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Subject: WEBINAR: Behavioral Health Workforce Development Priority

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

Webinar

Behavioral Health Workforce Development Priority: Women Service Members and Veterans

Date: July 7, 2015

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The number of female service members and veterans (SMV) has increased dramatically over the past 40 years. The Armed Services includes approximately 15 percent women with over 30,000 women having deployed since September 2001. Along with the physical stress, injuries, and visible wounds of war, many female SMV may also experience increased stress and emotional distress associated with military service. While the large majority of women SMV are resilient, some contributing factors to behavioral health issues include multiple deployments, health needs, traumatic events, life threatening situations, and loss, as well as poor adjustments to returning home. Current research also shows the number of female veterans seeking behavioral health services has doubled since 2000. In addition, suicide, homelessness, unemployment, divorce, domestic abuse, mental illness, and substance use rates have all become serious concerns. A newly released study indicates that female veterans have suicide rates that are six times higher than the suicide rates of women who have not served. It is therefore important that our behavioral health workforce have the knowledge and skills necessary to work with this population and that our behavioral health services are military culture-informed, and recovery and resiliency-oriented.

Objectives

- Explore the risk factors and gender differences of female SMV with behavioral health issues including: PTSD and the psychological effects of war, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, substance use, and suicide
- Discuss strategies to build the capacity of the behavioral health workforce to provide women veterans with care that is sensitive to military culture, trauma, and gender
- Identify gaps in data, programs and services, resources, and strategies to help close the gaps
- Explore opportunities for collaboration and coordination with, and increased access to the VA's women's programs and services

Target Audience

Representatives serving SMVF from state, territory, and tribal behavioral health systems, providers, mental health and addiction peers, military family coalitions, advocates, women veterans organizations, credentialing entities, and licensing boards

Presenters

Master Sergeant (Ret.) Stephanie Weaver, M.P.A., Public Health Advisor, Military Affairs, SAMHSA

Betty Moseley Brown, Ed.D., Associate Director, Center for Women Veterans at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Colonel (Ret.) Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Psychiatry, Georgetown University

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Presenter Biographies

Master Sergeant (Ret.) Stephanie Weaver, M.P.A. | Public Health Advisor, Military Affairs SAMHSA

Ms. Weaver recently retired from the military with over 22 years of service in the New Hampshire National Guard, Active Army, and the California National Guard. She has been involved in substance use disorder reduction since 1999 and, in 2009, she accepted a position with the National Guard Bureau to assist all National Guard Soldiers and Airmen combat and prevent substance use disorder issues. In September of 2010, she was selected as the National Guard Counterdrug Liaison to SAMHSA, and continued in that capacity until her retirement in July 2011.

She is currently a Public Health Advisor focused on Military Affairs at SAMHSA. Stephanie Weaver earned her B.S. in Business Management from University of Phoenix and her M.P.A. at the University of Baltimore.

Betty Moseley Brown, Ed.D. | Associate Director, Center for Women Veterans at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Dr. Moseley Brown is the Associate Director of the Center for Women Veterans at the VA. In this capacity, she advises and assists the Director of the Center for Women Veterans in planning, directing, managing, and coordinating programs and activities of the Center. During her tenure at the VA, she has served in a variety of roles including Veterans Benefits Counselor and the Women Veterans Coordinator. As Associate Director, Dr. Moseley Brown serves as the facilitator for the VA's National Summit on Women Veterans' Issues -- a major training and outreach quadrennial event for women veterans, women veterans advocates, and other federal agencies that provide services to women veterans. She has also been instrumental in promoting national awareness of the contributions made by women who served in the military through multiple department-wide efforts, such as the VA's "Her Story" campaign and the "Faces Behind the War" DVD. Dr. Moseley Brown served in United States Marine Corps from 1978 – 1992. She received her Doctorate of Education from the University of Sarasota and is a Leadership VA (LVA) alumnus and graduate of the Federal Executive Institute.

Colonel (Ret.) Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, M.D., M.P.H. | Professor of Psychiatry, Georgetown University

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Dr. Ritchie retired from the Army in 2010, after holding numerous leadership positions within Army Medicine, including Psychiatry Consultant. She trained at Harvard, George Washington, Walter Reed, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and has completed fellowships in forensic and preventive and disaster psychiatry. She is a Professor of Psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and at Georgetown University. An internationally recognized expert, she brings a unique public health approach to the management of disaster and combat mental health issues. Her assignments and other missions have taken her to Korea, Somalia, Iraq, and Cuba. She has over 200 publications, mainly in the areas of forensic, disaster, suicide, ethics, military combat and operational psychiatry, and women's health issues. Major publications include the Military Medicine Textbook on "Combat and Operational Behavioral Health," "The Mental Health Response to the 9/11 Attack on the Pentagon," "Mental Health Interventions for Mass Violence and Disaster," "Humanitarian Assistance and Health Diplomacy: Military-Civilian Partnership in the 2004 Tsunami Aftermath," and the series in 2013 "The Use of Complementary and Alternative Medicines for the Treatment of PTSD." She is currently the senior editor on the forthcoming: "Forensic and Ethical Issues in Military Mental Health" and "Women at War."

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