



## Women’s PBRN Directors Conduct Site Visit at Hines VA Hospital

LEADERSHIP

Dr. Karen Saban and Dr. Sudha Bhoopalam (co-Directors for the Women’s Health Practice Based Research Network (WH-PBRN) at Hines, were delighted to host Drs. Becky Yano and Susan Frayne from the VA Women’s Health Research Network (WHRN) on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Based at VA Greater Los Angeles, Dr. Yano is Director of the VA HSR&D Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation and Policy, Director of the Women Veteran’s Healthcare CREATE, and Professor of Health Policy & Management, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. Dr. Susan Frayne leads the

WH-PBRNB and at the Palo Alto VA, directs the VA Women’s Health Evaluation Initiative, is a Core Investigator at the VA HSR&D Center for Innovation to Implementation, and is Professor of Medicine at Stanford University. While at Hines VA Hospital Drs. Yano and Frayne toured our Women’s Health Clinic, met with several VA investigators, and presented to CINCCCH investigators. Opportunities for furthering developing research focused on women Veterans at Hines VAH, were discussed. For those who were not able to attend the presentation and are interested in exploring women Veteran research, please contact Dr. Saban or Dr. Bhoopalam. In addition, copies of the slide presentation are available from Madeline Thornton.



Women’s PBRN Site Visit to the Center of Innovation for Complex Chronic Healthcare, Hines VA Hospital  
photo by: Daniel DuVerney, Medical Media, Hines VAH

# CINCCCH Participates in Hines Hospital “Adopt a Painted Pallet Program”

VETERAN ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Frances Weaver, Madeline Thornton and Amy Binns-Calvey submitted a design for “Hines Adopt a Painted Pallet Program” during the first week of August. They received approval to begin painting in mid-August. The initial meeting and layout/painting began two weeks later. The pallet was completed on September 16, 2016. How quickly the time passed!

This program is designed to pair hospital departments or services with Veteran artists to create an Americana-themed pallet to be displayed on Hines VA Hospital grounds. It was an excellent opportunity for CINCCCH staff to work alongside a Hines Veteran to beautify our hospital campus. The pallets will be placed outside throughout the hospital campus in October.

The CINCCCH design emphasized the importance of the partnership between Veterans and Research to improve healthcare. The painters (Mike Capulli, Madeline Thornton and Amy Binns-Calvey) met once or twice a week to paint the design on the pallet.

During the painting sessions, we got to know our assigned Veteran as we shared stories of families, friends, and WWII. Our talented artist, Mike Capulli, a World War II Navy Veteran, even showed us his art portfolio, a book of photographs of all his paintings. It was a very interesting first hand history lesson for all!

The day we completed the project was a bittersweet day. We realized that our “Arts and Crafts” days that we looked forward to each week were coming to an end. We formally met one last time to celebrate our work together and officially submit the pallet, but we also hope to meet in the future for coffee or lunch with this amazing artist and new friend.



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Amy Binns-Calvey, Madeline Thornton and Mike Capulli pictured with our pallet at Hines VA Hospital. Not pictured: Dr. Fran Weaver.