

Virtual Care CORE



November 2021 Newsletter

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Recent News from OCC and the VC CORE

OCC – VC CORE FY22 RFA

OCC and the VC CORE are excited to announce our FY22 Request For Applications. This years RFA has been targeted to two very specific, high priority rapid quality improvement, evaluation, and partnership development areas. As with last year, projects must be designated as non-research. Current project needs include:

- Understanding the acceptability (among providers and patients) of the new VA Video Connect (VVC) feature to assess vital signs via smartphone or other internet capable devices and to detect clinically meaningful events compared to standard devices. (Partner: Leonie Heyworth)
- Value of patient generated health data (PGHD)* from patient and provider perspectives (Partner: John Murphy)

Full details and requirements are in the RFA PDF and [Funding Opportunities Page](#) on the VC CORE Sharepoint. OCC will also host two Office Hours sessions to respond to questions from the field in early-mid November, exact dates TBD.

VC CORE Network Call

The Virtual Care CORE will be hosting a network-wide meeting on December 6th from 3:00 PM -4:00 PM EST. This call will be open to all members and will include updates on current and planned activities for the CORE, but we would like to dedicate as much time as possible to agenda items our members recommend and/or a Town Hall style open forum for feedback and new ideas! Join using any of the methods below:

[Zoom Link](#)

iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +18333021536,,95277241647# or +16507249799,,95277241647#

Telephone: +1 833 302 1536

Meeting ID: 952 7724 1647

Password: 697174

Funding and Presentation Opportunities and Deadlines

Opportunities	Contact	Deadline
<p>The OCC FY22 RFA is Here! See description above and full details in link to the right.</p>	<p>Proposals should be submitted to the VC CORE Sharepoint. Please see the Funding Opportunities page and link to submit your proposal. Please contact VHAVirtualCareCORE@va.gov with questions.</p>	12/13/2021
<p>Apply to use the Women's Health PBRN for Relevant Grants! The VA Women's Health Practice Based Research Network (PBRN) PBRN is a partnership of 73 VA facilities nationally, representing over half of women Veterans who use VA. If you are planning to submit a proposal to VA HSR&D in December 2021, consider applying to use the PBRN if multi-site study is needed, either to address the research question, to achieve representativeness, or to recruit sufficient numbers of women; the study approach requires direct contact with subjects; and if the study examines women's health issues or compares women to men.</p>	<p>Send an email to the PBRN Coordinating Center with an explanation of the type of grant you are submitting (e.g., VA HSR&D IIR), deadline for your grant submission, and a few sentences describing your study to susan.frayne@va.gov & diane.carney@va.gov.</p>	At least two months prior to your planned grant submission deadline.

Recent Virtual Care Publications

- Silvestrini, M., Indresano, J., Zeliadt, S.B. et al. ["There's a huge benefit just to know that someone cares:" a qualitative examination of rural veterans' experiences with TelePain.](#) *BMC Health Serv Res* 21, 10/2021.

Upcoming Meetings and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time
<p>Virtual Care in Context During COVID-19: VA Telehealth in Primary Care, Community Care Urgent Care, and State Veterans' Nursing Homes (CIDER to share link soon)</p>	<p>Kristina M. Cordasco, MD, MPH, MSHS Claudia Der-Martirosian, PhD Leah Haverhals, PhD, MA</p>	<p>12/1/2021 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST</p>
<p>VC CORE Network Call</p>	<p>VC CORE Team and Open Forum</p>	<p>12/6/2021 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST</p>

Past Presentations and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time
<p>Navigating VA Data Sources: An Overview of Commonly Used Databases</p>	<p>Maria Souden, MSI, PhD</p>	<p>11/1/2021 1:00 PM -2:00 PM</p>

Clinician Experiences with VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization: Initial Findings from the EMPIRIC QUERI Evaluation	Kameron Matthews, MD, JD, FAAFP; Seppo Rinne, MD, PhD; George Sayre, PsyD	10/27/2021 12:00 PM -1:00 PM EST
Advancing Access to Care Through Partnered Research with the Office of Rural Health	Deborah Gurewich, PhD ; Travis Lovejoy, PhD; Sarah Ono, PhD; Matthew Vincenti, PhD; Michael Ward, MD, PhD, MBA; Bradley Watts, MD	9/23/2021 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST
Insomnia and Suicide Prevention: Leveraging Technology to Mitigate Risk	Sarra Nazem, PhD	9/13/2021 3:00 PM – 4:00 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.

- 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!

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.
