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VA Officials Extend Comment Period to June 30, 2012

Honoring requests by the South Dakota congressional delegation, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans, VA has agreed to extend the comment period for the public to give input on the re-configuration plan proposed by the Department of Veterans Affairs Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23 and VA Black Hills Health Care System to June 30, 2012. On June 30, the period for comment on the proposed re-configuration plan and submission of any alternate proposals ends.

Since December 12, 2011, VISN 23 and VA Black Hills Health Care System officials have been hosting town hall meetings in South Dakota, Nebraska, and Wyoming to share information about the strategic planning proposals which focus on ensuring health care quality and safety, and strategies that bring health care services closer to where Veterans live.

The community has been fully engaged in these discussions and the feedback has been thoughtful and productive. “We want to hear from our Veterans and the community. This extended feedback period will give those who have not had sufficient time to submit their comments or concerns some additional time to have their voices heard” said Steve DiStasio, Director VA Black Hills Health Care System. “We welcome their input.”

Veterans, family members, community and business leaders, and the general public are invited to read more about the proposals and share feedback on line at

<http://www.blackhills.va.gov/VABlackHillsFuture/> .

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