

VSACT Meeting Notes 6/16/21 Theme: Women's Issues

- Kimberly Kinerd-Waco VA Women's Health, (254) 297-3515, Kimberly.kinard@va.gov
 - Prenatal Care-Emergencies go to the local ER. The patient must report the visit to the program within 72 hrs. The VA does not deliver babies.
 - The program does not cover home birth or abortions.
 - Provides Education
 - Mammograms-self-directed. The patient can schedule on their own without a referral.
 - Gynecological services
 - Social workers/Counselors available
 - Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
 - They do not have to be service connected or eligible for VA services
 - There are MST Coordinators available.
 - Mental Health
 - Inpatient/Outpatient services available.
 - Rise program.
 - Interpersonal Violence Coordinator
 - Rhoda Hacker- Rhoda.Hacker@va.gov
- Lori Spencer- Lori.Spencer@va.gov -Killeen Heights Vet Center
 - Mobile Vet Centers
 - Serve rural areas
 - Emergency response service
 - Vet Call
 - 1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387)
 - Bereavement Counseling
 - Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act
 - Now includes the Coast Guard and National Guard/Reserves
 - Multiple types of groups
 - No referral needed. Walk-ins are welcome. \
- Anna Ruhlman-Ft Hood Habitat family@fhahfh.org 254-392-2345
 - \$150,000 for Vet Repairs
 - Available July 1st-Critical Repairs Grant
 - Conducting a raffle for a Bronco.
- Luis Vallejo- luis@simpleseiorbenefits.org 512-451-5129- Independent Medicare Advisor
- Talia McKinnis- Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist for the Texas National Guard
 - Helps refer Soldiers and family members with everyday issues
- Michelle Aguago
 - CTEX Mental Health meeting next Tuesday. Register via Eventbrite
- April Sullivan-ART Spark april@artsparktx.org 512-454-9912 ext 103
- FIC
 - Housing programs and services for Veterans that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
 - SSVF grant for income not over 50%

- Texas Veteran Commission grant for income not over 80% (includes services for widows)
 - Have the vet call 254-634-1184 and ask to be screened for veteran housing. Can also call 254-245-8269
- Bill Barker-Bring everyone into the zone
- Margaret Watson
 - 6/30 Virtual Job Fair from 10:00-2:00 p.m.
- Holly Doggett -Director of Business Development-Cedar Crest Hospital
 - Holly.Doggett@CedarCrestHospital.com
 - Admissions: 254-939-2100 Ext 700 (Available 24/7)
 - Also serves Veteran Spouses.
- Anita Swanson-Assistive Technology
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