



VA ORD Centers and the Research Enterprise

Engaging leaders in the field

May 16th, 2023



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Agenda

Topics

Objectives

The Research Enterprise Transformation

- Provide an update on the ORD Research Enterprise transformation effort

Effort to Understand & Support Centers

- Review objectives of the Organizational Alignment Initiative
- Introduce the data collection effort to understand ORD Centers

Information From Center Leadership

- Review the steps involved in collecting information about Centers

Q&A

- Invite attendees to ask questions

Next Steps

- Outline next steps for Center Leadership to complete data collection
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The Research Enterprise Transformation



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The Research Enterprise Transformation aims to shift to an integrated model that improves collaboration and increases effectiveness of VA Research

What is the VA Research Enterprise?

VA Research Enterprise is the entire set of **people, tools, and processes committed to a whole-of-VA approach** for improving Veteran health, well-being, and healthcare through scientific endeavors.



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This includes a focus on understanding and improving the role ORD Centers play in increasing the real-world impact of VA research

The VA Research Enterprise aspires to embody the following qualities:



Unique Value Proposition: Leverage our position as the only Federal research entity devoted to Veterans' interests and being embedded in the nation's largest integrated healthcare system



Operational Excellence: Operates with streamlined processes, effective collaboration, high-quality customer service, and appropriate resources



Engaged People: Composed of a vibrant, diverse research community united in our mission to improve Veterans' well-being through research



Integration: Cultivate relationships and partnerships that accelerate our ability to achieve our mission



Real-world Outcomes: Define our success in terms of tangible real-world improvements in Veterans' health and well-being

In 2023, the Research Enterprise Transformation will focus on seven key initiatives



Organizational Alignment



**Investigators, Scientific
Review, and Management
Organization (ISRM)**



Finance Process



**Central Research HR
Function
(CRHR)**



**Field Enterprise Research
Support Services (FERSS)**



IT and Data Governance



**Staff Training
Empowerment and
Motivation (STEAM)**



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Today, we will focus on the Organizational Alignment Initiative which aims to ensure alignment of org. structure and roles across the VA Research Enterprise



Organizational Alignment Initiative

The goal of the Organizational Alignment initiative is to guarantee that both the ORD central staff and the ORD-funded staff in the field have the essential resources and personnel required to achieve their mission effectively.



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Effort to Understand & Support Centers



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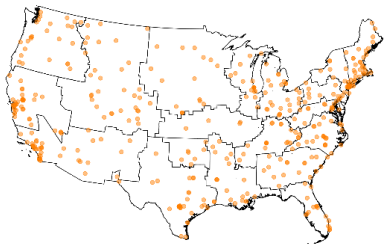


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Several types of Centers make up the Research Enterprise & Networks

ORD Funded

HSRD Centers



... and COINs, Women's Health Research Networks, CMARRS, COREs, CREATE, Military Exposure, TBI, TEAM, etc.

CSP Centers



BLRD Centers



RRD Centers



GRECCs



MIRECCs



PADRECCs



Multiple Sclerosis Centers



Epilepsy Centers



.. And more Centers like CREEK, ENCORE, PROVEN Hub, WRIISCs, Headache Centers, etc.

We are collecting data on 78* VA ORD Centers across the country to develop a robust understanding of the field

ORD-funded Centers include:

Health Services Research & Development (HSRD)

- 18 Centers of Innovation (COINs)
- 4 Resource Centers
- 3 additional HSRD Centers

Cooperative Services Program (CSP)

- 5 Coordinating Centers
- 5 Epidemiology Centers
- 1 Pharmacogenomics Analysis Laboratory (PAL) Center
- 1 Clinical Research Pharmacy Coordinating Center (CRPCC)
- 23 Network of Dedicated Enrollment Sites (NODES)

Biomedical Laboratory Research & Development (BLRD)

- Open Field Blast Core Center
- VA Translational Education and Mentoring (VA-TEAM) Center
- Preclinical Interagency Research Resource-TBI (PRECISE)

Rehabilitation Research & Development (RRD)

- 8 RRD Centers
- 4 TBI/Brain Health Centers
- 1 Research Enhancement Award Programs (REAP)
- 2 Consortia

** This list represents 78 Centers that we have confirmed receive ORD funding. We are currently working to confirm additional Centers. QUERI is not included in this mapping*

A robust understanding of the ORD-funded Centers is key to developing a range of ways to support Centers in achieving our shared mission to address Veteran health and healthcare needs.

