

# Virtual Care CORE



April 2023 Newsletter

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## Recent News from OCC and the VC CORE

### **NEW** Directory of Virtual Care Researchers and Staff

At the HSR&D Conference in February, our VC CORE Team was fortunate to spend time and have conversations with members new and familiar, whom we don't get to see every day. A common theme that comes up whenever we talk to people at these gatherings is how great the connections they promote are, and how much desire there is for greater opportunities to connect. To this end, we are excited to begin collecting data for a VC CORE Directory.

The Directory will enable you to identify colleagues with roles and experience of interest in the virtual care space. This information will be posted on the VC CORE Sharepoint and visible only to VA employees and affiliates with access behind the VA firewall. This information will be collected via a 5-item questionnaire (*2-3 minutes*), delivered to VC CORE members' email with a personalized link. We deeply appreciate all of you who will consider filling out this short questionnaire and making your areas of expertise known to your colleagues. We hope that this initiative enables all our members to connect more efficiently and collaborate more frequently!

### **May 9 & 10 TeleBehavioral Health Summit: Emerging Challenges and Innovations in Virtual Care**

The TeleBehavioral Health (TeleBH) Summit is a free two-day, CME-accredited virtual conference, solely focused on today's emerging topics in digital and TeleBehavioral Health care. Building on the Behavioral Health Institute's TeleBH Training series, the Summit brings together national subject matter experts and thought leaders to address the challenges and innovations in the new digital landscape brought on by the dramatic changes caused by the COVID public health emergency, which will be lifted on May 11, 2023.

Though the Summit is not an official VA training program, many lead speakers are from the VA. It is also free, has affordable CME for most professions, and will not promote any commercial products. Anyone providing services or leading programs for individuals who live with mental health and substance use issues is encouraged to attend. For the event schedule, speaker profiles, and registration, please visit the Summit [website](#).

### **Final Call OCC Seeking Data on Mental Health in RPM-HT Programs**

OCC is expanding their RPM-HT Mental Health Program in collaboration with the National Mental Health Program Office. As such, they are soliciting information on any projects or data examining outcomes for Veterans enrolled for mental health in the RPM-HT program, or home monitoring programs in general. Please reach out to Cathy Buck ([catherine.buck@va.gov](mailto:catherine.buck@va.gov)) with any projects, papers, or data that can help inform this national effort.

## Funding and Dissemination Opportunities and Deadlines

Opportunities	Contact	Deadline
Check back next month!		

## Recent Virtual Care Publications

- Leung, L.B., Yoo, C., Chu, K., O'Shea, A., Jackson, N.J., Heyworth, L., Der-Martirosian, C. [Rates of Primary Care and Integrated Mental Health Telemedicine Visits Between Rural and Urban Veterans Affairs Beneficiaries Before and After the Onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). *JAMA Network Open*, 03/2023.
- Robinson, S.A., Zocchi, M., Purington, C., Am, L., DeLaughter, K., Vimalananda, V.G., Netherton, D., Ash, A.S., Hogan, T.P., Shimada, S.L. [Secure Messaging for Diabetes Management: Content Analysis](#). *JMIR Diabetes*, 03/2023.
- Hilty, D.M., Armstrong, C.M., Luxton, D.D. et al. [A Scoping Review of Sensors, Wearables, and Remote Monitoring For Behavioral Health: Uses, Outcomes, Clinical Competencies, and Research Directions](#). *Journal of Technology in Behavioral Science*, 06/2021.
- Schueller, S. M., Armstrong, C.M., Neary, M., Ciulla, R.P. [An Introduction to Core Competencies for the Use of Mobile Apps in Cognitive and Behavioral Practice](#). *Cognitive and Behavioral Practice*, 02/2022.

## Upcoming Presentations and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time
<a href="#">The Center for Mobile Apps Research Resources &amp; Services (CMARRS): Helping to Advance mHealth and Technology Research Across VA</a>	Haijing Hallenbeck, PhD Eric Kuhn, PhD Lindsay Stanley, MHS	4/12/2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST
<a href="#">Informed Decision Making for App Selection: Research, Regulation and Real World Approaches</a> VA employees can register for CE credit in TMS <a href="#">here</a> Not a VA employee? Register in <a href="#">TRAIN</a>	John Torous, MD, MBI	4/12/2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST (a regrettable double-booking)

## Past Presentations and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time
<a href="#">Sleep Wearables and Digital Tools: State of the Science and Practical Uses in PTSD Care</a> *VA employees can register for CE credit in TMS <a href="#">here</a> Not a VA employee? Register in <a href="#">TRAIN</a>	Katherine Miller, PhD	3/8/2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST

## Links to Resources

### Telehealth

- [VHA Telehealth Services Website](#)
- [Telehealth Intranet Site](#)
- [VHA Mobile and Peripheral Devices for Facilities](#)

### VA Mobile

- [VA Mobile | VA App Store](#)
- [New VA Mobile 'My App List' functionality/categories](#)
- [ANNIE Automated Texting System | SharePoint site](#)
- [VACO Mobile Mental Health & Technology | SharePoint site](#)
- [VA Mobile Health Practice Guide | SharePoint site](#)

### MyHealtheVet

- [MyHealtheVet | Portal Homepage](#)
- [MyHealtheVet | VA Intranet Product Homepage](#)
- [My HealtheVet Statistics - My HealtheVet Product \(va.gov\)](#)
- [My HealtheVet Secure Messaging Reports Guide](#)

### Data Reports, Measures, Definitions, and Training

- [VHA Reports and Measures Portal \(RAMP\)](#)
- [Reporting and Analytics Field Training \(RAFT\)](#)
- [VSSC – Connected Care, Telehealth, Call Centers](#)
- [Data Definitions for VSSC Data Cubes](#)

### Patient Generated Health Data

- [Approved VA Policy on PGHD](#)
- [PGHD video for staff](#)

### General Office of Connected Care

- [Connected Care Website](#)
- [Connected Care Outreach Toolkit](#)
- [Connected Care Academy](#) (VA Intranet Required)

## Contact Information

- For any comments or questions about material in this newsletter or about the Virtual Care Consortium of Research, please email the CORE team at [VHAVirtualCareCore@va.gov](mailto:VHAVirtualCareCore@va.gov).
- Please let us know if you have news to share with the community! Email us and we will add it to the next newsletter.
- Finally, [follow us on Twitter](#) for regular, bird-sized bits of information!

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