



Department of Veterans Affairs VA North Texas Health Care System

Jennifer Purdy, LCSW Assistant Director for Outpatient Services

Jennifer Purdy was selected as the Assistant Director for Outpatient Services at VA North Texas Health Care System in October 2008.

Ms. Purdy began her VA career in 1996 at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS) as a front line social worker in Geriatric Psychiatry, Acute Care Medicine Units and Primary Care clinics, and then became the Social Work Supervisor for Primary Care in 1999. In 2001, Ms. Purdy became the Health Systems Specialist in Primary Care responsible for day to day activities of primary care clinics and the VHA performance measure program. In 2005, Ms. Purdy was Chief of Quality Management at CAVHS, responsible for the continued readiness for external surveys, patient safety program, risk management and quality of care at CAVHS. From 2006 until October 2008 Ms. Purdy served as Executive Assistant to the Director at South Texas Veterans Health Care System.

Jennifer Purdy received her bachelor's degree in Social Work at the University of Arkansas in 1993 and her master's degree in Social Work at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1995.

In 1999, Ms. Purdy completed the VA Clinical Allied Health Science Leadership Training program and in 2002 graduated from the VISN 16 Leadership Development Institute. She is currently a member of the 2008 VHA Executive Career Field class.

Ms. Purdy currently serves on the VHA Universal Health Care Services Task Force and is working to develop a universal health care plan for VHA. She maintains the dashboard for the VHA Health Systems Committee and is a VHA Carey Award Examiner and serves on numerous committees for VISN 17.

Ms Purdy was honored as the Arkansas Federal Employee of the Year in 2003.