i.e. clinical, financial, human capital, and space); which spans over 20 years with VA.