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DAYTON VA DIRECTOR CHOSEN TO ASSIST PHOENIX VA

Glenn A. Costie, CEO/Medical Director of the Dayton VA Medical Center, has been hand-selected to become the Interim CEO/Medical Center Director for the Phoenix VA Medical Center effective July 9, 2014. This is a temporary assignment not to exceed 120 days (November 6), providing leadership until a permanent Phoenix VA Medical Director is hired. At the end of this assignment, Costie will return to the Dayton VA Medical Center.

Costie will relieve Steven Young, who was appointed Interim CEO/Medical Director for the Phoenix VA. This leadership change is a part of the routine process for VA. The previous director, Sharon Helman, was placed on administrative leave following allegations related to secret lists and extended wait times. Young will return to his post as CEO/Medical Director of the Salt Lake City VA and Costie will bring a fresh perspective to the Phoenix VA Team.

In his nomination letter for the Phoenix position, VA's Southwest Regional Director Joseph Dalpiaz cited Costie's "extensive leadership experience, strong management skills and an exceptional ability to function successfully in the face of significant changes and challenges." The nomination was approved by Acting Under Secretary for Health Dr. Robert L. Jesse.

"I am honored to be entrusted with this opportunity to continue to serve our Veterans and build on the foundation Steven Young has created," said Costie. "I look forward to assisting the Phoenix VA Team during this time of transition until their new permanent leader is selected." Costie plans to assist the Phoenix VA by focusing on decreasing the wait list, improving the operational space by working with local businesses and building partnerships with the community to restore trust.

Costie was appointed CEO/Medical Director of the Dayton VA effective December 19, 2011. During his tenure, the Dayton VA earned recognition as The Joint Commission's Top Performer on Key Quality Measures (heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care) in 2014 and received The Joint Commission's "Gold Seal of Approval" in behavioral health, home care, hospital, long term care, and opioid treatment program. Under his leadership, the Dayton VA consistently exceeded national goals on "same day" and "14 day" wait times, and beat the average on wait times for new and established patients in a recent national audit.

Costie has served the VA and its Veterans for more than 30 years. Prior to his arrival at Dayton, Costie was the Medical Director of the Popular Bluff (Missouri) VA Medical Center.

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