## **CPIC Evidence-Based Policy Evaluation Center**



# Conducting rigorous program and policy evaluations responsive and scaled to the needs of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The Charleston, Providence, and Iowa City (CPIC) Evidence-Based Policy Evaluation Center conducts operational evaluations to improve the health and well-being of Veterans. This multi-center collaboration leverages a wide range of methodological and content expertise, and regional and operations partnerships, to provide knowledge to meet the mandates set forth in the Evidence Act and other Congressional legislation in support of VA's mission.



## **CPIC** Organization

- 1. **Operations Core** is responsible for overall CPIC leadership, communications, and global project management and is led by Dr. Neal Axon.
- 2. **Methods Core** is responsible for the design and execution of CPIC's projects and evaluations and is led by Dr. James Rudolph.
- 3. **Knowledge Translation Core**: is responsible for all dissemination activities, including tailoring materials to specific audiences and formats and is led by Dr. Michelle Mengeling.





## **CPIC** Priority Areas

VA cares for over 6 million Veterans, more than half of whom are over age 65, and a third of whom live in rural areas with limited access to healthcare. The MISSION Act and other recent Congressional legislation have raised important questions for VA capacity assessment and evaluation plans relevant to aging and long-term care, access to care especially for rural Veterans, assessing the quality and costs of community care, and optimal allocation of scarce resources.

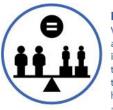
### CPIC's top priority is aiding VA leaders in implementing these evolving policy recommendations.



Rural Health Rural Veterans face multiple challenges to accessing high-quality healthcare. There is roughly one primary care physician for every 2,500 rural patients



Aging VA cares for over 3 million Veterans over age 65 years. VA provides education, resources, support, and services for older Veterans and their caregivers



**Health Equity** 

VHA's vision is to provide appropriate individualized health care to each Veteran in a way that eliminates disparate health outcomes and assures health equity



Primary Care Primary Care provides long-term, patientprovider relationships, coordinates care across health services, educates, and offers disease prevention programs



#### Telehealth

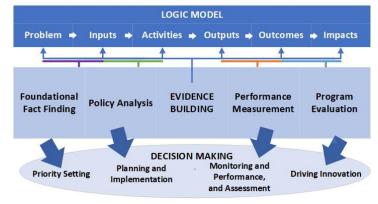
VA is the nation's largest provider of telehealth and continues to expand telehealth options and develop innovative new technologies and groundbreaking digital health research



#### **Community Care**

VA provides care to Veterans through community providers when VA cannot provide the care needed

OMB's Model: Using Evidence to Improve Agency Processes



### Multi- and Mixed-Methods Analyses

**CPIC Evaluation Strategies** 

- Survey Analyses
- Cluster Randomized
  (pragmatic) Trials
- Economic Analyses
- Policy Research
- Geospatial Modeling

## Veteran Engagement

CPIC will collaborate with Veterans in designing projects, conducting evaluations, and identifying effective and optimal communication strategies.

For more information, check out: https://www.queri.reserach.va.gov/ If you would like to learn more or partner with us, please contact Casey Buchanan, PhD, CPIC Program Coordinator at casey.buchanan1@va.gov

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