

Member Description

JAHVH CINDRR Veteran Engagement Council

Position Title: Veteran Engagement Council Member for the James A Haley Veterans' Hospital Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

- **CINDRR COIN Mission:** The James A Haley Veterans' Hospital (JAHVH) Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research's (CINDRR) mission is to identify and develop strategies for improving inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services, as well as the long term management of disability, including issues that impact family members, for Veterans of all ages.
- **VEC Purpose:** The purpose of the CINDRR Veteran Engagement Council is to improve rehabilitation research through a trusted partnership among Veterans' communities and CINDRR investigators

Position Objectives: Provide individual viewpoints and provide individual viewpoints non-consensus advice to:

- 1) Aid CINDRR researchers and the CINDRR research mission
- 2) Make CINDRR projects, research ideas, and how we do our research more Veteran centric
- 3) Expand opportunities for participation in research studies
- 4) Increase the dissemination of research to Veteran communities:
 - Suggesting strategies to improve the share and utilization of information
 - Review informational materials to ensure they are relevant and useful to consumers

Position Summary: A CINDRR Engagement Council member is a Veteran or a caregiver of a Veteran who brings their unique military background, health conditions, and health consumer perspective to the research arena. He or she engages as a stakeholder with CINDRR researchers spanning the research process from topic generation to dissemination of results.

Training: A mandatory two-hour orientation session in December attended in person, at CINDRR (I-75 and Fletcher in Tampa).

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Shares individual perspectives, experiences, and suggestions during meetings and through online collaboration
- Shares individual ideas to improve VA research processes as consumers of the end product
- Respects the collaborative process and is willing to listen to differing views
- Supports other members in sharing individual ideas and viewpoints
- Respects Veteran and research confidentiality at all times
- Commits to the Veteran Engagement Council for a one-year term by attending eight out of 10 monthly (one meeting per month for the months of January through October). Eight of the 10 two-hour meetings must be attended in person, at CINDRR (I-75 and Fletcher in Tampa).

Successful Veteran Engagement Council members are able to:

- Share individual perspectives, insights, and information in constructive ways
- Respect differing opinions
- Speak comfortably in a group
- Maintains open and productive communication
- Respect the limitations of the research environment