

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY FOUNDATION)
1310 North Courthouse Road, Suite 700)
Arlington, VA 22201,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS)
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.)
Washington, D.C. 20420,)
)
Defendant.)

COMPLAINT EXHIBIT 8

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Cc: VHABAY FOIA Office
Subject: RE: VHA FOIA Office Review: Substantial Interest FOIA Request Notification: Bay Pines VA Healthcare System 21-04325-F
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 10:00:48 AM

Thank you

From: (b)(6)@va.gov
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 9:57 AM
To: (b)(6) (Bay Pines VA); (b)(6)@va.gov; (b)(6)@va.gov;
(b)(6)@va.gov; (b)(6)@va.gov; (b)(6)
(b)(6)@va.gov
Cc: VHABAY FOIA Office <VHABAYFOIAOffice@va.gov>
Subject: FW: VHA FOIA Office Review: Substantial Interest FOIA Request Notification: Bay Pines VA Healthcare System 21-04325-F

Good morning,

Please be advised, the attached documents have been cleared for release to Mr. Buteau, Investigative Reporter for News Channel 8 – WFLA. As requested, I will include (b)(6) on the email to him to address any questions or concerns.
Thank you.

(b)(6) CIPP/G
Privacy/FOIA Officer

From: (b)(6)@va.gov
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 9:25 AM
To: (b)(6)@va.gov; VHA FOIA SI Review <VHAFOIASIReview2@va.gov>
Cc: VHABAY FOIA Office <VHABAYFOIAOffice@va.gov>
Subject: RE: VHA FOIA Office Review: Substantial Interest FOIA Request Notification: Bay Pines VA Healthcare System 21-04325-F

Good morning (b)(6)

Your request was reviewed. Please proceed with release. Thank you,

(b)(6) CIPP/US, CIPP/G
VHA FOIA Officer | Information Access and Privacy Office
Office of Health Informatics (105HIG)
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. | Washington, D.C. 20420
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@va.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:07 PM
To: VHA FOIA SI Review <VHAFOIASIReview2@va.gov>
Cc: VHABAY FOIA Office <VHABAYFOIAOffice@va.gov>

Subject: RE: VHA FOIA Office Review: Substantial Interest FOIA Request Notification: Bay Pines VA Healthcare System 21-04325-F

Good afternoon, will you please provide a status update on this one? Thank you, (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:58 AM

To: VHA FOIA SI Review <VHAFOIASIReview2@va.gov>

Cc: VHABAY FOIA Office <VHABAYFOIAOffice@va.gov>

Subject: VHA FOIA Office Review: Substantial Interest FOIA Request Notification: Bay Pines VA Healthcare System 21-04325-F

Attached to this email is a FOIA request received by the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System from Walt Buteau, News Channel 8 - WFLA on March 16, 2021. The details pertaining to this request are outlined below:

Who: Walt Buteau, Investigative Reporter

Affiliation: News Channel 8 - WFLA

What:

I am looking for wait time and Community Care data for the Bay Pines network of VA facilities.

Can you provide:

Total appointments scheduled from Jan. 1 2020 to January 31, 2021?

Appointments during that time, scheduled 20 days or under from the patients' "date of request?"

Appointments during that time, scheduled 28 days or under from the patients' "date of request?"

Number of patients offered Community Care during that time period.

Number of patients who chose Community Care during that time period.

Assigned VHA FOIA Officer: (b)(6)

Number of days remaining: 16

Attachments:

- a. A copy of the initial FOIA Request;
- b. The proposed Initial Agency Decision (IAD) Letter;
- c. Copy of responsive records as intended for release to the requester; and
- d. Vaughn index.