Witness List Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives

Legislative Hearing on: H.R. 2819, the Solid Start Act of 2021; H.R. 2916, the VA Medical Cannabis Research Act of 2021; H.R. 4575, the Veteran Peer Specialist Act of 2021; H.R. 4794, the Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options (MAMMO) for Veterans Act; H.R. 5029, the Expanding the Families of Veterans Access to Mental Health Services Act; H.R. 5073, the Revising and Expediting Actions for the Crisis Hotline (REACH) for Veterans Act; H.R. 5317, the VA Governors Challenge Expansion Act; the Veterans Census-Enabled National Treatment Equitable Resources Supplement (Vet CENTERS) for Mental Health Act of 2021 (discussion draft); legislation authorizing VA to furnish seasonal influenza vaccines to individuals who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines under the SAVE LIVES Act, P.L. 117-4 (discussion draft); legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include veterans of World War II (discussion draft); the Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse and Physician Assistant Retention and Income Security Enhancement (RAISE) Act (discussion draft); Veterans Justice Outreach Improvement Act (discussion draft); and Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL) Assessment Act (discussion draft).

> Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Zoom virtual meeting platform

<u>Panel I</u>

The Honorable Mark Takano

U.S. House of Representatives 41st District; California

The Honorable Scott Peters

U.S. House of Representatives 52nd District, California

The Honorable David Rouzer

U.S. House of Representatives 7th District, North Carolina

The Honorable Antonio Delgado

U.S. House of Representatives 19th District, New York

The Honorable Jake Ellzey

U.S. House of Representatives 6th District, Texas

The Honorable Josh Harder

U.S. House of Representatives 10th District, California

The Honorable Lauren Underwood

U.S House of Representatives 14th District, Illinois

The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks

U.S. House of Representatives 2nd District, Iowa

The Honorable Mikie Sherrill

U.S. House of Representatives 11th District, New Jersey

Panel II

Dr. David Carroll

Executive Director, Office of Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Veterans Health Administration U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Accompanied by:

Dr. Robert Sherrier Executive Director, National Teleradiology Program Veterans Health Administration U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Karen M. Ott, DNP, RN

Director for Policy, Legislation, and Professional Standards; Office of Nursing Services Veterans Health Administration U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Mr. Michael Fisher

Chief Readjustment Counseling Officer Veterans Health Administration U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Panel III

Mr. Marquis Barefield Assistant National Legislative Director Disabled American Veterans Ms. Tammy Barlet Deputy Director, National Legislative Service Veterans of Foreign Wars

Dr. Kaki York-Ward President Association of VA Psychologist Leaders

Statements for the Record

The Honorable Lou Correa U.S. House of Representatives 46th District, California

The Honorable Mikie Sherrill U.S. House of Representatives 11th District, New Jersey

The Honorable Elissa Slotkin U.S House of Representatives 8th District; Michigan

The Honorable Colin Allred U.S. House of Representatives 32^{nd} District, Texas

American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

American Psychiatric Association

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

Justice for Vets

Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA)

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)

Student Veterans of America (SVA)

The American Legion

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)

VA Physician Assistant Association (VAPAA)

Veterans Cannabis Coalition

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