

Government-wide Action Plan

Overview

This Government-wide Action Plan directs and schedules program enhancements to improve the timeliness, ease of application, and efficient delivery of Federal services and benefits to returning Global War on Terror servicemembers.

Agency Performance

The key factor to timely implementation of Task Force recommendations is follow-up and accountability. Success will be measured in accordance with the performance criteria contained in the President's Executive Order dated March 6, 2007:

Ensure that in providing services to these service members, appropriate Federal agencies are communicating and cooperating effectively, and facilitate the fostering of agency communications and cooperation through informal and formal means, as appropriate.

Each agency determined how to implement its portion of a recommendation. For actions requiring interagency coordination, a lead agency was identified. The lead agency will ensure the Action Plan is properly coordinated with partner agencies.

Implementation Strategies and Target Dates

Detailed strategies provided by Federal agencies for implementing each recommendation appear in Section 4. A summation of implementation actions with target dates for each recommendation is provided in Exhibit 6.

Oversight

Agencies will conduct periodic progress reviews to ensure recommendations are implemented. The frequency of independent reviews will vary depending upon on progress made, problems encountered, and potential barriers for timely implementation.

Exhibit 6

#	Recommendation	Agencies	Lead Agency	Implementation Actions	Target Date for Implementation
P-1	Develop a Joint Process for Disability Determinations	DoD, VA	DoD	Develop in-depth plan for VA/DoD collaboration in MEB/PEB process	Begun April 3, 2007 VA to participate in Advisory Council meeting May 3, 2007
P-2	Develop a System of Co-Management and Case Management	DoD, VA	DoD	1. Joint MOA - draft 2. Standardize Case Mgt ; develop charter 3. Policy Document 4. Primary Case Managers 5. Tracking System 6. BEC and HEC oversight 7. VBA GWOT Coordinator 8. VA Policy Handbook	1. April 30, 2007 2. April 30, 2007 3. Draft by July 30, 2007 4. Begin May 30, 2007 5. Started February 2007 6. Begin May 30, 2007 7. April 30, 2007 8. VHA Published March 26, 2007; VBA by May 2007
P-3	Enhance Electronic Health Record for Transition of GWOT Veterans	VA	VA	1. Develop tracking & interface 2. Create TBI database 3. Create DoD/VA interface 4. Create Poly-trauma markers 5. Create GWOT marker 6. Create clinical transfer system 7. Build DoD CPRS scanning interface	1. September 2007 2. September 2007 3. September 2007 4. NLT September 2008 5. NLT September 2008 6. NLT September 2008 7. NLT September 2008

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P-4	Improve VA Access to Health Records of Servicemembers Treated in VA Health Care Facilities.	DoD, VA	DoD, VA	1. Expand Electronic Health Record Access:	
				a- Walter Reed & Bethesda to Tampa	a- Completed March 2007
				b- Walter Reed, Bethesda, and Brooke to Tampa, Palo Alto, Minneapolis, and Richmond	b- June 30, 2007
				c- All	c- FY 2008 - 2010
				2. Transmission of Historical DoD Data:	
				a- Release 1 – Meds & Labs	a- June 30, 2007
				b- Release 2 – Provider notes	b- January 30, 2008
				c- Release 3 – Theater data	c- January 30, 2008
				d-Release 4 – Vital signs	d- March 30, 2008
				e. Release 5 – Patient histories	e- September 30, 2008
				3. Long-Term Initiatives:	
				a- Assessment	a- June 30, 2007
				b- Scope and elements	b- June 30, 2007
				c- DoD-VA interoperability	c- September 30, 2007
d- Analysis of Alternatives	d- January 31, 2008				
P-5	Improve the Electronic Enrollment Process	VA	VA	1. VA 10-10EZ Form	1. June 30, 2007
				2. Self-Service Application	2. June 30, 2008
				3. Presumed Combat Experience	3. July 30, 2007
P-6	Use DoD Military Service Information as Part of VA's Enrollment Process	VA	VA	Enhance the Enrollment System Redesign	June 2008 to January 2009
P-7	Create an Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center and Registry	VA	VA	1. Establish Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center	1. April 2008
				2. Establish Registry	2. January 2008
P-8	Develop Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement for VA Liaisons at Military Treatment Facilities	DoD, VA	DoD, VA	1. MOU	1. May 31, 2007
				2. Concurrence on MOUs	2. Sign with each MTF by June 30, 2007
				3. Access to information	3. Sign with each MTF by June 30, 2007
				4. VA Liaison Services at other MTFs	4. May 30, 2007

