

Community Interventions to Prevent Veteran Suicide: The Role of Social Determinants - A Workshop

Committee

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Chair

Timothy J. Strauman, Ph.D., is a professor and former chair of the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at Duke University and also professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences in the Duke University School of Medicine. His research interests focus on the psychological and neurobiological processes of self-regulation, conceptualized in terms of a cognitive/motivational perspective, as well as on the relation between self-regulation and affect and how such processes might contribute to psychopathology. His lab's clinically focused research includes the development and validation of a new self-regulation - based therapy for depression, self-system therapy, and the use of neuroimaging techniques to examine the mechanisms of action of treatments for depression. He is a former president of the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science, a fellow of the Association for Psychological Science, a current member of the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences, and a founding fellow of the Academy of Cognitive Therapy. He has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from New York University.

Lisa A. Brenner

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Lisa A. Brenner, Ph.D., is a Board-Certified Rehabilitation Psychologist, a Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R), Psychiatry, and Neurology at the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus, and the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC). She is also Vice Chair of Research for the Department of PM&R. Dr. Brenner is the Past President of Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology) of the American Psychological Association (APA) and an APA Fellow. She serves as an Associate Editor of the Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation. Her primary area of research interest is traumatic brain injury, co-morbid psychiatric disorders, and negative psychiatric outcomes including suicide. Dr. Brenner has numerous peer-reviewed publications, participates on national advisory boards, and has recently co-authored a book titled: Suicide Prevention After Neurodisability: An Evidence-Informed Approach.

Debra E. Houry

Member

Debra Houry, MD, MPH, is the Acting Principal Deputy Director of CDC. Since 2014, Dr. Houry served as director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) at CDC. In this role, she led innovative research and science-based programs to prevent injuries and violence and to reduce their consequences. While at NCIPC, she oversaw the development of comprehensive suicide prevention program at CDC. Dr. Houry previously served as vice chair and associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine and as associate professor at the Rollins School of Public Health. Dr. Houry has participated on numerous public health boards and committees. She has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, and has received numerous awards throughout her career including the APHA Jay Drotman award. Dr. Houry received her MD and MPH degrees from Tulane University and completed her residency training in emergency medicine at Denver Health Medical Center.

Evelyn L. Lewis

Member

Evelyn L. Lewis, MD, MA, FAAFP, DABDA, retired from the Navy after 25 years of service and currently serves as President and Chairman Veterans Health and Wellness Foundation. She is nationally recognized for her expertise in the areas of Veteran health and healthcare issues; cultural competency; health and healthcare disparities and was recently selected to serve as a Senior Scientist/Investigator for the American Academy Family Physicians' National Research Network. Dr. Lewis earned her medical degree from the University of the Health Sciences, the Chicago Medical School and completed a residency in family medicine at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL.

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Rajeev Ramchand, Ph.D., is codirector of the RAND Epstein Family Veterans Policy Research Institute and a senior behavioral scientist at the RAND Corporation. He studies the prevalence, prevention, and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders in adolescents, service members and veterans, and minority populations. He has conducted many studies on suicide and suicide prevention including environmental scans of suicide prevention programs, epidemiologic studies on risk factors for suicide, qualitative research with suicide loss survivors, and evaluations of suicide prevention programs. He has also developed freely available tools to help organizations to evaluate their own suicide prevention programs. He has testified on suicide prevention before the United States Senate, House of Representatives, and California State Senate. Other current areas of research include military and veteran caregivers; the role of firearm availability, storage, and policies on suicide; the impact of disasters on community health; and using public health approaches to study and prevent hate and violent extremism.

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