Minutes

Research and Office of Integrated Veteran Care (IVC) Meeting

Friday, August 4, 2023 at 12:00PM EST

Agenda

| # | Topic | Lead Speaker |
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| 1 | ACCENT CORE Updates   * Funding * Goals * Fall/Winter 2024 Launch Meeting | Kristin M. Mattocks, PhD,MPH  Associate Chief of Staff / Research and Education  VA Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System |

Action/Follow-up Items

| # | Action Item | Date Assigned | Person | Due Date | Status |
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Published Papers:



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ACCENT CORE Updates (Dr. Kristin Mattocks)

* Access and Community Care Engagement Network (ACCENT) Team – Used to be CREEK and is now ACCENT because focus has been expanded beyond Community Care (CC) to include access; CREEK only reflected CC
* Leadership team remains the same; however, a group of investigators have been added from across the country
* Six impact goal areas:
  + Goal 1: Scoping review of CC research (Denise Hynes/Megan Vanneman)
    - Address priorities of IVC w/other operational partners
    - Ensure information is easily accessible to those wanting to use the information (where, how to access and is the information usable) – working in collaboration with Amy Rosen
* Goal 2: Continue to work with IVC (Dr. Mattocks)
* Understand priorities, research needs, gaps, more information from researchers
* Establish other partnerships across VHA (Office of Rural Health (ORH), Office of Connected Care (OCC))
* Work with VISNs to identify needs regarding access and CC; other access partners – Social Work, Primary Care, and Specialty Care
* Ensure junior investigators are connected with IVC partners such that the needs of IVC are met – develop mentorships
* Identify important areas to work on together
* Goal 3: Building a research network (Denise Hynes)
* VA access research core – reconnect with individresearchers and forcus on access and CC
* Identify information needs/connect with current researchers and operational partners with regard to access to care and research
* Facilitating research – developing projects that are time-sensitive and involve foundational methods testing; more rapid work (ex: quality assessments of the field for rapid analysis) that can be a precursor for more rapid research
* Goal 4: Access to data/quality for CC research (Megan Vanneman)
* Under CREEK – more focused on CC data, but now more focused on access related data sources
* Partner with data stakeholders (Health Economics Research Center (HERC), VA Information Resource Center (VIReC), VA Informatics and Computing Infrastructure (VINCI))
* Develop data management methods and provide resources on access and CC
* Goal 5: Establish Veteran and Caregiver Engagement Group to ensure ACCENT-related projects are informed by Veteran experiences (Michelle Mengeling)
  + Develop bidirectional communication b/w ACCENT investigators and VCEG members
* Goal 6: Communication of findings – not only this but also to synthesize results that we have or want to have (ties together different aspects of accent) (Amy Rosen)
* Track/monitor impact of research – most important part is are we making an impact and what are the policy implications
* Develop/facilitate publication/dissemination of consortia products – r/o to appropriate stakeholdefs for those findings are relevant to their group
* Website: [Access and Community Care Engagement Network Team (ACCENT) (va.gov)](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/centers/core/accent/)
* Funding – begins in Oct 2024 (5 years)
* Fall/Winter 2024 Launch Meeting – working with IVC to coordinate
* Launch pilot program for Fall 2023 (1 year funding for each proposal)

Yende Comments:

Questions about objectives

Would love to join kickoff meetings

Looking forward to more detailed conversations about how IVC leadership can partner on some of the objectives