

Dear Area Veteran,

The VA Health Services Research Center for Comprehensive Access & Delivery Research and Evaluation (CADRE) and the Office of Rural Health based at the Iowa City VA Health Care System is looking for a group of Veterans to be part of an Office of Rural Health team focused on increasing access to serious illness conversations and advance care planning to all Veterans. This team will meet virtually on a quarterly basis to discuss the ongoing project and help guide next steps.

You are receiving this information as a Veteran who may be interested in participating or who may be willing to pass the information to other Veterans. We are interested in working with Veterans from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. You do not need to be receiving your health care from the VA. Your experience as a Veteran is all that is needed.

A description our goals for the Serious Illness Conversation Veteran Engagement Panel and project can be found in the email notice. Some general information regarding CADRE can be found at:

<http://www.research.va.gov/programs/pride/veterans/Volunteering-in-Research.pdf>;  
and <http://hso.research.uiowa.edu/>.

This are information that you can share with other interested Veterans.

You are not obligated to participate in this panel, and your participation would be entirely voluntary. If you have any questions or would like to participate on the panel, please contact Dr. Maresi Berry-Stoelzle at [maresi.berry-stoelzle@va.gov](mailto:maresi.berry-stoelzle@va.gov) or Ms. Sarah Murray [sarah.murray@va.gov](mailto:sarah.murray@va.gov) and (319) 338-0581 x 637669.

Sincerely,



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Attached:  
CADRE/ORH brochure  
SICC Veteran Engagement  
SICC Project Overview

