

VSACT 19 April 2017 Meeting

1. Brief Welcome
 - a. Dr. Elisa Borah
 - i. University of Texas School of Social Work
 - ii. Founders believed that while MVPN was working on family resiliency to some capacity, they felt there were some gaps for the families and (particularly) the spouses
 1. The funders mission to ensure that “patients” are involved within the research process
 - a. In this case, more so the spouses act as stakeholders
 2. Has a large Facebook following
 - a. Ensures to design the needs around the spouses’ needs.
 - iii. Spouse Top 3 Needs
 1. Their own employment needs
 2. Higher education
 3. Mental Health (not just for the family, but expands throughout the entire family)
 - iv. Veteran Spouse Network is essentially a launching pad for quite a few initiatives
 1. Texvet.org/vsn
 - a. Lists quite a bit more regarding the initiatives
 2. Can also simply google “veteran spouse network”
 3. Events:
 - a. Will be sending out emails to the list serve
 - b. Sponsor events with other partners (VSACT could be included within this)
 - c. Can do that with family and spouse-focused events. Has the capacity for:
 - i. Event planners
 - ii. Marketing individuals
 - d. June 23rd, 2017: Engagement within the Research Community.
9AM – 3PM at the University of Texas School of Social Work
 - i. Highlighting researchers to come and talk about every aspect of the Veteran Family
 1. Speaker from Texas State University
 2. Trying to obtain speaker from the Military Veteran Peer Network
 3. Etc. Looking at a wide array of facets to help this category of individuals
 - e. Chris Kyle FROG Foundation; assisting in launching a new program → a re-entry retreat

