



Veterans Healing Initiative (VHI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving our Nation's service men and women. The mission of Veterans Healing Initiative is to provide veterans access to treatment for substance abuse and trauma. We provide access in two ways: First is to provide funding for veterans who do not have VA benefits or are underinsured and would otherwise go without treatment. Second, VHI will provide funding to expand and/or replicate veteran-focused, dual-diagnosis substance abuse and trauma treatment models with a proven track record.

Overall, our goal is to fill the gap between what programs currently exist for veterans and what is needed to serve this population, thus increasing treatment capacity for veterans seeking dual-diagnosis substance abuse and trauma care. We will accomplish this by identifying existing licensed, veteran-focused dual-diagnosis treatment programs and licensed dual-diagnosis treatment programs that have the capacity to create a veterans treatment track.

Using clinical measurement tools and a proprietary questionnaire, VHI will monitor patient outcomes and evaluate treatment effectiveness to uncover promising treatment practices for this population and advocate for expansion of programs nationally.

VHI is seeking applications from qualified dual-diagnosis programs that have a demonstrated expertise in substance abuse and trauma treatment and will make veteran treatment a priority. Given the complex set of issues associated with the veteran population, it is critical that programs have the necessary clinical and medical treatment protocols to provide a full continuum of care for these men and women. As such, VHI's Clinical Advisory Board has established criteria that treatment centers must meet in order to qualify for consideration into our program.

If you meet the criteria as outlined below, please submit the attached application to:

Margaret Stone
Chairman
Veterans Healing Initiative
108 Veronese Drive
Greenville, SC 29609

You may also email the application to: mstone@vetshealing.org



Clinical Criteria for VHI Applicants

Eligible Programs include:

- a. Detox; Medical Stabilization
- b. Primary Residential
- c. Transitional Living
- d. Intensive Out Patient
- e. Sober Living

Selection Criteria:

1. All facilities must have a demonstrated track record as a dual-diagnosis treatment facility.
2. All facilities must have a demonstrated record of experience with evidence-based treatment of substance abuse and PTSD concurrently.
3. All programs must present a detailed plan on how to engage veterans in treatment and a detailed analysis of how they will accomplish this.
4. All programs must be licensed and have the licensed staff necessary to deliver the proposed services including program expertise accreditation in the following:
 - a. Military experienced staff
 - b. Specialized capabilities for addressing trauma for female and male veterans
 - c. Specialized capabilities for addressing sexual trauma for female and male veterans
 - d. Capacity to treat substance abuse and trauma
5. Programs must have the organizational capacity to deliver the proposed services.
6. Men and women must have separate trauma tracks.
7. Pain management therapies including but not exclusive to massage therapy, acupuncture, PT, yoga must be administered at treatment facility.
8. Programs must utilize evidence-based approaches and modalities. For example, consult <http://nrepp.samhsa.gov/>, SAMHSA's national registry of evidence based programs and practices or Society of Clinical Psychology, American Psychology Association, Division 12 (<http://www.psychology.sunysb.edu/eklonsky-/division12/index.html>).
9. Programs must have a comprehensive understanding of recovery and encourage the use of 12-step programs.



Selection Criteria (Continued)

10. Programs must demonstrate a continuum of care and navigate clients through this continuum with clinical expertise starting at intake with a comprehensive written medical, mental status and addiction assessment treatment plan
11. Programs must have a proven efficacy with discharge and aftercare planning and clients must be monitored for at least 30 days post discharge to help with facilitating secure, appropriate connections in the transition to aftercare.
12. Programs must have expertise in addiction psychiatry and addiction medicine with specific expertise in pain management and medication management.
13. Programs must have significant links to community resources including:
 - a. VA Hospitals and Vet Centers
 - b. Community-based veteran programs
 - c. Family Courts
 - d. Veteran Drug Treatment Courts or Drug Treatment Courts
 - e. Faith-based groups
 - f. Social services
14. All programs must track patient outcomes as per VHI's criteria. Outcomes will be tracked using VHI's on-line data forms and must also be tracked using psychometrically valid instruments. Programs need to demonstrate that they already have a 'track record' in routine outcome assessment and an infrastructure to support that.



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(Please attach additional pages if necessary)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Treatment Center: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

For Profit or Non-Profit: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Email: _____

CLINICAL INFORMATION

1. Provide a detailed description of your organization's treatment programs. Specifically, outline your organization's dual-diagnosis program, specific treatment modalities, integrated care and capacity.

2. Provide a detailed description of your organization's experience treating veterans; specifically substance abuse, PTSD for male and female veterans, chronic pain management.



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3. Do you currently have the organizational capacity to create a dedicated veterans treatment track? If yes, explain. Please provide biographies of professionals who would staff this track; number of available beds for men and women; indicate if you have capacity for women and children.

4. Indicate whether your organization has program accreditation in any of the following areas:
- a. Specialized treatment capabilities for trauma for female or male veterans;
 - b. Sexual trauma for female or male veterans;
 - c. Co-occurring addiction and mental health disorders
 - d. Co-occurring addiction and pain management disorders
 - d. Military-experienced staff

5. Provide a detailed overview of the proposed trauma tracks for male and female veterans. Provide a detailed description of the evidence-based trauma and/or SUD treatment protocols to be utilized; how often administered, by whom and their qualifications. Indicate whether you have a consultant or professionals on staff with military experience that will provide trauma programs for men and/or women veterans.

6. Provide a detailed outline of the therapeutic approaches and modalities of treatment that would be used in the proposed veterans treatment track. Please refer to the EBPs as listed in the resources as indicated in item 6 in the clinical criteria on page 2.



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12. Outline your relationships with community resources including VA hospitals, Vet Centers, Veteran Drug Treatment Courts, Drug Treatment Courts, Family Courts, faith-based groups, community-based veteran programs, and social services.

PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

1. If you have the capacity for a veterans treatment track, how long will it take you to get the program up and running?

2. How many beds or ambulatory visits will be allotted to the veterans' treatment track?

3. How will this track be integrated with the general population of the treatment center?

4. Will you have capacity to serve both men and women? If yes, will their residences be on the same campus or separate?



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5. If you currently treat veterans, what is the number of veterans served per annum? (indicate number of male vs females served?)

6. How do you currently track patient outcomes?

7. Do you currently have a relationship with the Veterans Administration? If yes, please explain how you plan to coordinate with the VA on care.

8. What is the current status of your organization's licensure and accreditation?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Provide a detailed outline of the cost of treatment for this track: Specifically, provide:
 - a. Cost per bed day
 - b. Cost per phase of treatment
 - c. Ancillary costs as a percentage of overall treatment costs
 - d. Cost of transporting clients, etc.