



In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum 11-35, *Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Efficiency in Government*, issued September 21, 2011, OMB Memorandum 12-12, *Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations*, dated May 11, 2012, and OMB Memorandum 17-08, *Amending OMB Memorandum M-12-12, Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations*, dated November 25, 2016; the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) prepared the attached FY 2020 report on covered conference events over \$100,000. During FY 2020, VA incurred expenses of approximately \$9.4 million for the 32 covered conference events.

Continuous workforce training and development is critical to delivering the timely, quality VA care and services our Veterans have earned and deserve. Our senior leaders across the Department are focused on transforming procedures for conference and training events that build accountability at every step. VA has improved our procedures by implementing senior-level review of proposed budgets and expenditures, reviewing internal processes and controls, and maintaining strict oversight of all reportable conference expenses.

The report is posted at: http://www.va.gov/about_va/va_notices.asp

Veterans Affairs FY2020 Sponsored Conferences in excess of \$100,000

Title	Total Costs	Location	Start Date	End Date	# VA Paid Travelers	Conference Description
December 2019 Acquisition Workforce Innovation Symposium (AWIS)	\$ 2,110,590	Grapevine, TX	12/17/2019	12/18/2019	1445	Improve the capabilities and professionalism of the VA acquisition workforce to champion better business outcomes that deliver improved services to Veterans.
Innovation to Impact: Research to Advance VA's Learning Healthcare Community	\$ 657,544	Washington, DC	10/29/2019	10/31/2019	531	Develop and sustain knowledge in studying services pertaining to clients' complex medical needs and to promote research skills among employees.
Electronic Health Record Modernization Program: National Council Workshop 8	\$ 491,788	Kansas City, MO	10/01/2019	10/04/2019	479	Modernize our systems; infrastructure improvements and streamlining services to advance Electronic Health Record (EHR) interoperability and Information Technology (IT) modernization.
2019 National Veterans Small Business Engagement (NVSBE)	\$ 439,442	Nashville, TN	12/09/2019	12/11/2019	2543	Promote and provide access to Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) opportunities to advance VA's strategic objective of improving Veteran economic well-being.
Women's Health Field Leaders Conference	\$ 389,633	Kansas City, MO	10/22/2019	10/24/2019	278	Develop and sustain knowledge in developing services to provide high quality care for women Veterans.
Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Innovation Experience	\$ 387,880	Washington, DC	10/21/2019	10/23/2019	355	Improve Veterans Health Administration (VHA) service capability by enhancing aptitude among staff and reinforcing the value of best practices through in-person engagement among colleagues.
Rapid Cycle Quality Improvement Learning Intensive for VA Community Living Centers - Group 01	\$ 309,100	Orlando, FL	01/06/2020	01/08/2020	190	Design and establish a process for rapid and sustained quality of care improvement in VA Community Living Centers.
Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN) Chief Logistics Officer (CLO) / Facility Chief Supply Chain Officer (CSCO) Conference	\$ 295,867	St. Louis, MO	10/22/2019	10/24/2019	209	Convene the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) Chief Logistics Officers (CLO) / Facility Chief Supply Chain Officers (CSCO) to review strategic programs and initiatives impacting the \$8B Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Supply Chain, in support of VA's strategic priority of Transformation.
Veterans Health Administration (VHA) High Reliability Organization (HRO) Collaborative - Session 3	\$ 294,841	Charleston, SC	12/10/2019	12/12/2019	213	Promote and advance the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) priority goal of pursuing High Reliability Organization (HRO) standards. This collaborative is designed to start the HRO journey for the 18 VA Medical Center lead sites.
FY20 Safe Patient Handling and Mobility (SPHM) National Facility Coordinators (FC) Conference	\$ 283,190	Orlando, FL	01/28/2020	01/30/2020	186	Train new Facility Coordinators in ergonomic assessment methods, and promote proficiency of all Facility Coordinators in new Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Office of Inspector General (OIG) expectations.
Veterans Service Center Managers (VSCM) Training Conference DEC 2019	\$ 272,147	Savannah, GA	12/08/2019	12/12/2019	199	Provide face-to-face training on quality customer service, improve methodologies on reducing claims backlog, providing service to Veterans and sharing best practices for claims processing.
Rapid Cycle Improvement Learning Intensive for VA Community Living Centers - Group 02	\$ 253,965	Orlando, FL	01/08/2020	01/10/2020	198	Design and establish a process for rapid and sustained quality of care improvement in VA Community Living Centers.
Women Veterans Network (WoVeN) Train-the-Trainer Workshop-San Diego, CA-Session #2	\$ 247,312	San Diego, CA	02/21/2020	02/23/2020	77	Strengthen training capacity to identify and target specific needs of women Veterans receiving VA services.
Nurse Manager Institute	\$ 244,139	Orlando, FL	02/04/2020	02/06/2020	88	Initial element of comprehensive leadership development program for Nurse Managers.
Women Veteran Network (WoVeN) Train-the-Trainer Workshop Session #1	\$ 223,467	Orlando, FL	12/06/2019	12/08/2019	78	Strengthen training capacity to identify and target specific needs of women Veterans receiving VA services.
Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Innovators Network FY20 Innovation Accelerator Bootcamp	\$ 217,353	Washington, DC	11/19/2019	11/21/2019	137	Provide the FY20 Spark-Seed-Spread Investees with the training, tools, resources, and relationships they need to promote innovation.
Peer Support Specialist & Peer Supervisor Conference	\$ 210,501	San Antonio, TX	12/03/2019	12/05/2019	176	Ensure peer support services are informed by the latest evidence-based practices related to peer support and supervision of staff.
Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Workers Compensation Staff Conference-FY20	\$ 191,553	Orlando, FL	02/25/2020	02/27/2020	135	Provide National level training to Workers Compensation staff to ensure compliance with Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) regulations, VA Policy and Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive to deliver standardized processes, procedures and resources.
Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Liaison National Training	\$ 183,688	Orlando, FL	10/16/2019	10/17/2019	169	Develop and sustain proficiency in coordinating services pertaining to the complex psychosocial needs of Veterans experiencing homelessness.
Benefits Integrated Platform (BIP) Program Increment (PI) Planning Conference	\$ 180,256	Charleston, SC	12/17/2019	12/19/2019	239	Collaborative session between Office of Information Technology (OIT) and business partners in Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and National Cemetery Administration (NCA) to plan mission-critical work.
National Integrated Clinical Communities Conference- Western Consortium	\$ 147,219	Arlington, TX	02/04/2020	02/05/2020	138	Develops knowledge and ability for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) leaders to function effectively in the Integrated Clinical Communities structure.
National Organization for Leadership and Analytics University (NOLA U) Training - Group 02	\$ 139,043	New Orleans, LA	11/19/2019	11/21/2019	100	National Organization for Leadership and Analytics University (NOLA U) is an initiative to increase the capacity of VA Medical Centers to use data analytics at all organizational levels to drive decision making and improvement. Training cohorts are selected from partner Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) facilities to promote sharing of best practices and professional learning communities.
National Organization for Leadership and Analytics University (NOLA U) Training - Group 03	\$ 134,922	New Orleans, LA	12/10/2019	12/12/2019	113	National Organization for Leadership and Analytics University (NOLA U) is an initiative to increase the capacity of VA Medical Centers to use data analytics at all organizational levels to drive decision making and improvement. Training cohorts are selected from partner Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) facilities to promote sharing of best practices and professional learning communities.

