



**Substance Use Disorders Virtual Implementation  
Academy hosted by the Substance Abuse and  
Mental Health Services Administration  
September 24, 2015**

# Purpose

- To discuss the prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery of individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs) through virtual meetings with other states and on-site meetings of the team
- To form a consensus on activities that integrate evidence-based practices (EBPs) April 23 at 10 or April 28 at 2
- To shift from an acute care model to recovery and resiliency, with an emphasis on trauma and co-occurring mental health conditions (e.g., depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder)

# Membership

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# History

- Kickoff Call: March 18
- First team Meeting: March 23
- Team meeting: May 20-21
- Virtual Implementation Academy: June 4
- Virtual Implementation Academy: June 11
- Virtual Implementation Academy: June 18
- Team meeting: September 10

## Two Priorities

- Coordination of Care and Interagency Collaboration
- Increasing Support-Seeking Behavior and Outreach and Engagement

# Implementation Plan

- Empower, educate and create awareness among SMVF and community stakeholders in order for them to seek the SUD support they need and deserve.
- Efficiently utilize capacity to provide care across all systems.

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- Develop myth buster tools.
- Improve Veteran peer support training.
- Offer Mental Health First Aid Training at the platoon level.
- Educate SMVFs about existing community services and resources at outreach and Yellow Ribbon events.
- Utilize Call Center that refers to services and resources at any/all agencies.

Efficiently utilize capacity to provide care across all systems.

- Develop GIS map of updated facility capacity.
- Establish regular (virtual) meeting among care coordinators in each agency to discuss capacity and changes in services and resources.
- Update NC4VETS Resource Guide on an annual basis.