

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 1:41 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Accepted: Sec VA Meeting

I look forward to the discussion.

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From:

(b) (6)

Sent:

Thursday, December 17, 2015 12:58 PM

To:

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(b) (6)

Cc:

(b) (6)

Subject:

Camp Lejeune

I am sure you have already heard, but the Secretary called Burr, Tillis, and Isakson this morning to announce his decision to create a presumption of service connection for 8 diseases. Letters have been sent to the HVAC and SVAC and news agencies will be notified at 2:00. Until final regs are published, however, that will not reduce your workload. Sorry about that. We will continue to process claims as we do now and grant those that we can, but will defer a denial for one of the 8 presumptives until the regs are published. The presumptives are: Kidney cancer; Liver Cancer; non-Hodgkin Lymphoma; Leukemias; Multiple Myeloma; Scleroderma; Parkinson's disease; and Aplastic Anemia/Myelodysplastic Syndromes.

This is the highest priority reg for the Secretary so we will do all we can to get a final rule published. As a notice and comment rulemaking, it generally takes about 2 years. We will try to get it done in less than 18 months, but that won't be easy.

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 10:29 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Cases

Hi (b) (6)

It was a pleasure speaking with you earlier this week. I don't say it often enough, but thank you for what you do to keep the SME program flowing.

I have completed most of the exams on my list, but there are some that I cannot do. (b) (6) is still sitting there since 10/20. I need clarification as to what is to be evaluated. You have asked about him for me in the past, but I don't think we ever heard back. (b) (6) and (b) (6) are both from 21/1, but they are still not in CPRS. I know that there can be a delay, but it is unusual for it to be over two weeks.

Thanks again,

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 2:56 PM
To: (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Chronic kidney disease write up
Attachments: chronic kidney failure dec 15 2015 basic template mine.docx

I have attached the basics of my first write up on claimed Chronic Kidney Disease. Since there is not an existing 'template' for this condition (most importantly not much literature review for us to access), if you think it is satisfactory I thought you may want to put it on the share point for others to be able to reference to hopefully make their lives a little easier.

Hope you all have a great Christmas!

(b) (6)

"The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity." Francis Maitland Balfour

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 3:04 PM
To: (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6)
Subject: CL Action Items_VA_May_2015_v2.docx



CL Action
Items_VA_May_...

In the attached, I have noted a few items for our action that have not yet been responded to. I have attempted to mark the offices in VBA and VHA that need to provide the responses. If I have missed anything, please let me know. Also, I plan on dialing into the meeting on Thursday. If anyone would like to join me, I would be happy to have the company. Thanks,

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 1:25 PM
To: (b) (6); (b) (6)
Subject: CLCW Talking Points for SecVA Jul 15.docx



CLCW Talking
Points for SecVA...

Did this document get completed and sent to the Secretary?

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, December 27, 2015 7:50 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] An excellent article with a lot of useful references
Attachments: Residual renal function after partial or radical nephrectomy for renal cell carcinoma.html

Please share with the group.

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 3:15 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Article on the temporality of post benzene leukemia
Attachments: Time and benzene and leukemia.pdf

Hi (b) (6)

I don't know if everyone already has this article, but I searched for something regarding this topic and finally found exactly what I was looking for. The case I was working on was at CL for < 2 years and smoked for 17 years after leaving the service. He was then diagnosed with AML 57 years after leaving CL. I was determined to find something that talked about latency, but really had to search. I thought I would offer it to the others.

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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 3:24 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cases?

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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 3:40 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CLCW Cases

Hi (b) (6)

I released a bunch of cases this week and am running low. I also have questions about two on my list. (b) (6) has been there for a while stating 2nd contention, but there is no new 2507. Is there a corrected/amended/new 2507 en route? (b) (6) has also been on the list for a while, but there is nothing in CPRS or VBMS for him. Is he on the list in error? Otherwise I have three left to do, (b) (6) (b) (6) and the new one (b) (6)

Thank you for always keeping me full of cases. Have a great Thanksgiving.
Ron

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 10:06 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CLCW

Hi (b) (6)

I hope all is well with you. I have no cases to work on. Is there a conference call on 12/17?

