



Governor's
Behavioral Health
Services Planning Council

Service Members, Veterans
and their Families (SMVF)
Subcommittee Annual Report
FY22

SMVF Subcommittee Leaders

- Shereen Ellis, Chair
Aetna Better Health Of Kansas
Parent to a Kansas Army National Guard Veteran and former Legion Commander
- Kathy Shepard, Co Chair
Four County Mental Health
- Laura Brake, Liaison
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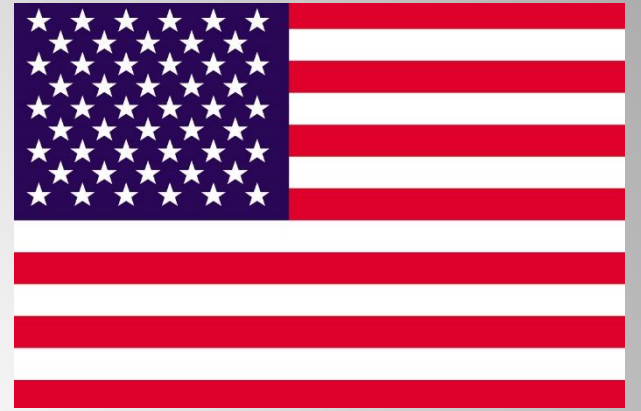
Overview

Mission:

To ensure that servicemembers, veterans and their families are involved in improving access to behavioral health services which are relevant to military culture in collaboration with key provider organizations and other stakeholders.

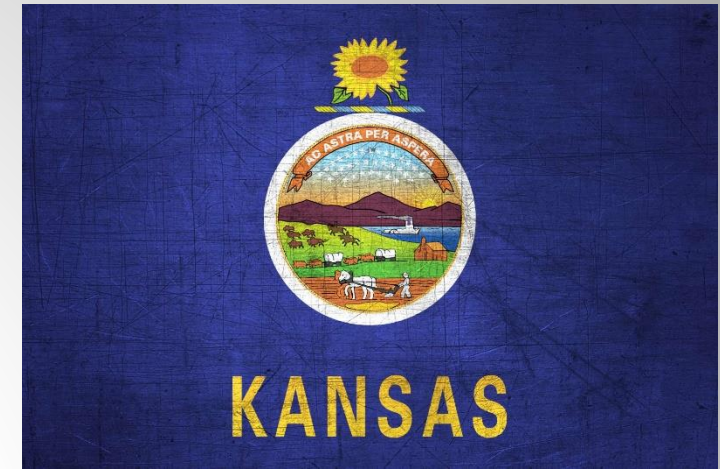
Vision:

There is an expanded and identifiable network of service providers and community supports to adequately meet the behavioral health care needs of veterans, service members, and their families which includes training provider staff about key elements of military culture and organization as well as ongoing engagement of veterans, service members and family members in eliminating barriers to treatment and in creating flexible treatment and recovery options.



FY22 Year in Review

- SMVF subcommittee has identified and completed 2 VSO Veterans Suicide Prevention Training in Southeast Kansas and in Rural Western Kansas
- SMVF has continued to increase information and resources on Live Connect Website and Face Book page
- Increase SMVS subcommittee membership to include representation from additional VSOs and State liaison to veteran organizations and trainings
- Governor's PSA is still on hold



FY23 Goals

- Reduce SMVF population lethal means suicide
- Increase SMVF youth voice
- Continue to identify all upcoming events, summits, conferences and trainings being offered and placing on the Live Connected Website and Face Book page
- Full review of Live Connected Website for needed changes and update resource
- Continue to offer suicide prevention training to VSO, VFW and Legion members across the state
- Increase Knowledge and Partnership with all other State Subcommittees and reduce duplicated work



Resource Requests for Action

- Funding request of \$40,000 to fund lethal means suicide reduction campaign.
- Funding request of \$5,000 to continue training members of a VSO or VFW across Kansas in Mental Health 1st Aid or QPR.

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Questions ??



THANK YOU !!