CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR!

As MSCoE reflects on FY 2019, we feel blessed to be able to work with so many amazing health care professionals and are appreciative of all the work that we have been able to accomplish together. We have a wonderful and diverse team, and together we make a difference in the care of Veterans, family members and caregivers across the nation.

FY 2019 MSCoE HIGHLIGHTS

- VA health care professionals managed 14,272 unique Veterans with a confirmed diagnosis of MS through 44,018 specialty care visits and 138,240 outpatient visits in VA.
- Worked with the National MS Society (NMSS) and VA Central Office to establish and sign a Formal Memorandum of Agreement with the NMSS on March 6, 2019.
- Three of our MS fellows, Anne Arewasikporn, PhD, Amy Olzmann, PsyD and Jessica Stillman, PsyD, transitioned to new careers in MS neurology. We welcomed four new MS fellows in July, Mark Leekhoff, MD, Christopher Hollen, MD, Tyrell Simkins, DO, PhD and Lindsey Knowles, PhD, and are thankful for our six continuing MS fellows, Elizabeth Silbermann, MD, Lindsey Wooliscroft, MD, Ryan Mizell, MD, Jessica Rice, MD, Cyrielle Andrew, PsyD and Jessica Dalrymple, PhD.
- Dallas, TX MS providers collaborated with MSCoE and the VA Employee Education System to developed two YouTube videos, one on support systems while the other discussed sleep issues for Veterans with MS.
- Participated in 33 CEU presentations and 10 presentations for people affected by MS at local and national conferences, with fellows speaking in six presentations.
- Published two national newsletters for Veterans with MS and 12 e-letters for MS providers. Several articles were written by Network members! Special thanks to Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD, Kathy Tortorice, PharmD, Gigi Wong, PharmD, Emma Shapiro, PhD, Emily Brickell, PsyD, Ekaterina Davis, MSW, LCSW, NBC-HWC, Patricia VanCurler, DPT, ATP, MSCS, Ryan Mizell, MD, Alicia Sharma, PsyD, Cami Van Wyhe BSN, RN, MSCN, CHPN, Ileana Howard, MD and Melissa Ramirez, PT, DPT NCS, ATP for their contributions.
Produced six CEU webinars for providers in collaboration with the National MS Society and Consortium of MS Centers. Special thanks to Network members Shane Chanpimol, PT, Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD and Maggie Kazmierski, MSW, LCSW-C, CCM for presenting.

Posters outlining MSCoE research were presented at 12 national and seven international meetings. There were 30 posters presented in FY19, 13 with fellow involvement.

Researchers in MSCoE published 34 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, including eight papers co-authored by MS fellows! Notable publications can be found on the MSCoE website research webpage.

Continued our progress on 40 active grants, including five multi-site studies, and completed seven grants.

If you have accomplishments that you would like to share with the national network of MS providers, please send an e-mail to MSCentersofExcellence@va.gov. We appreciate the opportunity to work with such a valuable team and look forward to continued collaborations in 2020!