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## **SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center**

### **Webinar**

### **Military Culture Training for Strengthening Access to SMVF Behavioral Health Services**

**Date: September 22, 2015**

**Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (ET)**

Military culture training and workforce development have become increasingly important as too for systems change. Service members, veterans, and their families (SMVF) have more choices than ever about where they will receive their behavioral health care. As part of Executive Order 13625 - *Improving Access to Mental Health Services for Veterans, Service Members, and Military Families*, the U.S. Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services, and Veterans Affairs (VA) are in partnership to increase military culture training across multiple community providers.

Military culture training helps community providers to recognize, assess, and refer SMVF to the right services at the right time with the right payor, thus, ensuring access to quality care.

This webinar will include information about the VA's newly released "Understanding Military Culture" Community Provider Toolkit, the impact of the VA's Choice Program on community providers, and other military culture training resources. State examples from SAMHSA's Policy Academy teams will also be featured to highlight successful implementation of military culture training and collaboration with the VA to increase access to services.

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Describe the need for military culture information, knowledge, skills, and competencies among providers and peers
- Discuss strategies to increase access to the VA and build the capacity of the behavioral health workforce to serve SMVF
- Explore opportunities for collaboration and coordination with state interagency behavioral health systems and the VA's programs and services
- List at least three best practice resources, tools, and/or strategies used by states to increase the number of community providers trained in military culture

#### **Presenters**

*Kacie Kelly, M.H.S.* | National Program Manager, VA/DoD Integrated Mental Health; MyVA Taskforce, Strategic Partnership Team; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

*Jo Moncher* | Bureau Chief, Community-Based Military Programs, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

*Nicola Winkel, M.P.A.* | Program Consultant and Community Liaison for the Arizona Coalition for Military Families

#### **Moderator**

Michelle Cleary | Senior Project Associate, SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center, Policy Research Associates, Inc.

### **Target Audience**

Representatives serving SMVF from state, territory, and tribal behavioral health systems, workforce development and training staff, providers, mental health and addiction peers, military family coalitions, and advocates.

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### **Presenter Biographies**

#### **Kacie Kelly, M.H.S. | National Program Manager, VA/DoD Integrated Mental Health; MyVA Taskforce, Strategic Partnership Team; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

Kacie Kelly has worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs for the past 14 years in a variety of capacities across the enterprise, and currently splits her time serving as the National Program Manager for VA/DoD Integrated Mental Health and on the MyVA Taskforce, Strategic Partnership Team. Prior to this position, she served in leadership roles disseminating evidence-based treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and other mental health disorders nationally within VA. She earned her Master of Health Sciences (M.H.S.) at Louisiana State University, and has a Graduate Certificate in Women in Public Policy and Politics from the University of Massachusetts - Boston. Ms. Kelly is also an active volunteer in the New Orleans community where she serves as a Commissioner on the BioDistrict Board of New Orleans, on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross, and as a member of the American Red Cross Tiffany Circle National Council. Ms. Kelly has been in a variety of leadership roles in the Junior League, is a member of Emerging Philanthropists of New Orleans, and an advisor to Homeless Experience Legal Protection (HELP) national program.

#### **Jo Moncher | Bureau Chief, Community-Based Military Programs, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services**

Jo Moncher serves as the Bureau Chief for Community-Based Military Programs at New Hampshire's Department of Health and Human Services. She is responsible for developing military-civilian partnerships that improve education, outreach, and services. Ms. Moncher represents the Department in working with VA Medical Centers, New Hampshire National Guard Vet Centers, as well as other military and civilian provider agencies. She has held numerous leadership positions on New Hampshire's Legislative Suicide Prevention Council, and was responsible for oversight to the state's Deployment Cycle Support Care Coordination Program - a military-civilian partnership that provided care coordination to over 3,000 post 9/11 military families. She also serves as Chair of the Legislative Commission on post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, which served as a catalyst for bringing close to \$3 million in new military-civilian initiatives to New Hampshire in the past year. Under her leadership, the New Hampshire Policy Academy team is spearheading a number of military culture strategies that

foster collaboration and interagency partnerships to increase access to services for SMVF. Ms Moncher served in the United States Air Force, and comes from a family with a strong military background.

**Nicola Winkel, M.P.A. | Program Consultant and Community Liaison for the Arizona Coalition for Military Families**

Nicola Winkel is a Program Consultant and Community Liaison for the Arizona Coalition for Military Families, a nationally-recognized public/private partnership focused on building Arizona capacity to care for and support all service members, veterans, their families and communities.

Nicola has a background in nonprofit program development and implementation and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Ms. Winkel has led the development for approaches asset mapping and military culture training of navigators to support SMVF choice in accessing services. She has briefed at national and international conferences and consults on statewide and national initiatives relating to the military and veteran population. Ms. Winkel is the spouse a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, the Arizona National Guard, and Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

**Michelle Cleary | Senior Project Associate, SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center, Policy Research Associates, Inc.**

Michelle Cleary is a Senior Project Associate with SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center at Policy Research Associates, Inc. In this role, she coordinates the SMVF TA Center's webinars and learning communities, facilitates onsite technical assistance activities, and assists in the development of technical assistance tools and products. She also supports Implementation Academy planning and serves as the SMVF TA Center's liaison for 15 Policy Academy teams. Previously, Ms. Cleary served as Executive Director of the Institute for Professional Development in the Addictions, where she served as the New York Lead for the Northeast Addictions Technology Transfer Center, developing programs designed to support military cultural competency among addictions professionals. Ms. Cleary implemented three veterans' conferences throughout New York State and two online courses. She has over a decade of experience working in state government as well as experience in non-profit management, board governance, and leadership development. Ms. Cleary is completing her M.A. in Adult Learning from the State University of New York at Empire State College.

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