**VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System**

**Rural Colorado Virtual Veteran Engagement Group Interview Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Introductions (VA staff)*

*Description of board (VA staff): Purpose, what it is vs what it isn’t, what is involved*

*Please feel free to share only that which you are comfortable sharing.*

1. In brief, please tell us a little about yourself, including your military experience or caregiver experience.
2. Approximately how long have you lived in a rural area?
3. Do you receive care at the VA? What has your experience been like?
4. Have you served on a committee at work or in the community? Please share some of your experiences there.
5. In a group situation, what level of participation/role do you prefer to have?
6. Have you ever been in a group situation when someone had a different opinion than you? What was the result? Was there anything you did that was helpful?
7. Have you ever participated in a research study? Please describe that experience.
8. Talk about 1 or 2 things that you think can be improved at the VA through research.
9. What interests you about being on the Veteran Engagement Board?
10. [GRECC mission statement: To improve the health of older Veterans through the development of innovative research, clinical and educational initiatives. MIRECC mission statement: To study suicide with the goal of reducing suicidal ideation and behaviors in the Veteran population. COIN mission statement: To conduct high quality health services research that promotes Veteran-centered and value-driven care, generate and disseminate knowledge that contributes to the well-being of Veterans, work collaboratively with VA policy and operational leaders to implement research findings into clinical care, and train the next generation of health services researchers and leaders.] What are your opinions of the COIN, MIRECC, and GRECC’s research missions?
11. Can you make a commitment to meet every other month (6 times/year)? Is there anything going on in your life that might make it difficult to make this commitment?
12. Are there barriers such as technology, timing of meetings, language or illness that may need to be accommodated to allow your participation?
13. What questions do you have for us?