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VA Southwest Health Care Network Announces New Health Care System Director

John Mendoza Brings Leadership, Proven Experience to El Paso

MESA, ARIZ. — The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of John Mendoza as the new director of the El Paso VA Health Care System. Mendoza will oversee delivery of healthcare to more than 23,000 Veterans and an operating budget of \$114 million.

“We are excited to bring Mr. Mendoza on board as the new director of the El Paso VA Health Care System,” said Susan P. Bowers, Veterans Integrated Service Network 18 Director. “His sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the facility, employees and volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve. We anticipate he will arrive at the medical center within the next 45 to 60 days to begin his appointment.”

Mendoza joined the VA more than 24 years ago and has held progressive leadership positions at the West Los Angeles, Tucson VA Medical Center and South Texas VA Health Care System. He was most recently the Associate Director for the Northern California VA Health Care System, Sacramento Division.

Mendoza holds a Master’s degree in Health Care Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio and earned a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas-San Antonio. He is a graduate of VA’s Health Care Leadership Institute and the Executive Career Field program. He has also served as a Certified Mentor (Fellow level) in the executive level leadership programs.

With more than 675 employees, the El Paso VAHCS serves Veterans in far Southwest Texas and Dona Ana County, New Mexico. The El Paso VA Health Care System includes the main health care facility located adjacent to William Beaumont Army Medical Center on Ft. Bliss, Texas, and two VA-staffed Community Based Outpatient Clinics— one in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the second in east El Paso, Texas. The VAHCS provides primary and specialized ambulatory care services at its main campus with consultants and fee-basis specialists supplementing the medical staff.