



It is my honor and pleasure to announce the appointment of Steven K. Dobscha MD, FAPM as Portland VA Medical Center's new Chief of Psychiatry and Clinical Director of the Mental Health and Clinical Neurosciences Division. Dr. Dobscha is already very well known, appreciated and admired by our PVAMC staff and the many veterans he has served. He remains actively engaged and committed to veteran care as exemplified by his ongoing PVAMC clinical, teaching, and research activities.

Dr. Dobscha comes with impressive credentials and a strong track record of academic, clinical and research success. Dr. Dobscha is Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Psychosomatic Medicine Fellowship at OHSU. He is also Core Investigator of the VA Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D) funded Center for the Study of Chronic Co-morbid Mental and Physical Disorders at the Portland VA. Dr. Dobscha attended Yale Medical School, and completed his residency at UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute. Over the past two decades, he has worked in a number of primary care settings providing psychiatric consultation and developing consultation programs. Dr. Dobscha developed and directed the Psychiatry Primary Medical Care teaching program of the Portland VA until a few years ago. Dr. Dobscha recently completed a VA HSR&D Career Development Award, and current research interests include integration of psychiatric and primary medical care, screening for mental disorders in medical settings, managing chronic conditions including chronic pain, racial disparities, and end-of-life care.

I look forward to the vision and collaborative spirit that Dr. Dobscha brings to our Medical Service. Please join me in welcoming, Steven K. Dobscha MD, FAPM as Chief of Psychiatry and Clinical Director of the Mental Health and Clinical Neurosciences Division.

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