

Veteran Research Advisory Board Selection Meeting

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COIN and MIRECC Investigators

▶ Introductions

- ▶ Please tell the group who you are and your Research Interests



Demographics Noted from Interviews

- ▶ Education / Training
- ▶ Ethnicity
- ▶ Gender
- ▶ Era/Age
- ▶ VHA Utilization
- ▶ Branch



Candidate Review Criteria

1	2	3	4	5
Less Fit				More Fit

- ▶ **Accessibility: Ease of communication and availability**
- ▶ **Interest/ Knowledge in Research**
- ▶ **Interest or Personal experiences with Center's Missions**
- ▶ **History of Participation on boards, group, or councils**



Candidates

- ▶ 12 candidates- Ideal board would include 8-10 Veterans
- ▶ Liaison's Suggestions for Veterans to Include
 - ▶ Those who received a total score of 0.75 or above from the combined subjective ratings
- ▶ Liaison's Suggestions for Veterans not to Include
 - ▶ Those who received a total score of .60 or below from the combined subjective rating
- ▶ Two Veterans fall in-between those two ratings



Strong Candidates

▶ Demographics

- ▶ Gender: 6 Males, 1 Female
- ▶ Race: 5 Caucasian, 2 African American
- ▶ Branch: 4 Army, 1 Air Force, 2 Navy (1 +Coast Guard)
- ▶ Education: 3 High School, 1 Bachelor, 2 Masters, 1 PhD
- ▶ Era: 2 Vietnam, 2 Post Vietnam (1 served 25 yrs.), 2 Desert Storm/ Desert Shield, 1 OEF/OIF/OND



Weak Candidates

▶ Demographics

- ▶ Gender: 3 Males
- ▶ Race: 2 Caucasian (1 Hispanic), 1 African American
- ▶ Branch: 1 Army, 1 Air Force, 1 Navy (+Army)
- ▶ Education: 1 High School, 1 Associate, 1 Bachelor
- ▶ Era: 2 Post Vietnam, 1 Desert Storm/ Desert Shield



Demographics of VISN 19

All Patients			All Patients		
<25	1,542				
25-34	10,746	Female	9,062	89% Male	
35-44	8,847	Male	73,762	11% Female	
45-54	11,726	Unknown	196		
55-64	17,792				
65-74	20,622				
75-84	7,991				
85+	3,753				
Unknown					

Colorado Race/Ethnicity:

80% White alone

5.3% Black or AA alone

10.4% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)



In Between

▶ Demographics

- ▶ Gender: 2 Males
- ▶ Race: 1 Caucasian, 1 African American
- ▶ Branch: 1 Army, 1 Navy
- ▶ Education: 1 High School, 1 Associate
- ▶ Era: 1 Vietnam, 1 Desert Storm/ Desert Shield



Finalize Board



Next Steps

- ▶ Call chosen board members Thursday Jan 13
 - ▶ Offer Voices for Veterans to non-selected
- ▶ COIN Investigator Orientation Friday Jan 14
- ▶ MIRECC Investigator Orientation Tuesday Feb 3rd
- ▶ Orientation for Veterans begins in Feb on a Wednesday
 - ▶ Research 101