Thanks,
(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 2:26 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional complete

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 4:03 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: CLCW: Updates CAP Meeting

Hi (b) (6)

I hop you have a wonderful week off next week. If possible could you please put some extra cases into my queue. My week next week looks light and I may be able to get through what's there and then some.

BTW any word of (b) (6) and (b) (6),

Have a great weekend,
(b) (6)

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Thu, Dec 3, 2015 6:40 pm
Subject: FW: CLCW: Updates CAP Meeting

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 12:59 PM
To: VHA CO CLCW SME
Subject: CLCW: Updates CAP Meeting

Good Afternoon,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday. I wanted to provide a couple of announcements.

1. I am out of the office next week **Dec 7-11** and will not have email access. I will kindly reply to all messages upon my return.
 2. CAP is hosting their meeting tomorrow and Saturday, please refer to the hyperlinks below to tune in.
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- **December 4, 2015: The Camp Lejeune Community Assistance Panel (CAP) Meeting:**
Time: 4:00 PM EST – 8:30 PM EST
Link: <http://goo.gl/ObVYpT>
The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) created a community assistance panel (CAP) for the Camp Lejeune site. The purpose of the CAP is to voice the concerns of the affected

community of marines and their families and to provide input for public health activities. The CAP meets regularly and the meetings are open to the public. The meeting agenda consists of a review of action items from the previous meeting, health assessment and study updates, Veterans Affairs updates, and new business concerns. The public is invited to this event.

• **December 5, 2015: The Camp Lejeune Public Meeting**

Time: 10:00 AM EST – 1:00 PM EST

Link: <http://goo.gl/9Jwcyh>

ATSDR invites the public to hear from the authors of a group of health studies that have been conducted to better understand the impact of exposure to contaminated drinking water at U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The authors of the studies will be available during this meeting to address questions about the studies.

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(b) (6)



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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2015 11:21 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I have completed everything you sent me.

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 4:13 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open cases

Hi (b) (6)

I have just released five more cases. Of the seven still on my list, only two appear in CPRS and VBMS and CAPRI (b) (6) and (b) (6). One is locatable in VBMS but not the others (b) (6). The remaining four, including the priority one, appear in none of the critical databases, therefore I cannot do them yet. I left them over the coming long weekend to complete a bunch more cases, but it looks like I won't be able to do so.

On another note, was my response on (b) (6) sufficient? Do I need to make more definitive statements regarding the secondary conditions?

(b) (6)

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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 11:42 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: CLCW: Addendum

At Army today, will call tomorrow.

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Tue, Dec 29, 2015 10:34 am
Subject: FW: CLCW: Addendum

Please contact (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 9:16 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: CLCW: Addendum

Do you have a phone number? I have no encryption at the moment.

Thanks

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 9:14 AM
To: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: CLCW: Addendum

(b) (6)

Could you give (b) (6) a call or reply with the steps required to complete an addendum? The case was completed less than 30 days.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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(b) (6)



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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 10:35 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: CLCW: expedite

I released a (b) (6) on December 3. Is that the same one?

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Thu, Dec 17, 2015 10:07 am
Subject: CLCW: expedite

See below.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 10:04 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Assistance
Importance: High

Good morning (b) (6)

I am hoping you can assist me with a high priority case. I am completing a white paper for a Veteran who went to the news over CLCW.

(b) (6)

Can you let me know if the SME has completed the medical opinion or if we have a time frame for completion? I emailed the doctor previously but never received a response. The request with the East Orange VAMC located in New Jersey.

This is a terminally ill Veteran.

Thanks again for all of your assistance.

If I can be of assistance please let me know.

(b) (6)

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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 10:41 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: CLCW: high priority

Do you mean (b) (6) ?

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Thu, Dec 17, 2015 10:04 am
Subject: CLCW: high priority

(b) (6)

I just assigned you a high priority case, (b) (6). Please expedite upon receipt.

