

### Welcome to the VIP Initiative

# September 2020

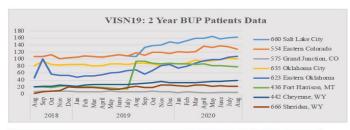
# An IDEAS –VISN 19 Service and Research Collaborative

## VIP CLINIC PRODUCTIVITY:

Current Care Capacity (January 2020 CDW data pull):

- 1500+ unique Vulnerable Veterans encountered
- 1,147 unique Vulnerable Veterans empaneled to VIP clinics
- Patient average 5 visits annually (some almost weekly)
- 24 consults/month and increasing
- We have just shifted to just take over all primary care of these patients through these consults
- Appreciated by providers and patients

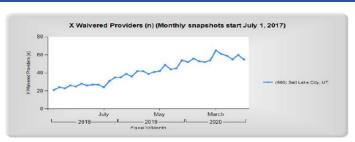
## VIP CLINIC PRODUCTIVITY: IMPROVING MEDICATION



Metric		PDSI Quarterly Metric Data†		
		Quarterly Trends	2020 Qtr3 Score (%)	National Score (%)
Phase 3 SUD Measures		~		
SUD16 Opioid Use Disorder: Medication Assisted Therapy	1		41.9	42.3







- As much prescribing of buprenorphine is occurring in VIP/primary care environments as in Addiction Specialty care services at SLCVAHCS
- Expanding faster than any other facility in the VISN
- More patients on buprenorphine than other facility in the VISN



### PATIENT PERCEPTIONS OF VIP

"They listen to what I got going on and they've been willing to work with me, made any changes they possibly could to make me feel better. I couldn't ask for more I'll tell you that."

> "It's great, because they work with me. I've even had two slips or two relapses, and they still work with me. They never threatened to take my medication away, they never judge me, so it's been a good experience."

"Well, I can tell you this. They are more in-depth at this clinic. They don't just try to treat the opioid addiction, but they try to cover everything that's going on with me. Yes, they treat me for opioid addiction, yes, but they also are concerned about my mental health. They are concerned about all my physical ailments.

"I'd come from a treatment program where it was totally disorganized. By coming up here, it seems so much easier and I'm able to talk to all the people on all sides of my problem and it seems to be working good. A lot of communication."

"I mean, they just treat you nice. I don't feel like an addict while I'm talking to them. I feel great, you know like they're people who know me friends who care, you know what I mean? They care about my health"

### **PUBLICATION**

Using machine learning to predict risk of incident opioid use disorder among fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries: A prognostic study Wei-Hsuan Lo-Ciganic, James L Huang, Hao H Zhang, Jeremy C Weiss, C Kent Kwoh, Julie M Donohue, Adam J Gordon, Gerald Cochran, Daniel C Malone, Courtney C Kuza, Walid F Gellad. PMID: 32678860 PMCID: PMC7367453 DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0235981

### **SEPTEMBER 2020 VIP CHAT**

Please announce to your networks our 30 minute, virtual VIP chat on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 as the Pain Management APRN Kimberlee Bayless will be discussing "Case studies of transitional pain service/VIP patients that transitioned from full agonist to buprenorphine" If you have a question you would like addressed, please submit it to Nodira.Codell@va.gov.

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