**Supplemental Table 1: Provider Characteristics, Perceptions of the Veterans Choice Program (VCP), and Interest in VCP Participation among VCP-Authorized Respondents**

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|  | **Psychotherapists** | | **Prescribers** | |
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| **Texas**  **(n=77)** | **Vermont**  **(n=9)** | **Texas**  **(n=22)** | **Vermont**  **(n=2)** |
| % Response Rate | 39.7 | 69.2 | 6.6 | 7.4 |
| **Provider and Practice Characteristics** | | | | |
| Mean Age (SE) | 54.9 (1.3) | 61.7 (2.4)\*A | 47.7 (2.6) | 55.0 (10.0) |
|  | **% (SE)** | | | |
| Female | 77.9 (4.7) | 77.8 (13.9) | 50.0 (10.7)\*B | 0.0 (0.0)\*B |
| Ethnicity  Non-Hispanic White  Non-Hispanic Black  Hispanic  Other | 68.8 (5.3)  9.1 (3.3)  16.9 (4.3)  5.2 (2.5) | 77.8 (13.9)  0.0 (0.0)  11.1 (10.5)  11.1 (10.5) | 63.6 (10.3)  18.2 (8.2)  18.2 (8.2)  0.0 (0.0) | 50.0 (35.4)  50.0 (35.4)  0.0 (0.0)  0.0 (0.0) |
| Profession  Master’s-level psychotherapist  Psychologist  Mental health prescriber  Primary care prescriber | 87.0 (3.8)  13.0 (3.8)  ---  --- | 44.4 (16.6)\*A  55.6 (16.6)\*A  ---  --- | ---  ---  100 (0.0)  0.0 (0.0) | ---  ---  100 (0.0)  0.0 (0.0) |
| Provider is a Veteran | 15.6 (4.1) | 0.0 (0.0) | 22.7 (8.9) | 0.0 (0.0) |
| Distance of practice from nearest VA medical facility  Up to 1 hour driving time  More than 1 hour, or unknown | 58.4 (5.6)  41.6 (5.6) | 44.4 (16.6)  55.6 (16.6) | 54.6 (10.6)  45.4 (10.6) | 100 (0.0)\*B  0.0 (0.0)\*B |
| Previously trained or employed as a health professional in VA or DoD | 18.2 (4.4) | 44.4 (16.6) | 50.0 (10.7)\*B | 50.0 (35.4) |
| Personally provides treatment for PTSD symptoms, occasionally or more often | 87.0 (3.8) | 100 (0.0) | 63.6 (10.3) | 0.0 (0.0) |
| Receives VA reimbursement through fee-basis care,  PC3 or VCP | 16.2 (4.3) | 22.2 (13.9) | 14.3 (7.6) | 50.0 (35.4) |
| Receives VA reimbursement through CHAMPVA | 15.6 (4.1) | 33.3 (15.7) | 45.6 (10.6)\*B | 100 (0.0)\*B |
| Number of clients with PTSD in past 12 months  Few (0-6 therapist; 0-10 prescriber)  Many (7+ among therapists; 11+ among prescribers) | 37.7 (5.5)  62.3 (5.5) | 11.1 (10.5)  88.9 (10.5) | 86.4 (7.3)\*B  13.6 (7.3)\*B | 100 (0.0)\*B  0.0 (0.0)\*B |
|  | **Psychotherapists** | | **Prescribers** | |
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| **Texas**  **(n=77)** | **Vermont**  **(n=9)** | **Texas**  **(n=22)** | **Vermont**  **(n=2)** |
|  | **% (SE)** | | | |
| **Provider and Practice Characteristics** | | | | |
| Treated any veterans in past year  (*If treating veterans*) Veteran also gets care at VA | 85.7 (4.0)  57.6 (6.1) | 100 (0.0)  77.8 (13.9) | 100 (0.0)  86.4 (7.3)\*B | 100 (0.0)  100 (0.0) |
| *I am willing to accept Medicare rates*  Agree  Neutral or unsure | 52.0 (5.7)  48.0 (5.7) | 100 (0.0)\*A  0.0 (0.0)\*A | 63.6 (10.3)  36.4 (10.3) | 50.0 (35.4)  50.0 (35.4) |
