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OSIG VISITS TWO DBHDS FACILITIES TO OBSERVE OPERATIONS

The Virginia Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) visited Hiram W. Davis Medical Center and Central State Hospital in Petersburg to gain a better understanding of how the facilities are operated and how the patients are treated. OSIG's Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (BHDS) Unit is tasked to inspect Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)-operated facilities.

“Visiting these DBHDS facilities gives us a chance to meet and maintain relationships with facility staff and monitor the quality of treatment,” said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall. “These visits also demonstrate that OSIG is hands-on with its mission to serve all citizens of the Commonwealth.”

Hiram W. Davis Medical Center is the only DBHDS skilled medical facility offering long-term care treatment as well as acute care treatments such as oxygen therapy, and tracheostomy and percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy care. OSIG staff toured the lab and the treatment and operating rooms, and met with patients. The center has a maximum capacity of 90 patients, but typically operates with about 55 medically fragile patients. Central State Hospital houses civilly committed patients with many of them there to be stabilized before they are transferred to other facilities.



Hiram W. Davis Medical Center Clinical Director Susan Alabanza (left) shows OSIG Deputy Inspector General for Investigations and Administration Corrine Loudon (center) and OSIG Deputy Inspector General for Audit and Inspections Mike Taylor (right) one of the operating rooms at the medical center.

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