



IOWA VETERANS HOME

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The Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown opened its doors in 1887. Today, IVH is the third largest of the 137 state-owned facilities for veterans in the nation. The Iowa Veterans Home is a leader in providing individualized quality health care for 650 Iowa veterans, their spouses and widows, on a campus that spans almost 150 acres.

IVH coordinates innovative health care methods and medical solutions for veterans and their spouses. Our staff have expertise in nursing, medical, rehabilitative care, social work, substance abuse treatment, recreational activities, and mental health services. IVH is strengthened by a high quality workforce of 829 fte's. In addition, we are grateful for the state service and support network of many veterans' organizations and county directors representing all 99 Iowa counties.

FUNDING

IVH REVENUE SOURCES	BUDGET FY11	% of Total
Medicaid Per Diem	\$ 26,973,363	36.18%
Resident Support	\$ 15,151,996	20.32%
VA Per Diem	\$ 17,695,649	23.73%
Drug Billings	\$ 2,292,002	3.07%
Fees for Service	\$ 1,506,288	2.02%
Appropriation after cut	\$ 8,952,151	12.00%
Carryforward from prior year	\$ 1,731,212	2.32%
Other Revenues	\$ 268,897	0.36%
ESTIMATED BUDGET	\$ 74,571,558	100.00%

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STAFFING AT IVH

Staffing continues to be a challenge in regard to meeting the increasing and complex needs of the residents. Staffing at the IVH has changed significantly in the last couple years due to the following:

- The incidence of mental health issues, poly-substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, and early-onset dementia has increased in the IVH resident population and in veterans that are applying for admission to the IVH.
- Residents needing increased monitoring requiring the use of one staff to one resident. This is due to residents requiring hospice and palliative care, more wandering and agitated residents with combative behaviors, fall prevention, and more residents with chronic cognitive deficits (confusion).
- Many IVH residents are unable to attend appointments by themselves and require one-to-one staff assistance in transport to the VA Hospitals & Clinics.

- The number of IVH residents requiring two to three staff assistance for their daily care as well as additional equipment for their activities of daily living, has continued to rise due to increasing bariatric, aggressive, and complex nursing care need requirements (trach, tubes, etc.)

As we open the new facilities on our campus, additional staff will be needed in order to provide services in a more home-like setting. The new households are 15-bed homes opposed to the 56-bed units we have in our current environment. It is imperative to provide adequate staffing for the safety of residents and staff. Additionally, the roles of the IVH staff will not be as narrowly defined; staff will have more variety in their daily responsibilities such as assisting residents with meals, recreation activities, laundry, as well as personal care needs.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- The Iowa Veterans Home has developed a four-phase Master Plan to construct new buildings and renovate existing structures to facilitate a shift from an institutional environment to a more home-like environment (referred to as the “household concept”), where each person has a private bedroom, private bath and shower around a shared central living/dining/kitchen area.
- Currently Phase 1 is being constructed. This phase consists of the 60-bed Fox Building and the 120-bed Ulery Building.
- Phase 2 is the construction of the 60-bed Fleming building on the west side of the campus. This project has been deferred until FFY 2012 for funding consideration.
- Phase 3 includes the renovation of the Sheeler Building to accommodate administrative and therapeutic functions in a centralized location; relocate the front driveway; and construct a new main entry on the current Loftus Building site. Construction/renovation is scheduled to begin this summer and will take approximately three years to complete.
- During Phase 4, the Dack Care Facility will be converted into the domiciliary, which would allow for the construction of a third 60-bed Pavilion (four households) on the current Heinz Hall site.
- In addition to the Master Plan project, we are in the process of expanding the Dack Care Building Dayrooms to create additional space for dining, leisure activities, unit meetings, and family gatherings in a more home-like atmosphere. The projected cost for the Dack Expansion Project is \$3,458,954 funded by the Federal Veterans Administration Construction Grant program (\$2,248,320) and the State of Iowa (\$1,210,634); again this is a 65/35 cost share between the state and federal government. This project will be completed this summer.