(b) (6)

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(b) (6)



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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 11:42 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: CLCW

Thank you.

Have a great weekend.

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Fri, Dec 18, 2015 9:28 am
Subject: FW: CLCW

FYI

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 8:40 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: CLCW

Good morning!

I check this case and a SME OPIN was completed 12/10/15 and uploaded into VBMS. The case is currently in Ready-to-Rate Status under EP339. I also checked the Share-point site to ensure this case has been removed.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 10:49 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: CLCW
Importance: High

Please submit the second 2507 for the Veteran below to (b) (6) at East Orange.

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(b) (6)



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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 2:59 PM
To: (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: SME Opinion

Good afternoon,

The request for opinion for (b) (6) asked for opinions on lung cancer and skin cancer, but these were not the primary issue that required an opinion. The Veteran's March 17, 2015 Statement in Support of Claim states "On (b) (6) 1987 I was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia; symptoms began in 1986. In (b) (6) 1987, I received a bone marrow transplant. In (b) (6) 2001, I was diagnosed with lung cancer. I am not a smoker. Research shows that patients that have received bone marrow transplants have a higher probability of developing another cancer in the future. I underwent a lobectomy followed by local radiation and chemotherapy. For approximately 20-25 years, I have been treated for basal cell carcinomas, primarily on my face, chest and back. My physicians attribute the high frequency to total body radiation, received as part of the bone marrow transplant."

T Thus his primary claim is actually for the CML, with the lung and skin cancers being secondary to the treatments for the leukemia. In fact, when I looked at his Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits claim (21-526EZ) signed on 3/11/2015, the first condition listed in Section 9 is "Leukemia-Camp Lejeune". Since there was not already an SME opinion regarding the primary condition, this is the one I focused on.

At the end of the twelfth paragraph of my report, dated December 3, 2015, I stated "I agree with (b) (6) (b) (6) statement in support of claim that it is at least as likely as not that these two malignancies are secondary to his leukemia treatment." Thus, whereas I agree that the lung and skin cancers are secondary to the leukemia, I consider it less likely as not that the leukemia is secondary to exposure to CLCW. Having said that, once the current proposed conditions are granted presumption status, the leukemia and therefore the secondary conditions of lung and skin cancer will be service connected.

If you have any further questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great day and very Happy Holidays.

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Sent: Mon, Dec 21, 2015 9:25 am
Subject: FW: SME Opinion

(b) (6)

Please see the message below and advise concerning (b) (6)
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 7:55 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: SME Opinion

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Good morning!

Can you check out the statement below, please. It appears that the SME needs to provide an opinion for Lung and Skin cancer. Can you follow-up with (b) (6) and if possible, expedite his response.

Thanks for your help,

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2015 10:12 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: SME Opinion

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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 4:50 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: SME Opinion

BTW - The case you sent last week for me to expedite is not yet in CPRS and I cannot find him in VBMS.

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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 3:58 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: CL Action Items_VA List_Aug_2015

Attached are action items from our last CAP meeting. Some of them involve DMA. If you could fill in the blocks with what we have done in the next 10 days or so, I would appreciate it.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 11:26 AM
To: (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: CL Action Items_VA List_Aug_2015



CL Action
Items_VA List_A...

Can I get an update to the various open items for the next CAP meeting?

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 8:17 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: how did it go? :)

Here is what I just sent (b) (6)

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 8:13 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: how did it go? :)

It went very well. We did have staff members of Burr, Tillis and Isakson watching through a visual mediaum, but they didn't speak. (b) (6) (b) (6) and (b) (6) were impressed with the work that ATSDR had done to prepare for this meeting. They put together a list of disabilities with references to what had been reported on the Lejeune contaminants by IARC, NTP, EPA, and ATSDR. We spent just over 5 hours going over these as well as having general discussion. ATSDR was not ready to provide suggestions on any time periods for service at Lejeune that may be pertinent for invoking a presumption in individual cases. From my perspective, having different time periods for different diseases would be problematic. It would only cause confusion.

