

# **Veterans Recovery Resources: Providing Trauma-Informed Care with a Community-Based Integrated Behavioral Health Approach**

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### Clinical Framework

Remove barriers to high-quality and compassionate mental health services for Veterans and their families who are struggling with SUDs, PTSD, and other common co-occurring conditions.

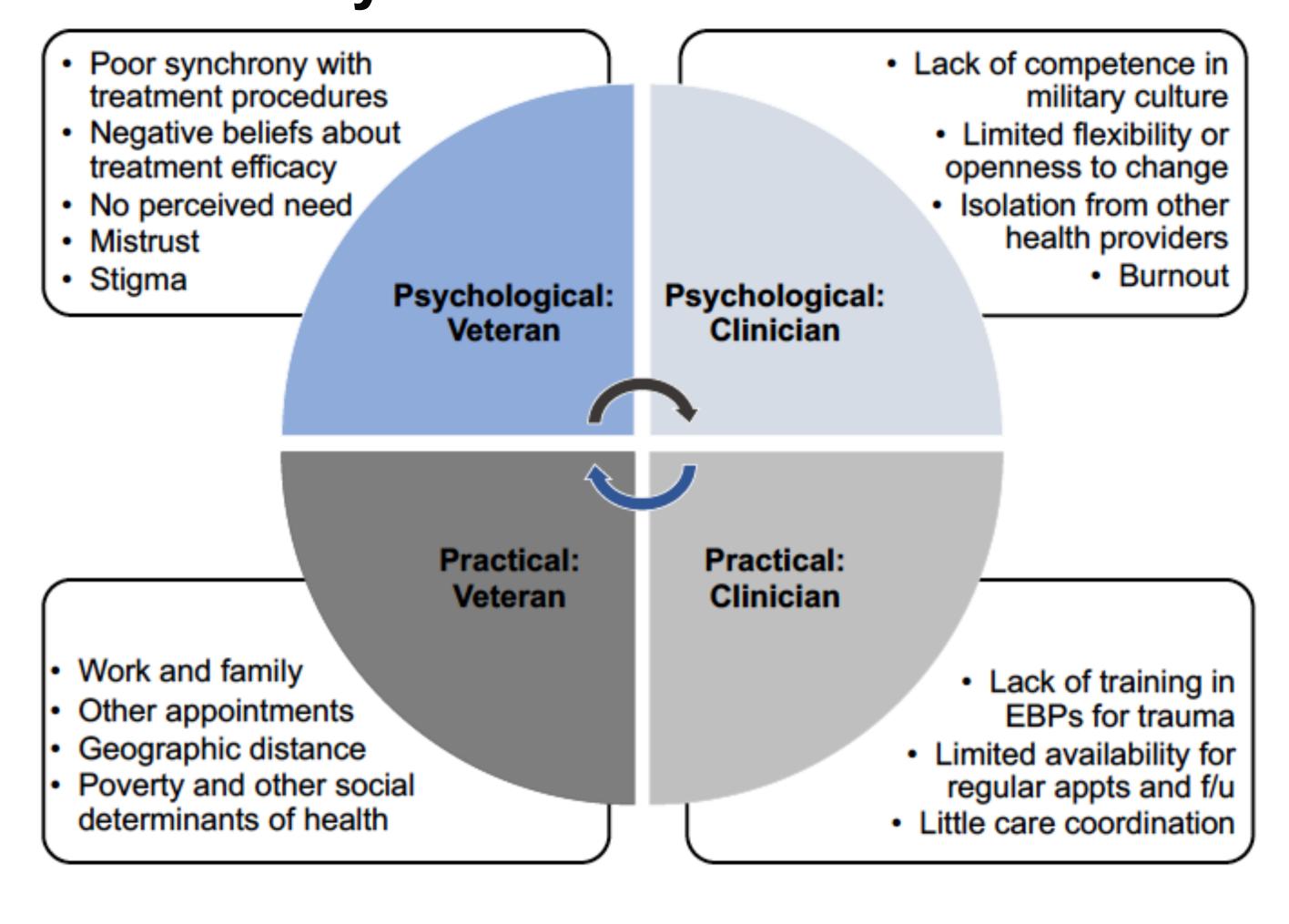
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#### BACKGROUND

Limited availability of culturally-sensitive and effective mental health care options for Veterans represents major public health issue in South Alabama:

- Estimated 64,000 Veterans residing in the 8-county region (10% of region population)
- Up to half struggling with SUDs, PTSD, and/or other cooccurring health conditions
- Less than half of those with a probable need for treatment access existing care options
- Limited engagement in treatment and premature dropout are norm when services utilized
- Many Veterans not eligible for VA Health Care and lack health insurance or other resources

