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*FROM MILITARY SERVICES TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:
LEVERAGING RESOURCES FOR SERVICE MEMBERS,
VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES*

PA CARES TRAINING SUMMIT

2022



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EVENT DETAILS // LOCATION: VIRTUAL/ONLINE TIME: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. COST: FREE

THIS EVENT WAS PLANNED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PA CARES MILITARY TASK FORCE



THIS HALF-DAY TRAINING EVENT

will focus on considerations that are needed to promote wellness within the lives of service members, veterans, and their families. Selected topics include: military culture, veteran wellness, veteran program funding and benefits, Guard/Reservist support programs, resources available for the SM/Veteran population reviewed through an interactive panel dialogue, and federal, state, county and community programs. The audience will have opportunities to engage presenters throughout the session.



OBJECTIVES

This training will enable participants to:

1. Distinguish and identify military culture nuances that will promote a better rapport when providing services to the SM/Veteran population.
2. Recognize various challenges faced by active, reserve and guard service members when seeking benefits and resources across Pennsylvania.
3. Discuss mental health/behavioral health challenges, programs and resources offered by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, PA Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs, as well as other state and local agencies, and the advocacy efforts to promote wellness and coordination of services.
4. Describe PA VET Connect resource program, the Veteran Trust Fund, grant application process, and examples of recipients/resources provided.
5. Describe PA National Guard psychological programs, resources and procedures, to support Guard, and Reservists throughout their careers.
6. List and identify county, state, and federal programs and resources available to Pennsylvania's SM/Veteran population and their families.



TARGETED AUDIENCE

(Limited to first 300 Registrants)

The 8th annual PA CARES Training Summit is sponsored by, and supported through, the subcontract between PA DOH and PA DHS and OMHSAS funds. Building on content from previous Training Summits, this program will expand the knowledge base and skills of behavioral health providers who deliver services to active military members, veterans, and their families. Keynote presentation and workshop topics to be determined. Targeted audience includes, but is not limited to: community mental health and substance abuse agencies, social workers, professional counselors, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, clergy/pastoral or spiritual practitioners, and the staff of PA Veteran Centers.



FACULTY

The faculty/presenters for this event are selected based on their education, skills, experience, and relevance to the topic. Relationships and interactions with military organizations, veterans' services, and community service providers is an integral facet considered in the selection of the presenters.



PROGRAM AGENDA

8-8:15 a.m.

Introductions/Opening Remarks

Presenters:

- **Donna Hess**, PA Department of Human Services, OMHSAS
- **Randall Wright**, Director, U.S. Department of Labor, Veteran Employment & Training Services

8:15-10 a.m.

Generational Panel: Interactive Discussion with Participants

Facilitator: Dave Cummiskey, MSgt U.S. Marines (Ret.)

Panel Members:

- **Kathleen Silvia**, U.S. Army (Ret.)
- **Dennis M. Ero**, MSgt U.S. Air Force (Ret.)
- **William “Bill” Reed**, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
- **Franklin Wood**, MSW, USMC Retired
- **Danny Osten**, U.S. Navy
- **Joann Tresco**, Sgt. Maj. U.S. Army (Ret.)

SESSION DETAILS: The panel is made up of multi-generational veterans from the different US military branches that have served during the Cold War (1947-91), through 2018 conflicts including but not limited to Iran/Syria/Afghanistan. The panel will respond to established questions and pertinent issues presented by the audience on topics related to their service and transition. In addition, the audience is encouraged to interact with the panel members to gain understanding, knowledge, and be afforded the opportunity to share resources related to services provided service members, transitioning service members and veterans.

10:10 a.m.-Noon

(Session follows 10-minute break from 10-10:10 a.m.)

PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Benefits and Program Review

Presenters:

- **Nicholas “Chip” Gilliland**, CSM U.S. Army (Ret.), Chief Division of Reintegration & Outreach DMVA
- **Erica Moore**, Regional Program Outreach Coordinator

SESSION DETAILS: The presentation will review DMVA’s new regional program PA VET Connect, the Pennsylvania Veterans Trust Fund, application process and examples of how these programs support for SM/Veterans. This presentation will also review other resources offered by PA DMVA, other state and local agencies, federal benefits, and eligibility requirements. Advocacy and common barriers to services will also be addressed. As time permits examples of SM/Veteran and or family member will be experiencing “needs” and participants will learn of Pennsylvania resources, programs, and support systems available to help this population through current needs, reintegration, and beyond. Participants will gain a better understanding of what resources are available for whom, why and how they can access these resources

Noon-12:15 p.m.

Community Partnering and Collaborative Supports

Presenter:

- **Mark Cola**, MA, Neurorestorative

SESSION DETAILS: Closing Remarks, Summary, Wrap-up and Adjournment

Funding for this training was made possible (in part) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and/or Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and the PA Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS). The views expressed in written conference materials or publications and by speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of the Department of Health and Human Services, nor does the mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.



CONTINUED EDUCATION CREDITS

Attendance and completion certificates will be awarded in the amount of 4.0 hours

Requests have been submitted for the following credits:

- **Nursing Hours:**

This training has been submitted for approval of continuing education for registered nurses in Pennsylvania under Act 58 of 2006 and 49 PA Code, Chapter 21 § 21.134, by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Upon final approval, RN continuing education credits will be awarded for completion of this course in the amount of 4.0 hours

- **Social Workers/**

- **Counselors CEUs:**

NASW-PA Chapter is a co-sponsor of this workshop. Four CEs will be awarded for completion of this course. NASW has been designated as a pre-approved provider of professional continuing education for social workers (Section 47.36), Marriage and Family Therapist (Section 48.36) and Professional Counselors (Section 49.36) by the PA State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists and Professional Counselors.



ONLINE REGISTRATION

- **No registrations accepted after May 19, 2022.**
- **No registrations accepted by phone.**

PLEASE NOTE: Pre-registration with administrative approval is required.

Registrations are limited to the first 300 applicants. Please read and follow instructions carefully. If you have difficulty using the online registration, please call 717-510-8563 for assistance.



COURSE REGISTRATION

How to register for PA-EBH courses once you have a TRAIN PA account:

1. Open a web browser (such as Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Chrome).
2. Go to www.train.org/pa. You will now be on the TRAIN PA homepage.
3. Log in to TRAIN PA by entering your log in name and password and click the "Login" button.

Find Course and Register

1. Enter the keyword "PA-EBH" in the Keyword or Course ID field located in the upper right-hand portion of the screen.
2. Click the search icon button. You will be taken to the course search results page.
3. Click on the name of a course — "PA-EBH: FY21/22 2022 PA CARES Training Summit (4.0 Hours) — Virtual"
4. From the Course Details page, select the registration tab and follow the instructions to register for this course.

PLEASE NOTE: You must check the box to "OPT IN" to receive email, and then verify your email address through the automatically generated message when registering in TRAINPA in order to receive ZOOM Link, training materials, and any potential changes or information related to the May 24 PA CARES program.

CANCELING REGISTRATION

If you are unable to attend after you register, please cancel your registration to promote others attending via registration. **Persons must be registered to attend.**