



## VIP CLINICAL REPORT

### VIP Consult:

Our new VIP consult that can be found under the Consult menu, under Primary Care. Anyone, especially staff in the ED, inpatient setting, CBOCs, etc. can use the consult for one of two purposes:

### Empanelment:

- To alert the VIP team about a patient who might be appropriate for VIP Primary Care PACT – primarily patients with substance use disorders and complicated social, pain, and psychiatric disorders.
- To have the patient be seen by the VIP team in a consultative visit to assist the established primary care team with the direction of treatment for patients with substance use disorders and complicated social, pain, and psychiatric disorders.

### VIP e-CONSULT:

- Chart review and consultative advice for next steps for patients with substance use disorders and complicated social, pain, and psychiatric disorders. As of 9/6/2019:

**Empanelment consults: 191**

**\*Pending intake: 25**

**\*Completed: 132**

**\*Discontinued: 12**

**Consultative visits: 50 total**

**\* Completed: 48**

**\* Pending: 2**

**E-consults: 33**

## APEX REPORT

### The Addressing Addiction in Primary Care Conference (Report)

The Addressing Addiction in Primary Care Conference was held on July 12th, 2019 and July 21st, 2019 at the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System (VASLCHCS). The goal of the conference was to improve Veteran access to medication treatment outside the confines of specialty addiction care and move such treatment to primary care as much as possible. Both days contained identical 4-hour sessions which allowed providers and staff from each invited CBOC to take turns attending. Participants were able to either attend in person or remotely.

The main objective of this conference were to reduce barriers to OUD treatment implementation via training and discussions on:

- \* The role of PC in addiction treatment
- \* How to identify addicted patients in a provider's panel
- \* Addressing opioid use vs. opioid misuse vs. opioid use disorder
- \* Pain management, chronic pain – The intersection of pain and addiction
- \* OUD Medications and their proper use
- \* Complex Patients-Hub & Spoke MAT Model

49 participants from the West Valley, Orem, and Ogden CBOC's as well as VASLCHCS attended in person or via skype. Each participant was provided with a packet of MAT/OUD informational materials as well as the presentation slides for their records and future reference. Each participant was also eligible for 3.75 hours of CME provided by the University of Utah.

Overall the response to the conference was very positive with 92% (12 out of 13) of respondents stating that they would recommend the conference to other primary care providers and staff. 76% (10 out of 13) of respondents also stated that they felt more empowered to treat OUD in a primary care setting. In the future APEX hopes to adapt offer the conference to all CBOC's within VISN 19.

## OCTOBER 2019 VIP CHAT

Please announce to your networks our 30 minute, virtual VIP chat on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, noon-1 PM MST: "Tele-and Remote-prescribing of Medication treatment for opioid use disorder". If you have a question you would like addressed, please submit it to [Nodira.Codell@va.gov](mailto:Nodira.Codell@va.gov).