## **Barriers to Trauma-Informed Care** for Military Veterans in South Alabama



Phases	(#1) Safety & Stabilization	(#2) Revisit & Heal	(#3) Belonging & Meaning
Health Domain	Physical, psychological, environmental	Psychological	Relational, spiritual
Setting	Residential Program		
	Outpatient Clinic		
Clinical Services	Primary Medical		
	Individual Therapy / Counseling		
	Group Therapy		Group Therapy
	12-Step Program		12-Step Program
	Therapeutic Support, PT, OT		Therapeutic Support, PT, OT
Peer Support Services Every Step of the Way			

Healthy, Fun, Physical Community & Volunteer Activities

#### **Partnerships**









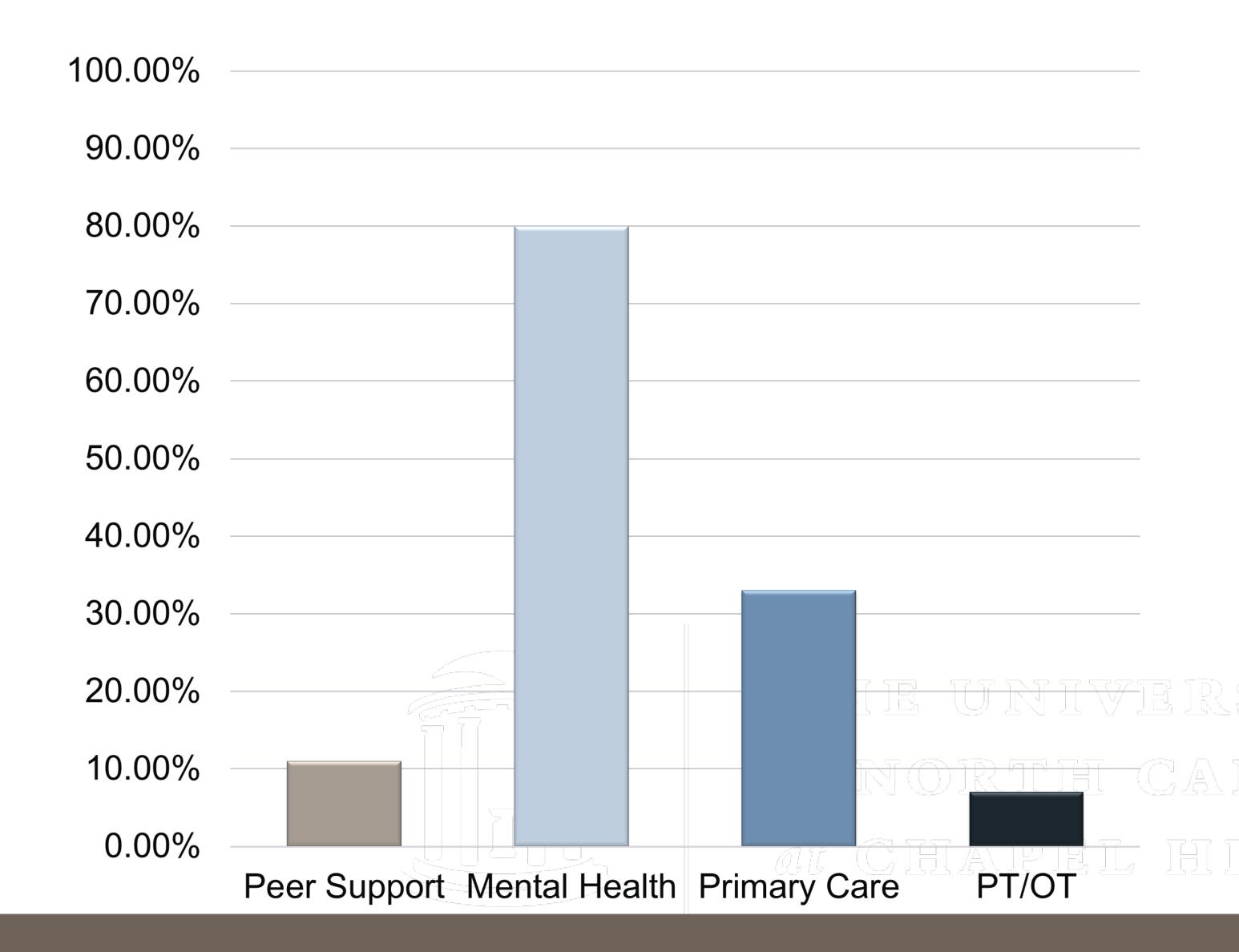






#### SERVICES PROVIDED

Total of 217 Veterans, first responders and family members engaged in services in VRR outpatient clinic between November 2018 and March 2020.



#### LESSONS LEARNED

- Our culture and mission continue to set us apart
- Social Determinants of Health are key elements in our decision-making processes
- Too much training; too little time
- Grant funding is necessary for program development and sustainability
- Long-term community partnerships are essential to our continued success

#### NEXT STEPS

- Expansion of our peer support training and services
- Commencement of the Intensive Outpatient program and residential facility
- Ongoing training and development of board members, clinicians and staff
- Development of trauma-informed care framework