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## **VA Caribbean Healthcare System Announces New Healthcare System Director**

San Juan, Puerto Rico. - — The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of DeWayne Hamlin as the new director of the VA Caribbean Healthcare System. Hamlin will oversee delivery of health care to more than 66,000 Veterans and an operating budget of \$511 million.

“We are excited to bring Mr. Hamlin on board as the new director of the VA Caribbean Healthcare System,” said Nevin M. Weaver, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 8 Director. “His sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the facility, the employees and volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve.

Hamlin joined the VA more than 22 years ago and has held progressive leadership positions at the Portland VA Medical Center, Clarksburg VA Medical Center, Seattle VA Medical Center, Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle, Washington, James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital in Tampa, Florida, and the Boise VA Medical Center. Most recently, he served as the Medical Center Director at the Lexington VA Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky, a fully accredited, two-division, tertiary care medical center with an operating bed complement of 199 hospital beds. In this position, Mr. Hamlin was responsible for the day-to-day operations of Lexington’s dual division facility and its community-based outpatient clinics in Somerset, Morehead, Berea, and Hazard, KY. He was responsible for a budget of \$283M and a workforce of 1,800.

Hamlin holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from Oregon State University. Mr. Hamlin is a member of the American College of Hospital Executives (ACHE) and the American Society for Healthcare Engineering of the American Hospital Association (ASHE).

With 3,200 staff and facilities in San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as well as in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the VA Caribbean Healthcare System is one of the most complex of the nation’s 152 VA Medical Centers. In addition to health care services for Veterans, the VA Caribbean Healthcare System offers extensive education programs for doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals.

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