This journey begins with a focused effort to better understand Centers, their core missions and their unique contributions to VA ORD among all stakeholders



Shared understanding of VA ORD Centers including mission, key capabilities, activities, infrastructure, etc.

The effort to understand Centers will significantly help ORD leadership to better support meet Center needs through improved org structures, resources, processes, and tools



Improve Veteran well-being by more efficiently delivering innovations and **expanding Veteran access to high-quality clinical studies**



Enable ORD leaders to **advocate for Center's resource needs** in a systematic fashion

Provide Centers with improved access to **research data, operational resources, and staffing needs**

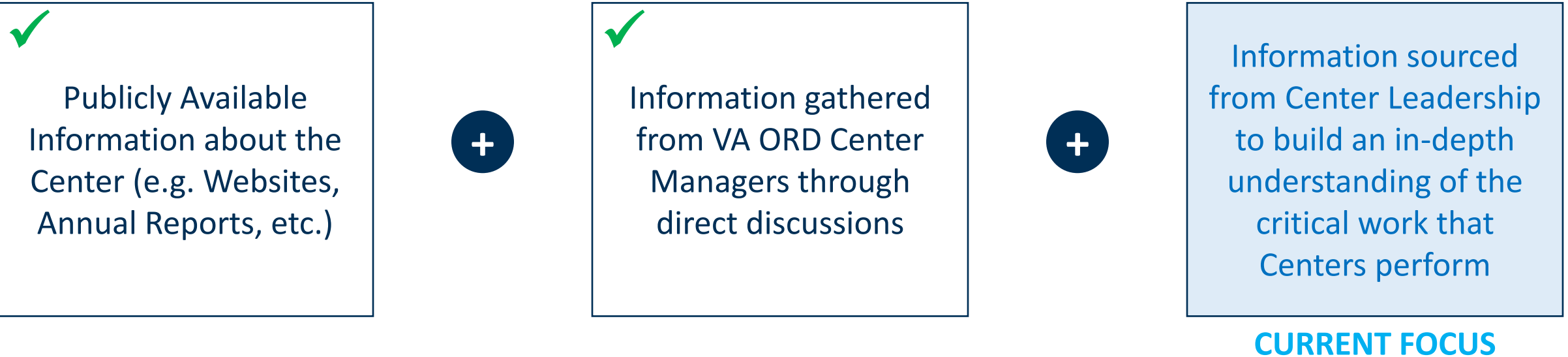


Create avenues for Centers of various types to **get tailored support** that meets their specific needs



Information From Center Leadership

We are at a stage in this process where we need your help in understanding the 78* VA ORD Centers in the field



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How we coordinate with you to learn more about the Centers

ORD Leadership to email Center
Directors with Data Collection
Request

05/17/2023

- Received tomorrow (05/17/2023)
- Email will include link to **Microsoft Forms** with a short questionnaire
- Email will also Include link to **recording of the Webinar**



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How we coordinate with you to learn more about the Centers

Center Leaderships to Complete
Data Collection Questionnaire

05/18/2023 – 05/24/2023

- Short questionnaire – will take **less than 10 mins** to complete
- Will include **short questions** to learn more about your Centers
 - Primary focus area of your Center
 - Specific research and/or research support activities performed at your Center
 - Your Center's core mission
 - Specific and unique activities performed at your Center
- Center leadership will receive the email – please work with your members to complete the questionnaire
- Please complete the questionnaire **on or before 05/24**



This request is an opportunity for Center leadership to communicate more detailed information about your Center's strengths and capabilities, and the great work performed at your Centers.

A deeper understanding of your Centers will ultimately ensure improved alignment of your Centers with Research Enterprise Transformation activities, better engagement with Central ORD and the appropriate support needed for your Centers.



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Q&A



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Next Steps

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May 16th
(Tuesday)

Today's Webinar

May 17th
(Wednesday)

Center Leadership will receive email with Questionnaire

- Will also include link to recoding of webinar

May 24th
(Wednesday)

Deadline for Center Leadership to submit responses

As a key leader in the Field, your participation is pivotal in shaping the future of the VHA ORD Research Enterprise.

Thank you for your time and the information you provide on your Center!



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