

Charles Clancy



Charles (Chuck) Clancy is nominated (March, 2013) for AVASW's Jerry L. Satterwhite Hall of Fame for demonstrating VA Professional Social Work at its finest. He received both his BSW and MSW from West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. His first employment was at the Wrentham State School in Wrentham, MA where he worked with developmentally disabled adults. However, less than a year later, in 1980, he returned to West Virginia where he was employed as a staff social worker at the Huntington VAMC. He subsequently served veterans at the Northport, Boston, Minneapolis and Louisville VAMC's. He retired in January 2013 after serving as Chief of Social Work for 20 years at the Robley Rex VAMC in Louisville, KY.

Chuck completed SWALT in 1990 and the Healthcare Managers Institute, ECF in 2003. He served as a Coach in the VISN 9 HPDM Leadership Institute in 2003. In 2008 following the retirement of Jill Manske, he assisted VACO CM&SWS as Acting National Director. During this time he developed Position Descriptions for VACO Social Work Program Managers. He was also intimately involved in the development of the Boarding Process for social workers. He also conducted site visits to facilitate focus groups for VACO's Office of Specialty Care.

Chuck is well known for his good humor, calm manner and "can do" attitude. He developed robust and cordial relationships within VA management and leadership, crossing Carelines and Services, which led to increased opportunities, promotions and empowerment for social workers. He has served on and chaired National VA Social Work Committees including Graduate and Continuing Education and Resource and Program Utilization. He has presented at national conferences on PACT, OEF/OIF/OND and Business Planning.

Chuck left a legacy of innovative programs and services integral to the support of social work services across the spectrum of VA care. He is a supportive member, former secretary (1999-2001), and strong advocate of the AVASW.