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| **Meeting/Project Name:** | ORD SPR Advisory Group Monthly Meeting |
| **Date of Meeting:**  | Tuesday, May 28th , 2024 | **Time:** | 3:00-4:00 PM ET |
| **Meeting Facilitator:** | J. Constans  | **Location:** | MS Teams |

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| MEETING OBJECTIVE |
| Provide the committee with updates and address next steps for future initiatives and projects |

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| ATTENDEES LIST *(check mark indicates attendance)* |
| **Committee Members:** | ☒ Dr. Bob O'Brien☒ Dr. Joseph Constans | ☐ Dr. Miriam Smyth☒ Dr. Peter Hunt | ☐ Dr. Vetisha McClair |
| **Advisory Group:** | ☒ Dr. Steven Dobscha☒ Dr. Stephanie Gamble☐ Dr. Brian Marx☒ Dr. Bradley V. Watts☒ Dr. Edgar Villarreal | ☒ Dr. Stephen O’Connor☐ Dr. Susan Strickland☒ Dr. Melissa Mehalick☒ Dr. David Atkins | ☐ Dr. Wendy Tenhula☒ Dr. Lisa Brenner☐ Dr. Matthew Miller☒ Dr. Jodie Trafton |
| **Others:** | ☒ Caroline Mwonga☒ Carol Fowler |  |  |
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| **Support Staff:** | ☒ Imani Braxton-Allen (Titan Alpha) |  |  |

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| MEETING NOTES |
| **Agenda:*** **Summarize our efforts and discuss the process for the Voting session.**

**Notes:*** 5 Key Priority Areas based on the survey:
	1. Lethal Means Safety approaches to suicide prevention​
	2. Community-based interventions for suicide prevention​
	3. Family and social network-based interventions and postventions​
	4. Psychotherapies and other non-somatic interventions for suicide prevention​
	5. Suicide risk screening, evaluation effectiveness, and processes within VA; predictive analytics
* SME Survey Results
	+ - Perceived Advantages & Disadvantages to Funding Each Priority
			* Lethal Means Safety
				+ 70% decedents die by firearm
				+ Realistic chance to change numbers of death
				+ Has a VA cohort who can conduct
				+ Frequent congressional inquires
				+ OMHSP has contracted for messaging
				+ Measuring attitudinal/behavior change = large expense
			* Community
				+ Highly valued by VEC
				+ 2/3 decedents outside of VA
				+ Involves other priority domains
				+ Measuring impact is difficult
				+ Unclear to have a significant change
				+ Unclear sufficient # of investigators
			* Family, Social Network
				+ Understudied area
				+ Veteran support
				+ Involves other priority domains
				+ Existing studies underdeveloped
				+ Unlikely to have short-term impact
			* Psychotherapies
				+ Precision medicine synchronize with risk ID
				+ Direct importance to clinicians
				+ Unclear feasibility of large trial
				+ Unclear if it will have impact on total number of deaths
			* Risk, Predictive Analysis
				+ SPC priority
				+ Can reduce current burden
				+ Can inform clinical touchpoints
				+ Can advance precision medicine
				+ Need OSP support
				+ Can models be developed by OSP?
* Advisory Group Temperature Check:
	+ In advance of the Consensus Panel meeting, the advisor group was polled on April 23rd, on which topic areas the portfolio should prioritize for research. This served as a temperature check on where the interest was across the priority areas. The two priorities that individuals indicated should be a top priority were Risk, Predictive Analytics and Lethal Means Safety. The Consensus Panel meeting will be the next step and the formal survey.
	+ **Results:**
		- **Lethal means safety (4)**
		- **Risk, Predictive Analytics (5)**
		- **Psychotherapy Research (2)**
		- **Community Research (0)**
		- **Family, Social Network Research (0)**
			* Consensus Panel Meeting Voting
				+ Voting Panel: Dr. Wendy Tenhula, Dr. David Atkins, Dr. Kara Beck, Dr. Mathew Miller, Dr. Susan Strickland, Dr. Edgar Villareal, Dr. Jodi Trafton, Dr. Bradley (Vince) Watts, Dr. Stephen O’Connor, Dr. Melissa Mehalick

*All other members of the advisory group are non-voting members due to potential conflict (requesting funding from ORD).** + - * + Voting will occur next Tuesday, June 4th , 2024
				+ Dr. Atkins will not be able to attend the meeting but will watch the recording of the panel meeting and will submit within a week of the voting session.
				+ **Objective:** Convene the Executive Committee to rank Critical Research Priorities in order of importance. The members will review the process taken to arrive to the 5 identified priorities and then complete a live survey to tank the priorities from #1-#5
				+ **Key discussion questions:**

What research domain would be the most impacted by additional funding? Where can funding “push the needle”?Where is VA well positioned across these research domains to create impact?* + - * + **Outcome:** The AMP will develop Suicide Prevention Notices of Special interest to solicit research applications for the top priorities
* Informing the field of Suicide Prevention AMP Priority Access
	+ Consider a publication
	+ Presentation at the VA/DoD Suicide Prevention Meeting during July of 2024
	+ Potentially creating a table, crosswalk for the VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines to accompany the article
* Next Steps
	+ June 25- NOSIs
		- Broad
		- Priority NOSI
	+ July 25
		- Review of existing portfolio
		- Review budget for FY25
	+ Possibly changing the frequency/cadence of meetings
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| **ACTION ITEMS** |  |
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