

Biobehavioral Research Interest Group (BHRIG) Charter		
Sponsor: Tri-Service Nursing Research Program	<p><u>Principle Members:</u> (*RIG leaders)</p> CAPT Anita Smith* COL Angela Simmons * Lt Col Jackie Killian * MAJ Chris Stucky CAPT Lisa Braun Lt Col Laurie Migliore	<p><u>Leaders emeritus:</u></p> Col (Ret.) Penny Pierce COL (Ret.) Linda Yoder
	<p>Business Case/Opportunity Statement: The Biobehavioral Health Research Interest Group provides a broader opportunity to synergize efforts in clinical inquiry focused on Biobehavioral Health (BH) to meet the needs of the military health system (MHS) and strengthen the capabilities of nurse scientists, translational science experts and nursing personnel serving our war fighters and military beneficiaries.</p>	
	<p>Goal Statement: The Biobehavioral Health Research Interest Group (BHRIG) will focus on the development of innovative research and evidence-based practice initiatives that explore health promotion from a BH perspective while fostering inter service collaboration. The ultimate vision is to support BH clinical inquiry in both generating the body of military BH science and translating BH research evidence to positively impact the quality and safety of care provided by the military health system.</p>	
	<p>Scope: The BHRIG will meet team goals by establishing or strengthening connections with federal and DoD agencies, academic and professional organizations, and peers to ensure the most up-to-date evidence to support military health services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster collaboration with inter-professional teams, TSNRP research interest groups, and cross-agency partners. • Lead an annual BHRIG project on topic of membership interest that is relevant to BH and incorporates tri-service participation. • Respond to MHS leadership priorities and requests for clinical inquiry /scientific support. • Strengthen knowledge and skills in research and evidence-based practice among military nurse scholars seeking to expand the science concerning BH. 	
	<p>RIG Succession Plan: Current RIG leaders from each service (Army, Air Force, and Navy) will identify service representatives and announce the identified leaders at the annual TSNRP Research and Evidence-Based Practice Course. Subsequently, each year the same process will continue as a means of fostering the development of future military nurse scientist leaders.</p>	
	<p>Voting: Voting by membership as needed, majority carries the vote.</p>	

	<p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate annual project results at the annual TSNRP Research and EBP Dissemination Course. • Manuscript/report of BHRIG project findings and possible submission to peer-reviewed journal • Submit a proposed BH-relevant topic for MHSRS Breakout Session (if chosen: review abstracts, recommend presenters, and host breakout session) • Mentor/sponsor at least one member of TSNRP in drafting a proposal to be submitted for funding to TSNRP • Provide BHRIG Mentorship annual report to TSNRP. 		
	Timeline	Target Date	Date Achieved
1	Host a 2019 In-Person BHRIG Meeting	Apr 2019	
2	Host Quarterly BHRIG Teleconferences (estimated dates)	July 2019 Oct 2019 Jan 2020	
3	Identify a 2019 annual BHRIG project	July 2019	
4	Identify candidate for sponsorship to assist with proposal development for TSNRP submission following TSNRP Grant Camp	2 nd Qtr 2019	
5	Provide a summary of BHRIG mentorship activities to TSNRP	Dec 2019	
6	Submit abstract on the annual project for the TSNRP Dissemination Course	31 Jan 2020	
7	Present a final report of project to TSNRP	2 nd Qtr 2020	
8	Draft manuscript of project results for submission to peer-reviewed journal	2 nd Qtr 2020	

Charter becomes effective upon signature. The charter will remain active and current until 30 April 2020 before requiring renewal. The TSNRP Executive Board of Directors has the discretion to stand down this Working Group at any time with consensus.

APPROVAL

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