

**Date:** Tuesday, June 2

**Title:** "We're in this together: DoD joins VHA in a COVID-19 Discussion"

**Presenters:** Captain Edward Simmer & Ms. Regina Julian

### **Bios**

#### **Captain Edward Simmer**

Captain Edward Simmer is the Chief Medical Officer for the TRICARE Health Plan at the Defense Health Agency in Falls Church, VA. Captain Simmer has served 30 years of active duty in the Navy, with duties including Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Oak Harbor, Executive Officer Naval Hospital Beaufort, Senior Executive Director of Psychological Health at the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and TBI, and Director for Quality at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth.

#### **Ms. Regina Julian**

Regina Julian (Retired Air Force Officer) is the Chief of the Healthcare Optimization Division at the Defense Health Agency. Ms. Julian is responsible for primary and specialty care operations, access to care, referral management, virtual health execution, integrated TRICARE network appointing and patient experience in the direct care system, serving 3.4 million beneficiaries at over 335 medical facilities within DHA markets.

### **Questions**

1. What was the biggest change in the way you have delivered care during the pandemic and will those changes carry forward as we move into the next phase?
2. What were some of the biggest challenges faced during direct care operations? Challenges for coordinated care TRICARE
3. Do you see any big opportunities for VHA and DoD to collaborate now or in the future as it relates to COVID-19?

### **NOTE**

Purchased care questions = Ed Simmer

Direct care operations questions = Gina