

Letter: Brookings Veterans Town Hall

August 8, 2024



On August 8th at 5:00 there will be a town hall at the Brookings VA Clinic.

Veterans will be given the opportunity to have their voices heard.

A recent article on disabledveterans.org “Senators Pass Bill Allowing VA Doctors To Recommend Medical Marijuana In Legal States” has been brought to Roseburg VA Director Patrick Hull’s attention and hopefully information will be available for Veterans who may benefit.

I have many questions/concerns to address.

Roseburg VA did purchase a new MRI to replace the defective/dated GE 1.5T HDX which produced dark blurry images that have mis/under diagnosed Veterans since the day it was installed.

The Cerner Electronic Health Record is severely flawed and doctors referrals, prescriptions and physician’s notes disappear after being entered, delaying/denying care for Veterans.

VA employees are speaking out about the lack of transparency about problems and I’ll tell you what they are saying and what you can do (from my own experience) to expedite care when the system fails.

I also want answers as to why Roseburg sent me another Brookings Veteran’s medical records and failed to address this HIPAA violation and swept it under the rug.

I've asked Director Hull in regards to the new LUNG CANCER SCREENING

VHA DIRECTIVE 1417 dated May 29, 2024 the following question:

“Does this mean that all Veterans at increased risk of lung cancer due to their exposure to known respiratory carcinogens (Agent Orange, Burn Pits, Asbestos, etc.) are now eligible for the CDC recommended Low dose CT Lung Cancer Screening?”

Crickets, no reply,

Camp Lejeune water also causes lung cancer. The PACT Act failed to provide for early detection using Low Dose CT to detect lung Cancer early when it's 80 percent curable according to the VA.

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