VHA Mental Health and Suicide Prevention — Legislative Impacts and Opportunities

Promote, protect and restore the well-being of Veterans by proactively connecting them to timely, state-of-the-art mental health care and suicide prevention services.

- SUSTAINED TREATMENT
- Ketchum Act RANGE 3 Sites
- National Defense Authorization Act
- VA Peer Support Enhancement for Military Sexual Trauma Survivors Act
- Military Sexual Trauma Claims
 Coordination Act
- Dignity for Military Sexual Trauma Survivors Act
- PACT Act

RAPID ENGAGEMENT

- COMPACT Act 202 Family Education
- Hannon Act Title 6 Women Veterans
- Megabus Act Coordinated Military Sexual Trauma Care
- National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 Reserve Component
- Hannon Act Title 1 Transition to VA Services
- Hannon Act Title 2 Suicide Prevention
- Century Veterans Healthcare • Hannon Act Title 7 – Other Matters and Benefits Improvement Act • MISSION Act – Peers in PACTs PAWS Act PHOTOS AND BARDARA PHOTOS AND AUCIDE PREVENT SUCCESS FOR AND Automatisment Automatisment Barbard Barba CAREAL are Areming . Program anitage, PEQUIRED REPORTING

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Executive Order 13822 -

Service to Civilian Life

Supporting Our Veterans During Their Transition From Uniformed

• Executive Order 13861 – National

• Hannon Act Title 3 – Mental Health

Roadmap To Empower Veterans

and End Suicide

- Hannon Act Title 5 Mental Health Workforce
 Clay Hunt Act
- Hannon Act Title 4 Oversight of Mental Health Care
 Cleland-Dole Act
- Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act

CRISIS SUPPORT

- Answer the Call (Veterans Crisis Line)
- 988 Expansion
- COMPACT Act 201 Emergent Care
- COMPACT Act 204 Comprehensive Assessment
- Support The Resiliency of Our Nation's Great Veterans Act of 2022

VHA ACCESS EXPECTATIONS

- Crisis Access: Immediate access for emergent/urgent mental health needs (i.e., needing immediate care)
- Rapid Engagement Access: Access to quickly initiate non-emergent mental health care (i.e., initiating care at the earliest possible date)
- **Sustained Access:** Access to provide the timely, full course of mental health treatment (i.e., scheduling weekly follow up for the duration of the treatment protocol)