So, all in all, a good start. I hope you are doing well.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 10:10 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: how did it go? :)

Inquiring minds...

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 10:57 AM
To: (b) (6); (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: SME Inquiry
Signed By: (b) (6)

I just sent the guidance below. We will follow it up with written guidance.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 10:56 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6)
Subject: RE: SME Inquiry

Hi, (b) (6)

Sorry I have not gotten back to you sooner on this. I have been talking with DMA and with (b) (6) about claims for kidney conditions, many of which are unspecified as to what the condition actually is. I believe that part of the problem is that in the 2009 National Research Council report on Camp Lejeune, one of the disabilities listed as having limited or suggestive evidence of an association with the contaminants in the water at Lejeune is "renal toxicity." This is so unclear that VHA went back to the Institute of Medicine asking what was meant by that? Their report was delivered to VA earlier this year and VHA is finalizing its response to the report.

Basically, "renal toxicity" refers to chronic kidney disease including end-stage renal disease, chronic renal insufficiency, and chronic renal failure. If a Veteran provides evidence that he or she has one of these conditions or has evidence of having kidney cancer, and medical evidence of record is not sufficient to fairly decide the claim, then a medical opinion needs to be requested.

A claim for "kidney condition" is not sufficient. There must be medical evidence of a diagnosis of a "kidney condition" and as part of VA's duty to assist, we need to ask the claimant for medical evidence of a current disability and medical or scientific evidence showing a relationship between the claimed disability and exposure to the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune. If the claimant provides that evidence and there is not sufficient evidence to fairly decide the claim, then a medical opinion should be requested. If the claimant does not provide the requested evidence in a timely manner, then the appropriate action can be taken.

This process is one that should be followed, basically, in all claims for compensation unless there is a statutory or regulatory presumption for a particular disease associated with a particular occupational or environmental exposure. We will follow this email up with written guidance.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:28 PM
To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: SME Inquiry
Importance: High

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Hi (b) (6)

We're still having difficulty with SME assignments. Since (b) (6) states that she is meeting with you, I think you should review these e-mails. I understand that (b) (6) is swamped and that VHA/DMA may have a much reduced number of SMEs than were trained. I can't help either issue. However, VHA/DMA needs to expedite these opinions through whatever means possible so that we can complete these old CLCW claims for these Veterans. Complaining about us is neither appropriate nor helpful. I've included another e-mail chain where we are being blamed for SME losses.

(b) (6)



From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:11 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6)
Subject: FW: SME Inquiry

(b) (6)

Please see below from (b) (6)

Thanks,
(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:01 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6)
Subject: RE: SME Inquiry

I can empathize with the amount of email traffic that you receive, and I know the system is imperfect. However, our people are mandated to consistently follow-up on backlog/priority cases. If you have a different, more productive approach, please just let us know.

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 1:55 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: SME Inquiry

I have a meeting scheduled with (b) (6) to discuss a few issues. I am going to ask that adjustments be made to your point system and sending me tons of emails. It makes it possible for me to filter out the urgent cases. We know they are way behind in providing medical opinions, however if sending me message for the sake of sending is not a productive use of anyone's time.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 1:25 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: SME Inquiry

Good afternoon!

This is a F/U request for the following SME cases:

1. (b) (6)
2. (b) (6)
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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 1:50 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: QFR from hearing on exposures

(b) (6)

We received this question from the House:

Question 3: Camp Lejeune Claims Processing – The Committee received testimony that in 2013 the Department consolidated Camp Lejeune claims processing at the Louisville, Kentucky Regional Office. What was the denial rate for Camp Lejeune claims before the consolidation and what has it been since? What qualifications are required and what special training do these “subject matter expert” claims processors receive who adjudicate Camp Lejeune water decisions?

Response: CS

The question is not quite accurate, but I can address the first part. Do you want to provide language for the question concerning SME's? If you would rather, I am sure I can provide an answer.

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:25 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: : SME opinion question - (b) (6)

The front office here is bugging out about turn around time. Can we cancel and reissue?

