

## VSACT 19 April 2023 Meeting

### Presenters:

#### **Maria Gonzales – TVC TWC Rural Employment Counselor**

##### Employment Services:

- Background of Army Veteran and spouse of an active duty
- Advocate for Veterans – 8 different programs at TVC.
  - VA disability Claims Department
  - Education Department
  - Employment Services Department
  - Entrepreneur Program
- TWC funding
- Veteran Career Advisors (VCA)
  - Individualized career services
  - Job coaching/workshops
  - Veteran outreach and community organizations outreach
  - Transition assistance program
  - Translate military experience into civilian speak
- Veteran Employer Liaison
  - Outreach to employers and business
  - Encourage the hiring of disabled veterans
  - Career fair
  - Job matching/referrals
- Consolidated Position – Rural Veteran Career Advisor
  - Serves a dual role of providing individualized services and working with employers
  - If the Veteran wants to go somewhere else they will connect with the career liaisons in other areas in order to fully serve
- Family Career Advisor
  - Serves the spouses and children
- Questions:
  - What is the best way to refer a veteran?
    - Email directly or go on the website TVC
    - Email w/ their information would be preferred.
  - Please add email and link in the chat:
    - [maria.delaluzgonzalez@tvc.texas.com](mailto:maria.delaluzgonzalez@tvc.texas.com)
  - What about Transitioning?
    - Any veteran, transitioning or
    - Have to have completed a 180 days post

#### **Dr. LaFonya Jones-Hines**

- Served those with ongoing challenges of addiction in our communities and more specifically to address the supportive stance needed to take care of families of addicts and how to get that messaging out & how to collectively respond in an effective manner.

- Questions:
  - Are there free resources available to the family?
  - No, not very many, a lot of the sliding scale programs and free programs do not include family members.
  - Dino – Stephen A. Cohan, do they have services that they extend to family members.

**Updates and shout outs:**

- CTHomeless Coalition, monthly meetings, CTXCOG or virtual, try to address homelessness within our communities.
- Maureen – open to spots on the steering committee
- Jessie McCarty – Veterans Treatment Court – helping to connect veterans with resources.
- Dino – Transportation is still an issue for our veteran. Is there any way we could partner to provide transportation to the VA?