

ORH 2020-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

PROMOTE FEDERAL AND COMMUNITY CARE SOLUTIONS FOR RURAL VETERANS

OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Unite relationships within VA and the federal government to exchange rural-centered information
- ▶ Collaborate with non-governmental organizations that support rural Veterans' health and well-being
- ▶ Expand ORH's partnership and programming reach

REDUCE RURAL HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DISPARITIES

OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Expand understanding of current rural health care workforce
- ▶ Support rural implications of the MISSION Act

ENRICH RURAL VETERAN HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Increase rural Veteran health research
- ▶ Innovate new models of care for Veterans who live in rural communities
- ▶ Build recognition of VA's rural research, innovations and outcomes

KEY MEASURES

- The number of Veterans served by ORH-funded programs
- The number of ORH-funded programs
- The number of ORH-funded telehealth programs
- The number of unique VA sites of care that participate in ORH-funded programs.

19.4

million U.S. Veterans

8.4

million rely on VA for care

4.7

million Veterans are rural

2.7

million rural Veterans, or 33% are enrolled in VA care

55%

enrolled rural Veterans are 65+

7%

are enrolled rural women Veterans

49%

earn less than \$35,000 annually

26%

of rural Veterans don't access the internet

Data is from the VA Survey of Enrollees from fiscal year 2018, the Veterans Health Administration Support Service Center Enrollment Cube from fiscal years 2017 and 2018, and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey.