2021 QUARTER 2 IMPACT REPORT

- Site visits and technical assistance (TA) visits: 29
- Large virtual meetings and events: 36
- Small virtual meeting and event attendees: 67
- Individuals who participated in site visits and TA visits: 435
- Large virtual meeting and event attendees: 10,424
- Small virtual meeting and event attendees: 525
- Trainings: 27
- Presentations to the field: 10
- Public products (e.g., reports, videos): 22
- Individuals who participated in trainings: 2,383
- Policies and practices changed through work with Policy Research and its projects: 13

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HHRC Hosts Webinar to Explore Benefits of Incorporating Mobile Psychiatry Into Street Outreach

On June 24, 2021, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA’s) Homeless and Housing Resource Center hosted the Street Medicine for Unsheltered Individuals webinar. Over 1,300 attendees gathered virtually to learn about the life-saving outcomes that can result from integrating mobile psychiatry into street outreach. Panelists shared their knowledge and experience with the street-medicine model. They highlighted the importance of multi-disciplinary teams to strengthen continuity of care and housing stability for people who are unsheltered. Access to the webinar recording can be found on YouTube.

Thirty-Five of Fifty States Are Engaged in VA/SAMHSA’s Governor’s Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among SMVF

This quarter, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and SAMHSA’s Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) Technical Assistance (TA) Center facilitated several virtual Implementation and Policy Academies. Twenty-one state teams convened and attended plenary sessions and workshops and designed strategies to implement action plans for preventing suicide among SMVF. To date, 35 of 50 states are engaged in VA/SAMHSA’s Governor’s Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among SMVF. SAMHSA’s SMVF TA Center maintains monthly contact with all 35 teams to support their suicide prevention strategic planning and implementation efforts.

Policy Research Develops New Tools for Mental Health Awareness Month

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, Policy Research developed two breathing box GIFs to help staff incorporate a mindful minute into their workday. Each animation is 16 seconds long and follows a 4-second count to inhale, hold, or exhale. These GIFs are an easy and accessible meditation tool to use throughout your day, either before launching a meeting, after sending an email, or between tasks. Policy Research also adapted its Share That You Care image pack into three animated GIFs. They can all be found free for public use on the Policy Research GIPHY account. Since its release, the GIF suite has garnered over 340,000 views. Share them with a friend, colleague, or loved one to celebrate and support their mindfulness and mental health.