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National Organization for Leadership and Analytics University (NOLA U) Training - Group 04	\$ 128,232	New Orleans, LA	01/28/2020	01/30/2020	108	National Organization for Leadership and Analytics University (NOLA U) is an initiative to increase the capacity of VA Medical Centers to use data analytics at all organizational levels to drive decision making and improvement. Training cohorts are selected from partner Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) facilities to promote sharing of best practices and professional learning communities.
Health Care Leadership Development Program (HCLDP) Week 1 – A	\$ 126,663	Kansas City, MO	02/24/2020	02/28/2020	79	The Health Care Leadership Development Program (HCLDP) program is a core part of the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) workforce leadership development strategy and serves to develop future senior leaders.
National Organization for Leadership and Analytics University (NOLA U) Training	\$ 125,408	New Orleans, LA	10/22/2019	10/24/2019	99	National Organization for Leadership and Analytics University (NOLA U) is an initiative to increase the capacity of VA Medical Centers to use data analytics at all organizational levels to drive decision making and improvement. Training cohorts are selected from partner Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) facilities to promote sharing of best practices and professional learning communities.
Preventive and Management Disruptive Behavior Trainer Recalibration Conference	\$ 117,730	Orlando, FL	02/10/2020	02/13/2020	82	The recalibration conference assesses trainers for drift from correct technique, recalibrates all technical performances in both use of techniques and training of techniques.
FY20 Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Permanent Housing	\$ 117,698	Fort Lauderdale, FL	10/22/2019	10/24/2019	361	Promote strategies to reduce homelessness among Veterans by improving targeting and utilization of available resources.
FY20 Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Permanent Housing	\$ 114,907	Dallas, TX	11/05/2019	11/06/2019	199	Promote strategies to reduce homelessness among Veterans by improving targeting and utilization of available resources.
Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Human Resources Leadership Summit - Session 5	\$ 113,481	Nashville, TN	10/08/2019	10/11/2019	57	Training to provide human resources managers the tools and best practices needed to improve morale in the human resources community by maintaining a steady human resources workforce and increase recruitment.
Office of Patient Centered Care & Cultural Transformation (OPCC&CT) All Staff Face to Face Business Meeting	\$ 110,873	Nashville, TN	01/28/2020	01/30/2020	68	Promote successful identification and implementation of best practices for the delivery of Whole Health Care to Veterans and implementation of Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) requirements.
National Integrated Clinical Communities Conference- Southern Consortium	\$ 110,137	Orlando, FL	03/03/2020	03/04/2020	126	Develops knowledge and ability for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) leaders to function effectively in the Integrated Clinical Communities structure.