

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

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MOVE TO LOVELL FHCC

Thus far the move to Lovell FHCC has been uneventful. Some problems with accessing VBA via computer, but the issue is being worked. At present we have Lisabeth Anne Risley working from 8 to 12 and then I come in at 12. The practice will remain appointments only for the processing claims and appointments can be made either at the Waukegan Office 847-377-3344 or at Lovell FHCC 224-610-1279. At present we have picked up over 60 clients due to the Lovell FHCC move. Our total client base is at 11,024.

MIDWEST VETERANS CLOSET

Many thanks to the American Legion, VFW and all veterans organizations who have contributed to the Veterans Closet. The drop in center is in full use and the shuttle bus from Lovell FHCC continues to drop off veterans from the Homeless Shelter at Lovell.

Patient Advisory Committee

The Committee met on March 9th at the Lovell FHCC, Dr. Holt and Captain Buckley both attended. Concerns with patient confidentiality, sanitation and parking highlighted the meeting. Dr. Holt reported that Joint Accreditation Taskforce Inspected Lovell and the hospital did well, 4 areas still under review but the big 3 they did well. Home and Community Base Care was just a staffing issue.

Railings for the tram way are complete and the pool should be open by April 1st. It was announced that we have a local contact at Lovell FHCC for CHAMPVA, Ms. Velma Johnson, she is available at 224-610-1463.

There was a great deal of discussion on Bldg 7 and Don Taylor advised that the issues are under study. Mr. Taylor also announced that he would be working in El Paso, Texas for the next 3 months.

VSO Meeting at Lovell FHCC

The Veteran Service Officers met at Rm 148, Bldg 135 on Tuesday, March 10th. I brought up the issue of Secretary McDonald's Blue Print for Excellence and Strategy 9 the partnership with local veterans community. The VAC at its last meeting passed a resolution urging implementation. Lovell has not yet responded to our request. The idea behind Strategy 9 is that Lake County has 4,000 at risk veterans and no homeless veterans. As a coalition the 48 veterans service organizations want to work together to help these veterans and their families. This means combining federal, state and local resources and avoid duplication of services.

