

***** DIVISIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BILL MATTHEWS, VP SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT *****

I am very pleased to announce that Lehigh Valley Health Network, Supply Chain Management Division is the winner of the 2012 VHA Leadership Award for Supply Chain Management Excellence. Our division won this award for our lean project, Warehouse and Dock Redesign, within the SDS and Inventory Management departments at the Cedar Crest campus.

The award honors organizations that have differentiated themselves around national performance standards by achieving exceptionally high levels of performance. By working together, we achieved great success in redesigning the warehouse and dock space to improve efficiencies. Here is some of what was achieved:

- Reduced the number of walking steps to pick an unit by 20%
- Reduced picking times by 30%
- Increased the number of staff cross-trained in SDS by 20+%
- Increased the floor space on the dock by 250 sq foot
- Increased put-away by 36% lines per person
- Gained a total of 36% additional usable warehouse space

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Congratulations on this achievement!