Behavioral Medicine Careers in the VA Health Care System Society of Behavioral Medicine, Annual Meeting, April 24, 2014

Research Resources:

Office of Research and Development (ORD): http://www.research.va.gov/default.cfm

Mission: The Office of Research and Development (ORD) aspires to discover knowledge, develop VA researchers and health care leaders, and create innovations that advance health care for our veterans and the nation. ORD consists of four research services that together form a cohesive whole to explore all phases of veterans' healthcare needs. Each Service oversees a number of world-renowned research centers nationwide.

- Biomedical Laboratory Research & Development Service
- <u>Clinical Science Research & Development Service</u>
 - o Cooperative Studies Program
- Health Services Research & Development Service
- Rehabilitation Research & Development Service

Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D): http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/

Mission: The VA Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&D) pursues research that underscores all aspects of VA healthcare: patient care, care delivery, health outcomes, cost, and quality. HSR&D research also addresses critical issues for Veterans returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan with conditions that may require care over their lifetimes. Researchers focus on identifying and evaluating innovative strategies that lead to accessible, high quality, cost-effective care for Veterans and the nation.

Career Development Award Program: http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/cdp/default.cfm

Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI): http://www.queri.research.va.gov/

Mission: QUERI was launched to achieve system-wide transformation aimed at improving the quality of healthcare for Veterans. Our mission is to improve care using research evidence to improve clinical practice.

Crosscutting issues that pertain to all of the conditions QUERI focuses on are included in its specific aims.

- Integrate research, clinical, operational, and policy expertise to improve health care policy.
- Target high priority disease or health delivery issues.
- Evaluate interventions and provide feedback to encourage best practices.
- Develop risk-adjusted quality improvement activities for comparison with public/private health care systems.
- Identify gaps in knowledge and create new data to inform policy decisions.

Collaborative Research to Enhance and Accelerate Transformation and Excellence (CREATE): http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/create/default.cfm

Mission: Program project that is designed to achieve early translation of results and health system improvements through collaboration and partnership with key healthcare system leaders.

• Multi-study projects designed to accelerate research in critical areas.

- Projects engage high-level executive partners in the VA and VHA.
- Engagement of key decision makers early and continuously in the research process will strengthen the relevance of the research and commitment to implement findings.
- Deeper collaboration among researchers across the nation will provide broader scientific contributions and applicability of results across geographically diverse VHA clinical settings.

Evidence Synthesis Program: http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/publications/esp/

Mission: Established to produce rigorous syntheses of published scientific literature to inform policy and practice.

Learning More: HSR&D Cyberseminars:

http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/cvberseminars/default.cfm

Office of Academic Affiliations Advanced Fellowships and Professional Development:

http://www.va.gov/oaa/specialfellows/

Office of Academic Affiliations Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and

Treatment: http://www.mirecc.va.gov/mirecc_fellowship.asp

Clinician/Educator Resources:

VA National Center for Prevention/Prevention: www.prevention.va.gov

MOVE! Program: www.move.va.gov

Veterans Health Library: www.veteranshealthlibrary.org

Tobacco - Clinical Public Health: www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking/index.asp

Clinical Public Health: www.publichealth.va.gov/about/pubhealth

VHA Mental Health: www.mentalhealth.va.gov/index.asp

Pain Management: www.va.gov/painmanagement/

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VA Job Finding Sites:

https://www.vacareers.va.gov/, http://www.va.gov/jobs/

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