Butler Veterans Behavioral Health Council

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About Us

The Butler Veterans Behavioral Health Council provides a dynamic opportunity for VA staff and Veterans of VA Behavioral Health Care services to promote greater understanding of and collaboration with each other. Established in 2008, the Council works to provide real and meaningful choices for Veterans and their family members.

"We envision a future when everyone with a mental illness will recover, a future when mental illnesses can be prevented or cured, a future when mental illnesses are detected early, and a future when everyone with a mental illness at any stage of life has access to effective treatment and supports: essentials for living, working, learning, and participating fully in the community."

The purpose of Butler's Veterans Behavioral Health Council is to provide input regarding VA Butler's mental health structures and operations and to share information with Veterans, family members, and community representatives about VA Butler Healthcare's mental health programs and initiatives.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Butler Behavioral Health Council at VA Butler Healthcare is to establish a true partnership between the Veterans and their families, VA mental health professionals, community partners and Veteran service organizations. Together, the goal is to improve the quality of VA mental health services and Veterans' understanding of those services, and promote the best use of those services.

Accomplishments

The Veterans Behavioral Health Council works to transform VA Behavioral Health Care that's recovery-oriented and recognizes the role of the Veteran and family in driving the system forward.

Some of the accomplishments of the Council include:

- Established the annual *Recovery Recognition Day* event to honor Veterans who have successfully participated in their recovery process
- Created a bus schedule between the Butler Transit Authority and VA to provide Veterans the opportunity to combine their health care options with the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
- Addressed the concerns of Veterans privately and with dignity – *always* keeping Veterans' needs at the forefront

How You Can Help

Your military service and experiences within VA Butler's Center for Behavioral Health have uniquely equipped you to participate on the Veterans Behavioral Health Council. ***Become a member today!*** There are many opportunities for you to help assist Veterans and their family members.

Diversity on the Council is vital…and goes beyond race, minority status or ethnic background to include gender, military service era, age, mental health issue, and inclusion of varied VA programs.

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