



Phoenix VA Health Care System

Sharon Helman, Medical Center Director



Sharon M. Helman was appointed director of the Phoenix VA Health Care System on Feb. 26, 2012. Previously, Ms. Helman served as the Director of the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital in Chicago.

As director of the PVAHCS, Ms. Helman oversees all aspects of this level 1b tertiary care hospital with an annual operating budget of more than \$400 million. The PVAHCS has been rated nationally as a top performing hospital by the Joint Commission. Our high quality health care to more than 85,000 Veterans includes primary care, specialty care, inpatient care and extended support services. We also have five VA-staffed community health care clinics in Globe-Miami, Mesa, Show Low, Surprise, and North Central Phoenix and two contracted community health care clinics in Payson and Southwest Phoenix.

Ms. Helman's career with the Department of Veterans Affairs spans more than 20 years. She previously held the role of Director at the Spokane (Wash.) VA Medical Center from June 2008 to January 2010. Prior to that, she was Director at the Walla Walla (Wash.) VA Medical Center from January 2007 – June 2008, Acting Director at the VA Roseburg Health Care System in Roseburg, Ore. from October 2006 – April 2007, and Associate Director at Roseburg from March 2005 – October 2006.

Ms. Helman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and then a Master's in Business Administration from National University in San Diego, Calif., During her VA career she has received a number of commendations and awards, including a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, Secretary's Hero Award, and Commendations from the Under Secretary for Health and Deputy Under Secretary for Health of Operations and Management along with special honors from the Native American Veterans groups. She holds professional affiliations with the American College of Healthcare Executives, Senior Executive Association, the Association for Women in Communications, Washington Rural Health Association, Rotary, and Executive Women International.

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