****Department of Veterans Affairs, Employee Education System****

and

# Geriatrics and Extended Care Policy

Present

## **Community Hospices- Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Vietnam Veterans**

**Program Start:** August 29, 2019 **Program End:**  August 29, 2022

# Place

VHA TRAIN at your desk

# Purpose Statement

# Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) affects many Veterans of the Vietnam War, and can complicate their quality of life and relationships with families and healthcare teams. This live knowledge-based presentation will define PTSD, it’s causes and symptoms, and how this may manifest at the end of life. A number of treatment options for PTSD specific to those under hospice are will be presented. The similarities and differences between PTSD and other conditions will be discussed.

# Target Audience

The primary target audience consists of social workers, physicians, nurses, and psychologists. The secondary target audience consists of members of Interdisciplinary teams working with social workers.

# Outcome/Objectives

At the conclusion of this educational program, learners will be able to:

1. identify signs of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD);
2. explain how trauma may impact Veterans at end of life;
3. discuss treatment options for PTSD specific to end of life;
4. identify the similarities and differences between PTSD and other conditions; and
5. discuss how to best care for Vietnam Veterans with PTSD at the end of life.

**Registration/Participation in the Activity Procedure**

1. Length of course: 1 hour
2. Review TRAIN Program Brochure
3. Attend and participate in 100% of program activity
4. Complete Program Evaluation **no later than** 8/29/2022.

# Instructions to Complete Activity

Be sure to pre-register in VHA TRAIN prior to the program start date and time.

1. The meeting link and dial information are provided in your VHA TRAIN account dashboard upon completion of your VHA TRAIN registration.
2. Participants will need to follow the instructions provided to enter the webcast/webinar.
3. Participants must complete all of the program requirements from their VHA TRAIN account dashboard.

# Statement of Participation

A certificate of completion will be awarded to participants and accreditation records will be on file at the Employee Education System. In order to receive a certificate of completion from EES, you must register in the VHA TRAIN, attend 100% of the program and complete the evaluation as directed in VHA TRAIN, and then: go into your TRAIN account Dashboard, and select “My Certificates” tab to print the accredited certificate.

# Accreditation/Approval

The accreditation organizations for this course are listed below.

***Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education (JA IPCE)***

In support of improving patient care, VHA Employee Education System is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

***Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)***

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|  | The VA Employee Education System is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. |

***American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)***

VHA Employee Education System is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

***Note:*** *ANCC continuing nursing education contact hours are not accepted by the California Board of Registered Nursing (CA BRN) toward license renewal for CA-licensed registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice nurses (APNs), unless the CA-licensed nurse-participants are physically outside of the state of CA when they start and complete activities sponsored by an ANCC accredited provider of continuing education for nurses.*

**Designation of Continuing Education**

***Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education (JA IPCE)***

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will

receive 1 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change. (JA IPCE might not be recognized by all state boards. Please also print your accredited certificate for your professional practice for re-licensure purpose.)

***Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)***

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|  | The VA Employee Education System designates this enduring material for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)* ™. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. |

***ACCME non-physician certificate option (ACCME-NP)***

This course provides *Category 1 AMA Physicians Recognition Award*™ CME credit (ACCME) for physicians. **ACCME – NP (or ACCME-Non-Physician)** may be used to provide attendees other than MDs, DOs a certificate that documents their attendance, and indicates that the accredited provider offered *Category 1 AMA Physicians Recognition Award*™ CME credit for the course or activity. ACCME – Non-Physician refers to healthcare professionals other than physicians.

***American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)***

VHA Employee Education System designates this educational activity for 1 contact hours in continuing nursing education.

**Note:** ANCC continuing nursing education contact hours are not accepted by the California Board of Registered Nursing (CA BRN) toward license renewal for CA-licensed registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice nurses (APNs), unless the CA-licensed nurse-participants are physically outside of the state of CA when they start and complete activities sponsored by an ANCC accredited provider of continuing education for nurses.

***American Psychological Association (APA)***

****** The Veterans Health Administration, Employee Education System is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Employee Education System maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

This activity is approved for 1 hour(s) of continuing education credit.

***Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)***

 As a Jointly Accredited Organization, VHA Employee Education System is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. VHA Employee Education System maintains responsibility for this course. Social workers completing this course receive 1 Clinical continuing education clock hours.

***New York State Education Department (NYSED) Social Work Board***

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Employee Education System SW CPE is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0065.

Social workers will receive 1 continuing education clock hour for participating in this course.

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# Report of Training

It is the program participant’s responsibility to ensure that this training is documented in the appropriate location according to his/her locally prescribed process.

**Program Schedule**

| **Time** | **Topic/Title** | **Faculty** | **Exam** |
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| 60 minutes | * PTSD Causes and Symptons * Treatment options for PTSD * How to care for Vietnam Veterans with PTSD at the end of life | Kirsten Sorocco  Zachery Sager | Yes |

**Faculty and Planning Committee Listing**

\* Denote planning committee member

+ Denotes faculty

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**Deadline Date**

This program will no longer be authorized for continuing education credit after: 8/29/2022.

**Cancellation Policy**

Those individuals who have been accepted to attend and need to cancel: log into your TRAIN account, select “My Learning” tab, select the registered title and withdraw from the program.

# Disclosure Statement

The VA Employee Education System (EES) must ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all of its individually sponsored or jointly EES sponsored educational activities. All prospective faculty and planning committee members participating in an EES activity must disclose any relevant financial interest or other relationship with: (a) the manufacturer(s) of any commercial product(s) and / or provider(s) of commercial services discussed in an educational presentation, and (b) any commercial supporters of the activity. Relevant financial interest or other relationship includes, but is not limited to, such things as personal receipt of grants or research support, employee or consultant status, stockholder, member of speakers’ bureau, within the prior 12 months. EES is responsible for collecting such information from prospective planners and faculty, evaluating the disclosed information to determine if a conflict of interest is present and, if a conflict of interest is present, to resolve such conflict. Information regarding such disclosures and the resolution of the conflicts for planners and faculty shall be provided to activity participants. When an unlabeled use of a commercial product or an investigational use not yet approved by the FDA for any purpose is discussed during an educational activity, EES shall require the speaker to disclose that the product is not labeled for the use under discussion or that the product is still investigational.

The faculty and planning committee members reported that they had no relevant financial relationships with commercial entities in any amount that occurred within the past 12 months that create a conflict of interest.

This activity includes no discussion of uses of FDA regulated drugs or medical devices which are experimental or off-label.

\* The ACCME defines “relevant financial relationships” as financial relationships in any amount occurring within the past 12 months that creates a conflict of interest.