The Bridge QUERI Program improves health outcomes by expanding access to prevention, treatment, and support services for Veterans. In partnership with 4 VA Program Offices and 6 VISNs, Bridge aims to implement 3 effective practices to support 150+ VA employees in the delivery of high-quality services to 1,300+ Veterans.

Effective practices addressing multiple high-priority conditions

**Homeless Overdose Prevention Expansion (HOPE)** implements opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution (OEND) to reduce opioid-related overdoses and deaths among homeless, unstably housed Veterans.

**Maintaining Independence and Sobriety through Systems Integration, Outreach and Networking-Criminal Justice (MISSION-CJ)** engages Veteran Treatment Court participants with case managers and peer specialist teams to reduce criminal recidivism.

**Post-Incarceration Engagement (PIE)** enhances VA’s Health Care for Re-entry Veteran program by linking Veterans to VA and community health care and providing social support from peers.

Multi-level partnerships

- Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Homeless Programs Office
- Office of Health Equity
- Pharmacy Benefits Management
- VISNs 1, 4, 16, 17, 19, 21
Cross-cutting cores

Three cross-cutting cores accelerate the spread of effective practices across VA.

- The **Implementation Core** guides the methods and measurements used to evaluate success and includes Qualitative and Quantitative Cores.
- The **Mentoring Core** provides experiential training for early career implementation scientists to address challenges related to social determinants of health among Veterans.
- The **Rapid Response Team (RRT)** meets critical emerging needs from VA operations partners. In early 2021, the RRT conducted an evaluation to inform the national COVID-19 vaccine rollout.

Anticipated impacts

Over the next 5 years, Bridge plans to

- Implement 3 effective practices in **18 VA sites** across **10 states**, touching **6 VISNs**
- Train **150+ VA employees** in delivering effective practices to **1,300 Veterans**
- Develop implementation playbooks for further **scale-up, spread, and sustainment** of effective practices
- Disseminate methods, results, and implementation lessons nationally through webinars, social media, and published articles

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