

COME TO A
**SAVE OUR VA!
NO PRIVATIZATION
OF VA HEALTHCARE
TOWN HALL MEETING**

7:30 PM, Thursday,
November 29, 2018

Community Church, 40 East 35th St.



Keynote Speaker:
Suzanne Gordon, Author
*The Battle for Veterans
Healthcare*

WHAT IS PRIVATIZATION OF THE VHA?

Privatization is the outsourcing of veterans' healthcare to the private-sector healthcare system. Over the past few years efforts led by conservative Republicans, the right-wing billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch, two of the richest people in the world, to privatize and ultimately dismantle the VA's healthcare system have gained momentum in Congress and among some veterans. Provisions of the 2014 Choice Act and the 2018 VA Mission Act encourage privatization of the VHA by sending more and more veterans to doctors outside the VA healthcare system and taking funds away from the VHA, while delivering often inferior service to veterans. Every time veterans use the more costly private-sector healthcare it eats up more of the VHA's annual budget. Less funding for VHA services will lead to hospital and clinic closings, along with VHA staff layoffs. Such drastic cuts will undermine the efficiencies of the VHA's fully integrated healthcare system. **All the major veterans service organizations -- like the American Legion, the VFW and the DAV -- oppose privatization of the VA's healthcare system.**

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**VETERANS SAY
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FIX, FUND & FULLY
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HOW DOES THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VHA) PROVIDE THE BEST HEALTHCARE ANYWHERE?

The VHA provides a fully-integrated healthcare delivery system serving 9 million veterans. Primary care is organized around teams of physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals who work together in collaboration and complementary ways to meet the needs of their veteran patients. Teams treat each veteran, who often have unique sets of injuries and disabilities, in a holistic, whole person manner, rather than a collage of disparate clinical conditions like patients in the private sector healthcare system. Such coordination of patients' care into the VHA's interconnected programs and support services is why 80% of veterans rate VA healthcare services as equal to or better than private sector healthcare facilities. Genuine integration affords veterans a level of care unavailable to most Americans, who remain subject to our fragmented private sector healthcare system.



Boston Vets Show Their Support for the Jamaica Plains VA, Feb. 2018

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP FIX, FUND & FULLY STAFF THE VHA?

We need to inform ALL veterans, the general public and our Congressional representatives that the VHA provides excellent services and warn them of the danger privatization represents to the VHA.

Call your US representative & senators – tell them –

- Fill the 36,000 vacancies, fully fund, and don't privatize the VA!
- Call 1.833.480.1637 enter your zip code and you will be connected to your congressional office. Please leave a message for your US House representative and then call two more times and leave a message for your US Senators.
- House Representative: Hello this is ____ and I am a veteran who lives in _____. I'm calling to ask you to fill the 36,000 vacancies at the VA. Please do NOT privatize the VA. Fully fund the VA in the 2019 budget. Thank you!
- US Senators: Hello this is ____ and I am a veteran who lives in _____. I'm calling to urge you to fill the 36,000 vacancies at the VA. Please do NOT privatize the VA. Fully fund the VA in the 2019 budget. Thank you!



- The Veterans Healthcare Policy Institute is a group of vets, VA caregivers and policy experts who established the first and only think tank to focus on veterans healthcare. The VHPI provides great information on the situation we face, analysis of legislation, as well as discussions of the solutions to fixing, funding and fully staffing the VHA. Check them out on the internet at www.veteranspolicy.org.

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