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To NACHC's Veterans Interest Group –

Thank you for your continued interest in and dedication to serving Veterans in your communities. NACHC's Veterans Interest Group is an informal networking and information group intended to share promising practices, policy updates and operational information regarding increased access to care and services for the Veteran populations served in community health centers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – our next Veterans Interest Group (VIG) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 1:30-3pm CT in Room Columbus A-D at NACHC's Community Health Institute (CHI) conference at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. We'll have representatives from the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the VA Third Party Administrator (TPA) for Community Care as well as spotlighting several Health Centers who have established programs with a Veterans focus. Please share info about this session to your colleagues and others who you know will be at CHI. Let's fill the room!

In addition, NACHC is pleased to provide you with the following Veterans-related updates:

1. **NACHC's June 5 webinar "Veterans Community Care Network (CCN)" is available** as an Archive, Presentation and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document. We had over 200 participants tune in!! Webinar materials: <http://www.nachc.org/health-center-issues/special-populations/veterans/>
2. **Continental US + Hawaii now has Third Party Administrator (TPA) announced for VA Community Care Network Program.** VA awarded its Community Care Network Contract TPA in Region 4 just this month. See VA Press Release August 8, <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5291> VA Regions 1, 2, 3 were awarded to Optum over the last 9 months. Regions 5 (Alaska) and 6 (Pacific Islands) expected by end of the calendar year. ***See MAP of the VA Community Care Network Regions, which are not the same as the HHS Regions at <https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/docs/programs/CCN-Regions-Map.pdf>***
3. **Toolkit: VA Medical-Legal Partnership Readiness Guide available.** Check out this practical guide to help assess if your health center needs and/or is ready to pursue a medical-legal partnership in service to Veterans. <https://medical-legalpartnership.org/mlp-resources/va-mlp-readiness-guide/>

4. **“Success Stories: Health Centers & Military Veterans” just posted by NACHC!** Check out this fantastic compilation of the stories of 10 health centers from around the country who have creative programs and projects in place to serve the Veterans of their local communities. This may spur some ideas of local partnering with your VAMCs or CBOCs. Two of the spotlighted Centers are presenters at our CHI VIG session on August 20 at 1:30pm. Come visit with Brockton Neighborhood Health Center (MA) and Northwest Michigan Health Services (MI). The compilation is **attached here as a pdf document** suitable for printing or sharing with colleagues or check it out with our Veterans resources on the Health Center Resource Clearinghouse at: <https://www.healthcenterinfo.org/results/?Combined=Veterans>

If you have any questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach to the group and/or NACHC's staff leads for Veterans issues: Dick Bohrer or Gina Capra at trainings@nachc.org or call 301-347-0400. Thanks for all you do each and every day!!!!

Sincerely, Gina Capra

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