A 2014 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report noted that nearly two decades may pass before psychological health research findings become part of routine clinical practice in the Departments of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA).

DoD had already started working with the VA in 2012 to study research translation structures in both departments, to develop a collaborative framework to rapidly translate psychological health (PH) research findings into clinical practice. This poster focuses primarily on DoD efforts.

The PBI Network was based on Stetler’s 2011 framework for Promoting Action on Research Implementation in Health Services (PARIHS) to implement psychological health evidence-based practices (EBPs), and the VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) model.

The PBI Network training and facilitation process helps the larger system identify operational barriers and solutions for selected practice changes. This informs feasibility and capacity-building decisions prior to widespread enterprise dissemination.

A PBI Network information technology platform and website enhances communication and knowledge exchange between implementation-trained providers at PBI Network sites and across departments.

GOALS

1. Implement the sustainment plan to institutionalize the PBI Network to facilitate practice change in the VA and DoD.
2. Deploy and implement the PBI Network clinical and operational support, infrastructure, and IT platform on an ongoing basis.

PILOTS

INITIAL PTSD CHECKLIST PILOT PROJECT

• The PBI Network implemented practice change initiatives at 12 behavioral health (BH) clinics and two primary care (PC) clinics in the DoD Military Health System (MHS), and at 18 VA BH and PC clinics.

• The PBI Network used the PCL to monitor PTSD treatment outcomes in BH clinics as a pilot to test and evaluate PBI Network effectiveness.

Findings:

• Results showed significantly increased PTSD outcomes monitoring as follows.

• The PBI Network enhances enterprise operations because it is an enduring structure, trained clinicians to assist with identifying barriers and facilitators prior to broader practice change dissemination across DoD and VA.

TECH INTO CARE (TIC) AS THE 2017 PILOT PROJECT

• The TIC Pilot aims to develop an implementation program that assists behavioral health providers in the military health system with integrating and using mobile applications in clinical care.

• In person trainings completed at three Navy sites, four Air Force sites in August and September 2017.

• Provide consultation, training, and support under Section 402: Provision of Counseling and Treatment for Sexual Trauma by the Department of Veterans Affairs to Members of the Armed Forces.

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