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

**Quarterly Call Minutes**

**June 16, 2021**

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. **Office of Community Care updates** 
   * 1. Share important updates from our monthly calls with OCC
        + 1. Bring data questions to OCC
          2. Talk about policy and upcoming events
     2. Two sets of minutes from May and June
        + 1. Look through those for data Q&A
          2. CREEK will answer any questions you may have after review
     3. Developing spreadsheet to track grants submitted
        + 1. If submitted grant in Dec 2020 or June 2021 related to CC please contact Kristin Mattocks ([Kristin.Mattocks@va.gov](mailto:Kristin.Mattocks@va.gov))
          2. VA leadership is very interested in research related to CC
3. **Community Care Medical Care Supplement** 
   * 1. Received twelve articles
     2. Find more information on our CREEK Twitter page @VA\_CREEK
     3. Link to supplement: [June 2021 - Volume 59 - Issue : Medical Care (lww.com)](https://journals.lww.com/lww-medicalcare/toc/2021/06001)
4. **Data Updates**
   * 1. OCC working on new Tier 2 data
        + 1. Broken up into 4 different sections

Payments, Claims, Consults, Referrals

* + - * 1. Intend for data to be shared through CDW

No ETA, but in the works

* + 1. After MISSION implementation, new data sources flowing into PIT
       - 1. New ClaimStatus options
         2. Very study specific whether you want to include claims with various ClaimStatus
         3. VIReC document has some notes on ClaimStatus

1. **Access and Quality in VA Healthcare website (Caitlin O’Brien)**
   * 1. Website: <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/>
     2. VA reviewing Quality and Access website
        + 1. Help Veterans make informed decisions
          2. Current site is complex and unhelpful
          3. Lots of legislative change
     3. Consolidated Access and Quality sites in 2020
        + 1. Current site has been around for some time

Will be renamed and revamped

* + 1. Focus group last week with Veterans and caregivers
       - 1. Looking at site and worried about info overload
         2. Different reports and dashboards that can get overwhelming
    2. Share more information in the future

1. **Relational Coordination Research (Dr. Heather Gilmartin)**
   * 1. Website:[Relational Coordination in VA - Seattle-Denver Center of Innovation (COIN)](https://www.seattledenvercoin.research.va.gov/education/rc/)
     2. Power Point included in attachments
        + 1. On CREEK website: [Information on Specific Community Care Programs and Policies (va.gov)](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/centers/creek/community_care.cfm)
2. **Policy and Data brief**
   * 1. PEPREC High Performing Providers project
        + 1. Link: [Policy\_Brief\_10\_UM\_HPP.pdf (va.gov)](https://www.peprec.research.va.gov/PEPRECRESEARCH/docs/Policy_Brief_10_UM_HPP.pdf)
     2. Wait time data brief
        + 1. Link: [Appointment wait time data for primary & specialty care in veterans health administration facilities vs. community medical centers - ScienceDirect](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352340921004182)
3. **Next Call**
   * 1. September 15th
        + 1. Joined by Dr. Mark Upton from Office of Community Care
          2. Please send published papers, questions, comments before then

**Q&A**

**Q1.** Can you point to where the PIT claims status definitions are housed? Thanks!

A: Definitions for some of the statuses are in this document: <https://vaww.virec.research.va.gov/Notebook/RNB/RNB20-CDW-Community-Care-Data-FBCS-PIT-Claims-Comparison.pdf>

As Megan noted, there are some new statuses appearing in PIT

**Q2.** When the new data source arrives, will we be using that instead of PIT, or in addition to PIT?

A: The thought is that we would use the Tier 2 data, and not PIT, in the future.

In the near term we need to use PIT as the timeline for the Tier 2 is uncertain.

**Q3.** Can you articulate how relational coordination relates to the concept of teamwork?

A: Mutual respect, shared goals, & problem solving. Want to understand relational coordination within great/productive teams.

If you are interested in the RC in VA program, we have lots of information on our website: [Relational Coordination in VA - Seattle-Denver Center of Innovation (COIN)](https://www.seattledenvercoin.research.va.gov/education/rc/)

**Q4.** Thanks for your great RC overview! Where is RC theory headed?

A: Headed to more generalizable theory - friendly within implementation science

Healthcare systems getting on board

Dr. Christine Hartmann using this in CLCs

**Q5.** Does anyone have any insight on Community vs VA COVID vaccinations? How they might be found, how reliable the info might be?

A: Dr. Jennifer Manuel has HSR&D grant looking at COVID vaccinations and they are trying to get community data.

VA COVID database: [Microsoft Power BI (powerbigov.us)](https://app.powerbigov.us/reportEmbed?reportId=c17f8d63-e0b3-4dbd-9f42-adf19e628f1e&appId=af1dbf37-071b-45bd-b626-c15b33b58e2c&autoAuth=true&ctid=e95f1b23-abaf-45ee-821d-b7ab251ab3bf&config=eyJjbHVzdGVyVXJsIjoiaHR0cHM6Ly93YWJpLXVzLWdvdi12aXJnaW5pYS1yZWRpcmVjdC5hbmFseXNpcy51c2dvdmNsb3VkYXBpLm5ldC8ifQ%3D%3D)

Websites for Veteran vaccination rates:

<https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/Healthcare/COVID19NationalSummary>

[Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) - Public Health (va.gov)](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/)

[COVID-19 Vaccinations for Veterans in the Community - Community Care](https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/COVID-19_Vaccinations.asp)

CAVE looks at claims data for community immunizations for Veterans

Looking to extend from influenza to COVID

**Q6.** Will Heather’s slides be made available?

A: Yes, absolutely and added to the CREEK website.

Thank You!