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Durham VA Medical Center Announces Appointment of Associate Director *Sara Haigh Promoted After Years of Dedicated Service*

DURHAM, N.C. – The Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Sara Haigh as Associate Director effective January 13, 2013. In this key position, Ms. Haigh will be responsible for the organization, direction, and coordination of administrative functions of the Medical Center.

“Sara Haigh brings tremendous talent and a deep commitment to the mission of the Durham VAMC” said DeAnne Seekins, Medical Center Director. “Her skill in hospital management coupled with her institutional knowledge is a winning combination for the Veterans in eastern North Carolina,” Seekins said.

Ms. Haigh was appointed Assistant Director on March 1, 2009 and has been serving as the Acting Associate Director since October 1, 2012. She has a bachelor’s degree in nursing and a master’s of public administration degree from the University of Delaware. She began working at the Durham VAMC in 1997 and gained experience and expertise as the assistant director, staff assistant to the director, facility planner, and public affairs officer. Her Veterans Affairs career spans almost 35 years and includes roles as ambulatory care coordinator, primary care coordinator, quality manager, and staff nurse at the Wilmington VA Medical Center in Wilmington, Del.

“I am thrilled about this new opportunity and am really looking forward to continuing to work with the excellent staff at the Durham VAMC,” said Sara. Haigh. “My top priority has always been, and will always be, to assure high quality health care and service to our Veterans,” said Haigh.

Her responsibilities include oversight of Engineering, Environmental Management Service, Fiscal Service, Health Administration Service, Human Resources Management

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Service, Office of Information and Technology, Logistics, and Pharmacy Service. In addition, Ms. Haigh has responsibility for strategic and tactical planning.

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With a staff of about 2,500, the Durham VAMC is a tertiary care referral, teaching, and research facility located adjacent to Duke University Medical Center. A part of the Veterans Health Administration, it delivers health care to more than 59,000 Veterans living in eastern N.C. and has an operating budget of approximately \$400 million. The campus consists of a 151-bed acute care hospital and a 120-bed Community Living Center facility, and houses the VISN 6 Mental Illness Research and Clinical Center (MIRECC), Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC), and Southeast Epilepsy Center of Excellence. The medical center operates Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Greenville, Morehead City, and Raleigh, N.C. as well as a free standing Outpatient Dialysis Unit in Raleigh. To learn more about the Durham VA Medical Center, please visit www.durham.va.gov.