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HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, AMONG 27 CITIES NATIONWIDE TO HOST HOMELESS VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

What: Outreach kick-off event to raise awareness about homeless Veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs' 5 year plan to end homelessness among Veterans.

When: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Who: Homeless service providers and housing programs, community service providers, local government agencies, legislators, Veterans service organizations, Lebanon VA Medical Center, Federal government agencies, local food banks, local businesses and community members.

Madhulika Agarwal MD, MPH, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Services, Veterans Health Administration, Supreme Court Justice Seamus P. McCaffery, Senator Mike Folmer, Representative RoseMarie Swanger, and Representative Mauree Gingrich, will be available for interviews.

Where: Plaza by the Commonwealth Keystone Building in the Capitol Complex
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA
Inclement weather location is the Commonwealth Keystone Building atrium.

Background: VA is undertaking an aggressive outreach campaign to advance its goal of ending homelessness among Veterans by 2015. Twenty-seven cities nationwide will host events simultaneously on October 12, 2011. Harrisburg was the only Pennsylvania city selected. VA Central Office appointed the Lebanon VA Medical Center to host the Harrisburg event. This outreach campaign will spread the word that VA is working to increase the number and variety of services available to homeless Veterans and those at risk of homelessness. It will convey that VA is targeting at risk Veterans with aggressive support intervention in order to prevent homelessness before it starts.

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