

# ORH LEADERSHIP

## VHA Office of Rural Health (ORH)

### Peter Kaboli, ORH Executive Director

Peter Kaboli, MD, MS was named ORH Executive Director in 2024. He leads the Office of Rural Health's portfolio of partnerships with clinical program offices, research initiatives, and a strong innovation program of Rural Mentored Implementations and Enterprise-Wide Initiatives that are disseminated across VHA to increase access to care for hundreds of thousands of rural Veterans.

Dr. Kaboli also oversees the activities of five Veterans Rural Health Resource Centers (VRHRCs) in Iowa City, Iowa; Salt Lake City, Utah; White River Junction, Vermont; Gainesville, Florida; and Portland, Oregon. ORH's VRHRCs serve as hubs of rural health care research, innovation and dissemination. Dr. Kaboli ensures that ORH fulfills its legislative mandate as outlined in 38 USC § 7308 to conduct rural Veteran focused research, create innovative solutions to rural Veteran access challenges, and disseminate those solutions system-wide.

Dr. Kaboli is a Core Investigator with the Comprehensive Access and Delivery Research and Evaluation (CADRE) Center of Innovation; a Hospitalist at the Iowa City VA Healthcare System; and a Professor of Internal Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

He earned his BS in Biology, MS in Epidemiology, and his MD, all from the University of Iowa. He completed his residency at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, UT in 1998 and General Medicine Fellowship and VA Quality Scholars Fellowship at the University of Iowa/Iowa City VAMC in 2000.

He has held leadership positions as Chief of Medicine, Iowa City VA Healthcare System; a Veterans Rural Health Resource Center Director; and Senior Scholar of the VA Quality Scholars Fellowship program.

Dr. Kaboli's research interests include health care access, rural health, inpatient medical care quality, development of valid methods for measuring medication appropriateness, and interventions to optimize medication delivery to vulnerable Veteran populations.



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