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Office of Rural Health:
Overview

An eCampus
Rural Health
Expert Talk

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Mission

Improve access and quality of care for enrolled rural veterans by developing evidence-based policies and innovative practices to support the unique needs of enrolled veterans residing in geographically rural areas.

Vision and Direction

Work closely with internal VA offices and field units and external rural health experts, leveraging expertise and resources to build on current programs and to develop new methods to provide the best solutions to the challenges that rural veterans face.

Areas of Focus

Access
Areas of Focus

Technology

Best Practices & Evaluation

Education & Training
Areas of Focus

Workforce Development & Retention

Areas of Focus

Collaborations

Areas of Focus Are Not Mutually Exclusive
Veterans Rural Health Resource Centers (VRHRC’s)

Three Regional Sites
- White River Junction: Eastern Region
- Iowa City: Midwest Region
- Salt Lake City: Western Region

Veterans Rural Health Resource Centers (VRHRC’s)

Functions
- Conduct policy-oriented studies and analyses
- Field-based clinical laboratories for demonstration pilots
- Regional rural health experts
- Repositories of rural information & facilitate dissemination

Veterans Rural Health Resource Centers (VRHRC’s)

Foci
- Access issues for rural veterans
- Technology solutions
Veterans Rural Health Resource Centers (VRHRC's)

**Foci**

- Collaborations: communities, academic, other partners
- Special populations: Geriatrics, American Indian, Native Alaskan, Pacific Islanders

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VRHRC—Western Region Next Steps: Opportunities for collaborations & Implementation
Office of Rural Health

- VRHRCs
- Veterans Resource Centers (VRC’s)
- Programs of Choice (POC’s)

Other Entities

- Other Program Offices
- Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN’s)—Stations
- Non VA Entities: examples
  - VA-affiliated Universities
  - State Offices of Rural Health
  - Telehealth Consortiums
  - Communities

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