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EAGAN, Minn. — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Gail L. Graham as the new Director of the VA Central Iowa Health Care System.

“We are excited to bring Ms. Graham on board as the new director of the VA Central Iowa Health Care System,” said Patrick J. Kelly, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23 acting director. “Her sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the health care system, the employees, volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve. We anticipate she will arrive at the medical center within the next 30 days to begin her appointment.”

Ms. Graham has over 28 years of Veterans Health Administration (VHA) experience, including medical center/health care system administration for tertiary facility leadership, VA Central Office-level policy development, and facility-level leadership and program development. She has developed partnerships with agencies outside and within VHA. She most recently served as the VA Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Informatics and Analytics.

Ms. Graham holds an undergraduate degree from the College of St. Mary, Omaha, NE and a Mini-MBA from Wichita State University, Wichita, KS.

The VA Central Iowa Health Care System (VACIHCS) is a VA health care organization with inpatient and outpatient services located in Des Moines, Iowa and community based outpatient clinics (CBOC) located in Knoxville, Marshalltown, Mason City, Fort Dodge, and Carroll, Iowa. VACIHCS is part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23) serving Veterans from 40 counties in central Iowa and in three counties in northern Missouri. VACIHCS is a Level 1C facility operating 51 acute inpatient beds, 60 domiciliary residential rehabilitation treatment program beds, 108 community living center inpatient beds, and 10 acute psychology inpatient beds. The Des Moines campus provides primary care; specialized medical, surgical, psychiatric and substance abuse inpatient and outpatient care; home care services; rehabilitation, mental health, and palliative nursing home care; and is a referral center for acute and long-term mental health care patients. Through our affiliates, VACIHCS provides Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited residency programs and offers residency and trainee programs in various other allied professions. In 2015, VACIHCS served 34,825 unique Veterans providing treatment in over 370,000 outpatient visits and more than 3,000 inpatient episodes of care.

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