

Mission Statement

The mission of the Hines VAMC Veterans Mental Health Council is to establish a true partnership between the consumers and their families, VA Mental Health professionals administrators, community partners, and Veteran service organizations to improve the quality of VA Mental Health Services.

Mental Health recovery is a journey of healing and transformation enabling a person with a mental health problem to live a meaningful life in a community of his or her choice while striving to achieve his or her full potential.

The Council meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00pm in Bldg. 13, Room 209
(currently meeting on Zoom due to COVID-19)

Who we are:

We are a mixture of veterans, consumers, community partners, and Mental Health professionals.

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Appointments:

Monday - Friday

10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Be sure to leave a message

Objectives

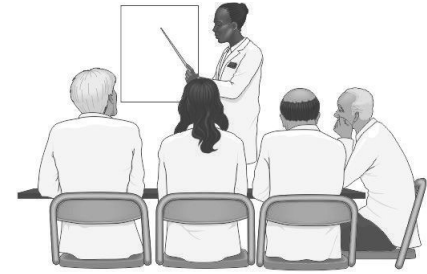
The Council serves as a Veteran's advocacy group to the Mental Health Chief of Hines VA MHSL (Mental Health Service Line) with the function of providing input that will ensure the highest quality of Mental Health services for Veterans requiring treatment.



- The Council will serve as the primary on-going forum for articulating and building consensus among consumer, families, community agencies, and service organizations around the needed values, priorities and goals that will ensure a system of services and supports enabling the highest quality of care.

- The Council will use feedback from consumers regarding mental health services in order to gain understanding of current quality and perception of care.
- The Council will work with the staff of Mental Health services to develop strategies to improve the continuity of care for consumers of VA services.
- The Council will strive to reduce organizational and individual stigma related to mental illness.
- The Council's objective is to increase awareness of mental health issue within Hines VAMC

Reaching Out to the Community



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Advocacy

The Council will develop strategies to increase its capability to advocate with all community members to enhance the quality of services to Veterans.

Education

The Council will work with VA Mental Health Staff to provide education on mental illness, medication, and services for Veterans and their families, through group discussion, literature, and outreach in the community.