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VA Central California to Unveil a new Mental Health Center

FRESNO, Calif. – VA Central California Health Care System (VACCHCS) will unveil a 13,507 square foot state-of-the-art Mental Health Center located at the Fresno VA Medical Center, on Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.

The new building streamlines the treatment setting for Intensive Outpatient and Substance Use Disorder Programs, Group and Recreational Therapies and the Buprenorphine Treatment, currently offered on the seventh floor of the Fresno VA Medical Center.

VACCHCS planned for 2015 the incorporation of critical mental health services unique to women Veterans and a co-morbid Post-Traumatic Stress and Substance Use Disorders Program to the system.

“The new Mental Health Center represents VA’s commitment to respond to Veteran’s need,” said Doctor Nestor Manzano, Chief of the Mental Health Service. “Veterans’ unique experiences require personalized, proactive and patient-driven health care.”

In 2013, approximately 6,200 Veterans received Mental Health care during 50,145 encounters. All appointments were scheduled under 30 days and most under 14 days.

The new Mental Health Center will operate Monday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

WHAT: Mental Health Center Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 7
Ceremony – 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Tour and Reception – 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Staff Tour – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: Fresno VA Medical Center, 2615 E. Clinton Ave., Fresno, CA 93703

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