**Community Care Research Evaluation & Knowledge (CREEK)**

**Quarterly Call Minutes**

**April 13, 2022**

1. **CREEK Welcome (Dr. Kristin Mattocks)**
   * 1. Members: Dr. Kristin Mattocks, Dr. Denise Hynes, Dr. Megan Vanneman, Dr. Michelle Mengeling, Dr. Amy Rosen, and Dr. Melissa Garrido
     2. Website: [Community Care Research Evaluation & Knowledge (CREEK) Center](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/centers/creek/)
2. **CREEK Announcements (Dr. Kristin Mattocks)** 
   * 1. Kristin Cunningham, Executive Officer to the Assistant under Secretary for Health for Community Care is retiring.
     2. New HSR&D CDA with a focus on Community Care: ‘Understanding Community-based Mental Healthcare for Rural Veterans with Military Sexual Trauma’ Dr. Derrecka Boykin (Houston VA)
     3. For Spring 2022 grant proposals email Dr. Kristin Mattocks ([Kristin.mattocks@va.gov](mailto:Kristin.mattocks@va.gov)) to get letter of support.
     4. CREEK/HSR&D/IVC grants recommended for funding
     5. Discussion of transition to Office of Integrated Veteran Care
     6. FQHC count of region/providers/services
3. **AcademyHealth event (Dr. Michelle Mengeling)** 
   * 1. Event held June 4th from 2:30-4:00pm
     2. Please email questions to Dr. Michelle Mengeling by May 20, 2022.
4. **Data and Measurement Science Hub (Dr. Megan Vanneman & Dr. Amy Rosen)**
   * 1. Working with OCC and VINCI to make CCRS, eCAMS, Consults and Referrals from Tier 2, and FMS available to researchers.
5. **Next call: June 15th**

**Q&A**

**Q1**. What is a Tier 2 system?

A: Tier 2 relates to the Office of Community Care efforts to consolidate different data sets. There are different source systems that flow into Consults, Referrals, Claims, and Payments…all separate. All of those data sources will have an identifier, which you will be able to link.

**Q2**. How does the claims data in CCRS differ from the claims found in PIT?

A: The Office of Community Care strongly encourages us to move away from PIT for claims data, they instead encourage us to use eCAMS and CCRS. Eventually there will be a claims data from Tier 2 which will be the one that we all will want to go through. Because there hasn’t been a formal comparison of PIT to these other systems, it is unclear how different it will be. CREEK is currently trying to come up with some guidance on eCAMS and CCRS.

**Q3**. When do you expect Tier 2 to be available?

A: Tier 2 for Consults and Referrals are already available. Payments and claims data is not available yet. People are working very hard to make it available, but we do not have an official ETA for them.

**Q4.** Does CCRS+eCAMS include most community care data?

A: It should include the majority of it but those are not all of the source systems. However, the Tier2 system will eventually contain all of them. Older data will have to be accessed through Fee and FBCS, as Tier 2 will only go back to 2017.

**Q5.** How do the tier 2 data for consults differ from what’s already in CDW? Is it consolidating different tables?

A: Will have to look into this and get back to you. To reiterate, previously there was no way to link these different data sources to each other, now there will be a unique identifier across Tier2 sources.

**Q6.** About the reorganization of Community Care – sounds like we don’t know yet who our advocates and contacts will be, or where our current ones (e.g. Dr. Greenstone) will land?

A: The only real departure that we know of is Kristin Cunningham, we will connect you with contacts once we know more.

Thank you!