**Community Care Research Evaluation & Knowledge (CREEK)**

**Quarterly Call Minutes**

**September 21, 2022**

**WEBSITE:**

[Community Care Research Evaluation & Knowledge (CREEK) Center](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/centers/creek/default.cfm)

**MEETING AGENDA**

1. CREEK Welcome (Dr. Kristin Mattocks)
2. Communication Hub (Dr. Kristin Mattocks)
   1. Integrated Veteran Care updates
   2. New additions available on the website:
      1. Slides from the Academy Health Panel: “VA’s Community Care Program: A Learning Health System in Action” <https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/meetings/arm2022/CREEK-Panel-Session.pdf>
      2. 4 - recently published papers added <https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/centers/creek/Recently-Published-Papers.docx>
3. Policy & Implementation Hub—Key takeaways from Academy Health Panel (Drs. Mengeling & Hynes)
4. Data and Measurement Science Hub (Dr. Megan Vanneman)
   1. Past 9/12/2022 VIReC Database and Methods Cyberseminar recording available at: [*Updates on VA-Purchased Community Care Data*](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/for_researchers/cyber_seminars/archives/video_archive.cfm?SessionID=5200)*, Erin Beilstein-Wedel, Matthew Labo, Megan Vanneman, and Todd Wagner*
   2. Upcoming 10/13/2022 VINCI Cyberseminar: [*A Practical Approach to working with VA-Purchased "Community" Care Data*](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/cyberseminars/catalog-upcoming-session.cfm?UID=5225), Erin Beilstein-Wedel
   3. Upcoming HSR&D/QUERI National Conference workshop (date and time TBD): *VA-Purchased Community Care: Addressing High-Priority Access and Quality of Care Research Questions with Available Data and Appropriate Methods*, Megan Vanneman, Amy Rosen, and Erin Beilstein-Wedel
5. Brief presentation by CREEK/HSR&D grant recipients
6. Questions/suggestions
   1. Please send us any published papers before the next meeting date

**Q&A**

**Q1**. Do you have any information about how community care data will be organized after the sites transition to Cerner? Will we still have the same claims databases or will it be some kind of separate database in Cerner?

**A1.** They will still be the same databases, such as eCAMS, CCRS, PIT, whatever you are using. They are not going to all of a sudden start flowing differently into Cerner the way that it’s flowing into VA Vista right now. There are data points in Vista for Community Care that you can find and those data points will be inserted so things like consults, which are referrals in Cerner, and then some VISN information will be inserted. But that’s similar to how it is in Vista right now. The claims databases that are ingesting the claims will continue to exist and will not be moved over to Cerner.

**Q2.** Are you able to comment on how the Gurewich study is assessing provider quality (Aim 3 of the study)?

**A2.** Yeah, so Aim 3 is basically built off of the high performing provider data coming in from the TPAs. Depending on which TPA it is, they have slightly different measures. There’s a presentation on the CREEK website that was given, I think over a year ago about it. But, basically they have to be seeing enough Veterans in order to have a HPP score. https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/centers/creek/community\_care/HPP-Research-Presentation.pptx

**Q3.** Then how would you compare that to the VA provider quality?

**A3.** We’re not, we’re just looking at the community care network because that would be very hard. The vast majority of the measures that they’re using in the HPP designation are primary care related. So that’s fortunate for the Gurewich study, but an HPP designation for some kind of specialty care seems kind of arbitrary because of the measures that are used to assign the HPP status.

**Q4.** Can you say again the office that merged with OCC to form IVC?

**A4.** It was called OVAC, The Office of Veterans Access to Care. So, basically Access and Community Care merged into one office.

Thank you!