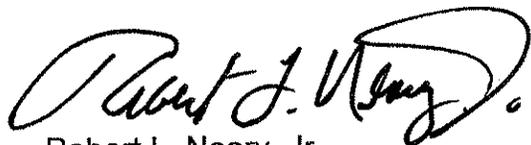


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# Memorandum

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From: Acting Director, Office of Construction & Facilities Management (00CFM)  
Subj: New Mental Health Design Guide  
To: Under Secretary for Health (10)

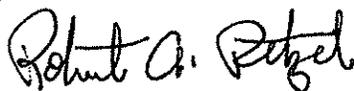
1. The new Mental Health Facilities Design Guide has been completed. This document will be available on the Office of Construction and Facilities Management (CFM) Technical Information Library (TIL) website at <http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/>. A hard copy of the document is attached.
2. The new Design Guide is intended to provide tools for a project team to use as a basis and framework for the planning and design of mental health projects. This document has been produced with intensive input from your office, as well as from expert consultants, and CFM. We have incorporated a large body of data, information, and comments in this guide.
3. This is a dynamic document and we will be incorporating periodic changes as needed and rewriting the document every 3-5 years.
4. The document has been reviewed and concurred by Dr. Antonette Zeiss, Acting Deputy Chief Consultant, Mental Health Services.
5. To formally complete this hallmark effort, we ask for your concurrence.
6. Many thanks for your staff's important assistance in developing these standards for planning, design, and construction of state-of-the-art facilities supporting world class health care for our Nation's Veterans. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or comments.



Robert L. Neary, Jr.

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