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**Recent News from OCC and the VC CORE**

**VC CORE State of the Art (SOTA) Conference**

Last month, the Virtual Care Consortium of Research held a SOTA Conference on Virtual Care. The conference was organized into three workgroups built around the topics of Access, Engagement, and Outcomes of virtual care. The CORE invited handfuls of researchers in the field with expertise on many aspects of these domains, as well as stakeholders from operational departments including the Offices of Connected Care, Health Equity, Rural Health, and Geriatrics and Extended Care. Together, these stakeholders discussed the established evidence in the research literature and the notable gaps that remain, identifying priorities for HSR&D’s virtual care research agenda that could have the greatest impact on Veterans, clinical teams, and the VA healthcare system.

As is common in today’s world, COVID imposed some challenges to the SOTA conference, such as a hard cap on the size of gatherings. Despite these challenges, the conference managed to bring together diverse sets of perspectives and expertise, and facilitated meaningful exchanges around what is known in these topical areas, and what research is needed to continue to inform Veteran care, implementation, and policy. In coming weeks, we hope to disseminate the priorities identified at the SOTA, as well as the presentations, evidence briefs, and other materials produced as a result!

**Job Opportunity: VA Virtual Care Project Coordinator**

Dr. Eric Hermes and the HSR&D Pain Research, Informatics, Multimorbidities, and Education (PRIME) Center at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System, is seeking to fill a full time (40 hours/week) Project Coordinator position to oversee the management of health services related VA research studies oriented towards virtual care.

The Project Coordinator will oversee and coordinate multiple research projects simultaneously, which include multi-site effectiveness and implementation trials as well as pilot trials. Example responsibilities include:

1. Lead research team of other research personnel and facilitate research team meetings
2. Track and maintain study goals and timeline
3. Monitor procedures for implementation, recruitment, screening, enrollment, and intervention delivery
4. Maintain IRB approval and other regulatory requirements
5. Coordinate research activities and approvals at multiple sites
6. Work with Principal Investigators to disseminate research through reports and manuscripts
7. Work with the research team to develop new research ideas and projects

**Contact:** Please E-mail a cover letter and resume to Eric Hermes, M.D. (eric.hermes@va.gov).
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| Building a Community of Practice around Virtual Qualitative Methods  | Karen Albright, PhD  
Jane Moeckli, PhD  
Cristina Ortiz, PhD  
Ana-Monica Racila, PhD                                                  | 6/09/2022  
12:00 – 1:00 PM EST                                                  |

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| Leveraging the Power of Qualitative Data Analysis Software           | Cassie Goedken, MPH  
Linda Kawentel, PhD  
Shimrit Keddem, PhD, MPH, MUSA  
Christine Kowalski, MPH  
Monica Paez, BA                                                        | 5/26/2022  
12:00 – 1:00 PM EST                                                  |
| Innovative Applications of Video Telehealth in Veteran Healthcare: Two Projects | Lynn Garvin, PhD, MBA  
Michelle Zeidler, MD, MS                                                 | 5/04/2022  
1:00 – 2:00 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](#)
The mission of the VA Virtual Care Consortium of Research is to facilitate research that evaluates and improves use of virtual care to enhance the accessibility, capacity and quality of VA health care and Veteran experience.