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 7:39 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: : SME opinion question - (b) (6)

Hold on to the report, please see the note below.

Previous VSR requested a SME opinion for this Veteran without allowing private records to come in. VAMC Montgomery only show one note of s/p thyroidectomy (Veteran claiming thyroid cancer due to CLCW). You have already assigned (b) (6) to this claim. Is there any way we can hold off for the opinion input until the suspense date for the private records request? The suspense date is 9/28/15. Or cancel it for now? (b) (6) will not have all the records to form an opinion in my opinion.

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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 2:12 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: : SME opinion question - (b) (6)

I have a 2507 in my hand that is dated 9/17/2015. It is also open in CAPRI.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:57 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: : SME opinion question - (b) (6)

This case the 2507 is not available. I am asking that you hold on to your report as a Word Document, when the 2507 is submitted you can submit the report.

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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 10:33 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] CLCW

That is why I never know when they are. I always thought that they were already fixed to a day of the week. I am not on my VA Outlook every day and rarely during the day when I am otherwise working, so I usually find out about them after the fact. My bad, not your fault.

(b) (6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Tue, Dec 1, 2015 9:52 am
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CLCW

I have them scheduled for the 15th of the month. But it seems I need to change it to something more stable, like the third Tuesday or something.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 9:50 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] CLCW

Thank you for replenishing my stock.
The calls are on the third Tuesday of the month?

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Tue, Dec 1, 2015 9:46 am
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CLCW

Cases are en route. The next meetin is Dec 15.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 10:06 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CLCW

Hi (b) (6)

I hope all is well with you. I have no cases to work on. Is there a conference call on 12/17?

Thanks,
(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, December 25, 2015 12:35 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Open cases

Hi (b) (6)

Hope you had a great holiday.

Can you please ask the RO to open another request for the clarification on (b) (6)? I wrote the addendum in Capri, but then realized that I have no way of uploading it without a request. Thanks.

(b) (6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Wed, Dec 23, 2015 7:32 am
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Open cases

I will reach out to VBA again and request the 2507 for the cases. For the (b) (6) case I would add an addendum to clarify the ask concerning skin and lung cancer. That was the request.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: December 22, 2015 4:13 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open cases

Hi (b) (6)

I have just released five more cases. Of the seven still on my list, only two appear in CPRS and VBMS and CAPRI (b) (6) and (b) (6). One is locatable in VBMS but not the others (b) (6). The remaining four, including the priority one, appear in none of the critical databases, therefore I cannot do them yet. I left them over the coming long weekend to complete a bunch more cases, but it looks like I won't be able to do so.

On another note, was my response on (b) (6) sufficient? Do I need to make more definitive statements regarding the secondary conditions?

(b) (6)

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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:17 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: terminal

As always, I will try me best to meet your expectations. There may be times when I can't meet the two day turn around. I will also work on the non-expedited cases so they don't age too much.

Please send me the info regarding the monthly conference calls.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Mon, Nov 16, 2015 2:51 pm
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: terminal

Hello (b) (6),

For terminal cases I am looking for 1-2 day turnaround if possible.

New terminal cases: (b) (6), and (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 12:46 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: terminal

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Thanks,

(b) (6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)

To: (b) (6)

Sent: Thu, Nov 12, 2015 11:50 am

Subject: terminal

(b) (6)

I assigned you a terminal case, Veteran (b) (6). Please expedite upon receipt.

(b) (6)

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Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20420

(b) (6)



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Parrillo, Jeffrey M. (VACO)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 10:30 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: terminal

Hi (b) (6)

I am out of town with limited email capability, but researched (b) (6) and one other (I don't recall the name) and should be able to write them up tonight when I get home. I hope to also begin work on (b) (6) and (b) (6) tonight.

Is there a conference call today at noon?

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Tue, Nov 17, 2015 7:33 am
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: terminal

Thank you (b) (6), I appreciate your willingness to turn these cases around quickly. The SME who I usually assign these cases to is out of the office for a few weeks.

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