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P-9	Screen All Veterans of the Global War on Terrorism for TBI	VA	VA	1. Training	1. Completed March 31, 2007
				2. Clinical Reminder	2. April 30, 2007
				3. Clinical Practice Recs	3. September 30, 2007
P-10	Enhance Capacity to Provide Dental Care	VA	VA	Purchase Dental Care	May 30, 2007
P-11	Extend Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation Determination Time Line	VA	VA	Allow immediate extension of the 12-month limit on extended evaluation plans	April 30, 2007
P-12	Expedite Adapted Housing and Special Home Adaptation Grants Claims	VA	VA	Develop and disseminate implementation procedures to VBA's field stations	April 30, 2007
P-13	Participate in Post-Deployment Health Reassessment	VA	VA	1. Distribute Schedule of PDHRA Events	1. Recurs monthly
				2. VHA conducts system-wide conference call	2. April 30, 2007
P-14	Expand Eligibility of PatriotExpress Loan	SBA, DoD, VA, ED, OMB, and all Federal agencies with procurement authority	SBA	1. SBA complete internal clearance 2. SBA/OMB clearance 3. SBA/OMB Paperwork Reduction Act clearance 4. SBA Congressional Notice 5. SBA implements Marketing Plan with support of other agencies	SBA Implements in May/June 2007 (May 30 Memorial Day or June 14, Flag Day)
P-15	Improve IT Interoperability	HHS VA	HHS	1. Sign MOU	1. June 2007
				2. Establish joint group	2. June 2007
				3. Agreement on standards	3. August 30, 2007
				4. Sign agreements	4. August 30, 2007
				5. Conduct joint analysis	5. October 31, 2007
				6. Participate in Federal architecture activities	6. October 31, 2007

#	Recommendation	Agencies	Lead	Implementation Actions	Target Date for
O-1	Increase Attendance at TAP/DTAP Sessions	DoD, VA, DOL, ED, SBA, OPM	DoD	1. Guard & Reserve TAP	1. August 31, 2007
				2. Injured/Disabled DTAP	2. August 31, 2007
				3. Marketing TAP/DTAP	3. August 31, 2007
				4. TurboTAP	4. August 31, 2007
O-2	Provide Department of Education Educational Assistance Information	ED, DoD, DOL, VA	ED	1. Participates in job fairs a- Identify dates/locations b- Training c- Identify participants	1. a-c- Personnel available May 1, 2007
				2. Provide information to VA for GWOT Newsletter	2. Quarterly; next mailing July 2007
O-3	Integrate the “Hire Vets First” Campaign into Career Fairs	DOL, DoD, VA, SBA, ED, OPM	DOL	1. Federal agencies host or sponsor job fairs 2. Provide information to “Hire Vets First” Job Fairs	1. June 2007 2. Begin May 2007
O-4	Improve Civilian Workforce Credentialing and Certification	DoD, DOL	DoD	1. Organize DoD/DOL Work Group 2. Identify 10 Military Occupational Specialties 3. Work with training schools and certifying entities 4. DoD/DOL target 10 military occupations to receive a certification	Begin June 2007
O-5	Train Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve on Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)	DoD, DOL	DOL	1. Develop a pocket guide and interactive program 2. Provide USERRA awareness training in the TAP/DTAP Workshop 3. Continue training of Employer Support of Guard and Reserve personnel 4. Improve training of USERRA investigators 5. Continue USERRA training to JAG Corps	
O-6	Develop Financial Aid Education Module	DOL, DoD, ED	DOL	1. Brief TAP Steering Committee. 2. Form ED/ DOL work group to develop TAP Employment Workshops 3. Material reviewed by TAP Steering Committee and ED for approval. Give trainers instructions for revised workshop.	August 31, 2007

SECTION 5 – GOVERNMENT-WIDE ACTION PLAN

#	Recommendation	Agencies	Lead	Implementation Actions	Target Date for
O-7	Develop a Wounded Veterans Intern Program	DoD, DOL, DOT, OPM	DOL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a briefing for injured and wounded candidates and a clearinghouse for participants 2. Develop a Warfighter Program information guide and briefing 3. Request each agency establish pilot program 4. Establish a tracking program 5. Encourage Departments to establish a best practices repository on their websites 6. Three-Phased implementation 	Begin June 2007
O-8	Expand Access to the National Housing Locator	HUD, VA, DoD	HUD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and gather portal details 2. Develop standard methodology 3. Define business and technical requirements 4. Design standardized access method 5. Implement standard access method for VSO pilot program 6. Build standard authorization interfaces with authentication portals 7. Test and deploy NHL for participating portals 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May 4, 2007 2. May 18, 2007 3. June 8, 2007 4. July 6, 2007 5. August 3, 2007 6. October 26, 2007 7. Ongoing, as new portals are added
O-9	Provide Outreach and Education to Community Health Centers	HHS, VA	HHS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish working group 2. Identify set of initiatives 3. Draft MOU/Agreement(s) between VA, DoD, and HHS 4. Explore opportunities for additional outreach 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April 30, 2007 2. July 30, 2007 3. October 31, 2007 4. Ongoing
O-10	Expand OPM Outreach Efforts	OPM, DOL, DoD	OPM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct site visit 2. Understand requirements and level of interest and explore expansion of outreach 3. Reach agreement 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March 28, 2007 2. Requirements analysis complete; assessing interest. 3. June 30, 2007