

The Minneapolis VA Medical Center Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) is a bi-monthly meeting by invitation only with Director Pat Kelly and his Executive Team. Again, attendees are by invitation only-it is not an open meeting.

Meetings are Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov.

A variety of constituencies have representation on the CAB, including Women Veterans Initiative (WVI). There are currently 15 members. Jeri Longfellow or Sheila Laughton attend for WVI and are representing women veterans.

During the first half of each meeting, the executive team updates the CAB on various issues, initiatives or events. During the second half of the meeting, CAB members report concerns, ask questions, and update the Executive Team on information from their respective constituency. This exchange gives CAB members an opportunity for direct access to leaders at the VA Medical Center.

Topics discussed during meetings may include: Clinical Departments, Research, Education, Administrative, Building, Financial, Outreach, and Other. The WVI representatives update the board and post on FB issues that impact the women veterans that are covered during the CAB.