| *I am willing to submit a copy of the referred Veterans’ medical records to the third party administrator (HealthNet or TriWest) for inclusion in the VA medical record*  Agree  Neutral or unsure | 52.0 (5.7)  48.0 (5.7) | 33.3 (15.7)  66.7 (15.7) | 45.5 (10.6)  54.5 (10.6) | 0.0 (0.0)  100 (0.0) |
| **Perceptions of the VCP** | | | | |
| Aware of/heard of VCP (%) | 36.4 (5.5) | 66.7 (15.7) | 42.9 (10.8) | 0.0 (0.0)\*B |
| *I am generally familiar with the goals and requirements of the Choice Program*  Agree  Neutral or unsure | 16.9 (4.3)  83.1 (4.3) | 22.2 (13.9)  77.8 (13.9) | 18.2 (8.2)  81.8 (8.2) | 0.0 (0.0)  100 (0.0) |
| *I believe the Choice Program is relevant for my patient population*  Agree  Neutral or unsure | 24.7 (4.9)  75.3 (4.9) | 44.4 (16.6)  55.6 (16.6) | 45.5 (10.6)  54.5 (10.6) | 0.0 (0.0)\*B  100 (0.0)\*B |
| *I believe the Choice Program is likely to improve access to mental health services for Veterans*  Agree  Neutral or unsure | 36.4 (5.5)  63.6 (5.5) | 77.8 (13.9)  22.2 (13.9) | 50.0 (10.7)  50.0 (10.7) | 0.0 (0.0)\*B  100 (0.0)\*B |
| *I would feel more comfortable with becoming a Choice Provider if I were able to test it out on a limited basis before making a decision to participate fully*  Agree  Neutral or unsure | 39.0 (5.6)  61.0 (5.6) | 44.4 (16.6)  55.6 (16.6) | 31.8 (9.9)  68.2 (9.9) | 0.0 (0.0)\*B  100 (0.0)\*B |
|  | **Psychotherapists** | | **Prescribers** | |
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| **Texas**  **(n=77)** | **Vermont**  **(n=9)** | **Texas**  **(n=22)** | **Vermont**  **(n=2)** |
|  | **% (SE)** | | | |
| **Perceptions of the VCP** | | | | |
| *Veterans using the Choice Program are likely to have*  *better access to timely appointments*  Agree  Neutral or unsure | 42.9 (5.6)  57.1 (5.6) | 44.4 (16.6)  55.6 (16.6) | 50.0 (10.7)  50.0 (10.7) | 0.0 (0.0)\*B  100 (0.0)\*B |
| *Veterans using the Choice Program are likely to receive*  *appropriate care for their PTSD/related conditions*  Agree  Neutral or unsure | 48.1 (5.7)  51.9 (5.7) | 22.2 (13.9)  77.8 (13.9) | 40.9 (10.5)  59.1 (10.5) | 0.0 (0.0)  100 (0.0) |
| **Perceptions of VA Healthcare** | | | | |
| *VA healthcare system provides high quality care*  Agree  Neutral or unsure | 31.2 (5.3)  68.8 (5.3) | 55.6 (16.6)  44.4 (16.6) | 45.5 (10.6)  54.5 (10.6) | 50.0 (35.4)  50.0 (35.4) |
| *I’m hesitant to refer clients to the VA for health services*  Agree  Neutral or unsure | 26.0 (5.0)  74.0 (5.0) | 0.0 (0.0)  100 (0.0) | 22.7 (8.9)  77.3 (8.9) | 0.0 (0.0)  100 (0.0) |
| **Interest in VCP Participation** | | | | |
| Interested in becoming VCP provider | 74.0 (5.1) | 77.8 (13.9) | 63.6 (10.3) | 0.0 (0.0)\*B |
| Have tried to become VCP provider | 7.9 (3.1) | 11.1 (10.5) | 9.1 (6.1) | 0.0 (0.0) |

\*=significant difference in proportion at 0.05 level of significance:

A) indicates significant difference by state, i.e., between providers of the same type in Texas vs. Vermont

(e.g., VT psychotherapists compared to TX psychotherapists)

B) indicates significant difference by provider type, i.e., between prescribers and therapists in the same state