

Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Homes Update



Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Seven County Metro Area Study





Purpose

- Compare campus development options
 - Primary comparison is between solely utilizing the existing campus for the seven county metro area or
 - Abandoning the current site and dispersing out with smaller campuses into the seven county metro area.



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- The seven county metro area:
 - Hennepin
 - Ramsey
 - Dakota
 - Washington
 - Scott
 - Anoka
 - Carver



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- Some demographic consideration was also given for the near metro area counties which are:
 - Stearns
 - Wright
 - Sherburne
 - Benton



Criteria used for comparison

- Convenient location
 - Proximity to Current Veterans Home
 - Proximity to the VA Medical Center and CBOC
 - Development Cost
 - Operation Cost
 - Historical Nature of Existing Campus
 - Disposition of Existing Campus
 - Availability of Staff



Content of the Study

- Demographic Study of Senior (65+) Veterans Projected from 2010-2030.
- Develop Continuing Care Campus
 - Independent living
 - Assisted Living
 - Skilled Nursing
 - Looking for Veterans to Age in Place
- Skilled Nursing Developed on a Household Living Concept of 13-16 residents
- Domiciliary may not be provided on the Mpls Campus
- Comparison of Developing and Operating the Current Campus to dispersing



Recommendation

- HPMR recommends:
 - Stay at its current location due to high construction, development and operational cost of dispersed campuses and the lost of convenient services available near the existing campus.
 - Assisted Living should be built on the current campus or contract with existing senior campuses.
 - Any Assisted Living complex developed be at least 60 units for the needed economy of scale.