

BACKGROUND PAPER
ON
STATE VETERAN HOMES

1. State Veterans Homes are Federal-State partnerships
 - a. Regulated by federal and state law
 - b. Must be owned and operated by the state
 - c. Program oversight is provided by US Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA).
2. State Veterans Homes: One of the largest systems of long-term care providers in the U.S.
 - a. Over 150 state veteran homes located in all 50 states and Puerto Rico
 - b. Over 30,000 beds for veterans
 - c. Since 1998, VA has increased its support of and reliance on state veteran homes
3. State veteran homes are eligible to receive “per diem” reimbursement that – unlike many other long-term care options – the VA pays towards the care of *all* veterans indefinitely.
4. The Michigan Veteran Homes (MVH), housed within the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (MVAA), provides quality long-term care for veterans and their eligible family members through a federal-state partnership with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA).
5. MVH is governed by the Michigan Veterans’ Facility Authority (MVFA, Public Act 560 of 2016). That new authority has the authority to operate and develop new veterans facilities, solicit funding to pay for those efforts and issue up to \$150 million in bonds to help fund its efforts.
6. Current Michigan Veterans Homes
 - a. Michigan Veteran Homes: Grand Rapids
 - b. Michigan Veteran Homes: D.J. Jacobetti - Marquette
 - c. Michigan Veteran Homes: Chesterfield Township
7. Breakdown of Funding: Current Sources of Revenue
 - a. VA Per Diem (federal funding)
 - b. General Fund (state funding)
 - c. Income and Assessment (private pay funding)
 - d. Medicare/Medicaid (federal)
8. MVH Strategic Plan: Expand Geographic Distribution of MVH Beds
 - a. Construction of five additional 120-bed veterans home facilities in the following regions:
 - (1) Flint/Saginaw/Bay City
 - (2) Jackson/Battle Creek
 - (3) Marquette (replace existing)
 - (4) Norther Lower Peninsula
 - (5) Southeastern Michigan