The purpose of the CINDRR Veteran Engagement Council is to improve rehabilitation research through a trusted partnership among Veterans’ communities and investigators from the CINDRR (Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research) at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, FL.

Engaging these groups provides individual viewpoints and non-consensus advice to:

1. Aid CINDRR researchers and the CINDRR research mission
2. Make CINDRR projects, research ideas, and how we do our research more Veteran-centric
3. Expand opportunities for participation in research studies
4. Increase the dissemination of research to Veteran communities by suggesting strategies to improve the share and utilization of information and reviewing informational materials to ensure they are relevant and useful to consumers.

Feedback from our members...

“It is topics like this that make me proud to be a part of this VEC team. This felt more like an opportunity for brain-storming with the reality of teamwork engagement. Thank you for this.”

“Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of this work. I am both excited and honored.”

“It is a blessing to be a part of something so meaningful for all veterans and staff alike.”

“Provided perspectives from a female mental health outpatient veteran view, I was able to validate the necessity for this particular type of VA clinical service and support.”

“Thanks for my appointment. It is an honor and privilege to serve on this council.”

What are the goals of the CINDRR?
The mission of the CINDRR is to identify and develop strategies for improving inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services, as well as the long-term management of disability, including issues that impact family members, for Veterans of all ages.