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Fiscal Year 2014 Activities and Accomplishments:

1. *Achieved 13 of the 14 KRVHMC 2014 Goals on March 13, 2014.*
 - a. *Increased # of regularly scheduled Outreach activities; i.e. having a booth in the clinic's lobby on a regular basis to support the OEF, OIF, OND outreach initiatives. Started for OEF/OIF/OND Legacy Peer Support Group on April 30, 2014.*
 - b. *Knox County Veterans Treatment Court (KCVTC) to begin no later than 2nd quarter 2014. Started first East Tennessee VTC in December 2013; received 1st justice involved veteran on January 10, 2014.*
 - c. *Establish KCVTC as a hub for surrounding counties which will support all Veterans in in the Knoxville Outpatient Clinic and Sevierville COB service areas. Created the East Tennessee VTC committee which serves as a VTC Hub. As of 9-22-14 the committee has 1 VTC operating, 13 counties in progress and 4 counties considering a VTC.*
 - d. *Obtain KCVTC certification from Justice For Veterans (JFV) for KCVTC. (Could not submit for JFV certification since our VTC did not have a Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist from the VA; received financial support from VA General Counsel in January 2014, however, VA did not hire a VJO until August 2014 but not available until October 2014 due to training and current position workload.*
 - e. *Train other TN Recovery Courts. First Hub VTC with Judge Shayne Sexton in the Eight Judicial District on 3-6-14.*
 - f. *Open 2nd LPG in Sevier County January 2014. Started first Sevier County LPG on January 8, 2014 at 2PM.*
 - g. *Open 3rd LPG in Blount County 2014. (Could not locate enough Blount County veterans to begin a LPG, however, opened a 3rd and 4th LPG in Knox County).*
 - h. *Host "When War Comes Home" Forum for community clergy. Forum was held on May 1, 2014 and supported by the Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and Randall Baxter (Host of the Veteran Next Door); 96 congregations attended.*
 - i. *Establish Veteran Friendly congregations (VFC), cities and counties. First*

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VFC in Blount County established 3-22-14. As of 09-30-14 ten VFCs, two Veteran Friendly Ministries (VFM) and one Veteran Friendly Organizations (VFO) were established.

- j. Increase number of Veterans transitioning from evidence-based to strength-based programs. Began 2nd LPG from Sevier County CBOC's Dr. Gannon's workgroup on January 8, 2014, began 3rd LPG from KOPC's Dr. Richardson workgroup on February 4, 2014 and began a 4th LPG from KOPC's Dr. Richardson workgroup on April 30, 2014. 4th LPG is the 1st OEF/OIF/OND group.***
- k. Continue to identify and train Peer Facilitators (PF). Training 2 members of each of the new LPGs for a total of 6 new PFs.***
- l. Identify and train KCVTC Mentors. Identified and trained 13 VTC mentors for a total of 16 VTC mentors.***
- m. Identify and train VFC Facilitators. Trained a total of 10 VFC and 2 VFM facilitators.***
- n. Collaborate with TN Mental Health Commissioner, TN Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner and TN Chief Justice on Council's initiatives to help achieve best-in-class service to TN veterans, their families and to their communities. Met with MH Commissioner Doug Varney and TN VA Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder on January 29, 2014. Commissioners and Council agreed to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on Council's Veterans Treatment Court and Veteran Friendly Congregation initiatives. Tennessee Supreme Court's Administrative Office of the Courts supported the VTC committee and funded four (4) VTC committee members attendance at the Inaugural Vet Court Con in December 2013.***