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**GILBERT, Arizona** -- The Department of Veterans Affairs announced the detail of Mr. Pete Dancy as the Acting Director of the El Paso VA Health Care System effective November 17, 2014. The detail is expected to last up to 120 days. He replaces Mr. John Mendoza who has been named the Deputy Network Director for the VA Northwest Healthcare Network (VISN 20).

Mr. Dancy is currently the Associate Director of the Dallas VA Medical Center, a position he has held since March, 2012. He formerly served as the Associate Director of the Edward Hines, Jr. VA hospital in Chicago from 2010-2012. He has experience in the private sector having served as the Associate Administrator (Chief Operating Officer) of Ben Taub General Hospital, a 597-bed teaching hospital in Houston, Texas. Prior to that, he spent more than 22 years in the Army and retired in 2006 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Morehouse College in Georgia; a Master of Health Administration from Baylor University; and a Master of Business Administration from St. Mary's University in Texas. He is a board certified health care executive and Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He previously served with the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care as an ambulatory health care surveyor.

The El Paso Veterans Affairs Health Care System is a Joint Commission accredited, complexity level three, outpatient facility serving Veterans in West Texas and Southern New Mexico. The main facility is located on a Department of Defense military installation adjacent to William Beaumont Army Medical Center. Two VA-staffed Community Based Outpatient Clinics are located in East El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico.