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Jeff Smith, Moderator (NC DMHDDSAS/DHHS)

2:00-2:05 Pledge of Allegiance
2:05-2:10 Welcome: Lt Gen Walter Gaskin, USMC (Ret)
2:10-2:25 Chairs Updates and Information: VHA, VBA, DMVA, DHHS, WFS (5 min. each)
2:25-2:30 GWG Updates and Initiatives: Operation HOME, NC STRIVE, Ask the Question campaign, and Governor’s Challenge to Prevent Veteran Suicide (Jeff Smith, NC DMHDDSAS/DHHS)
2:30-2:40 NCServes Update (Dave Roddenberry, Governor’s Institute)
2:40-2:45 Vote for a Veteran Program (Noah Grant, NC Board of Elections)
2:45-3:05 Mental Health Awareness Month (Susan Watkins, Durham VAMC)
3:05-3:25 Mental Health Awareness Month (Susan Watkins, Durham VAMC)
3:25-3:45 Hearing Loss Awareness Month (Jan Withers and Sean Baker, Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, NC DHHS)
3:45-4:00 Closing

Future Meeting Dates:
- June 24
- July 22
- August 26

Resources:
- VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines: https://www.healthquality.va.gov/
- Behavioral Interventions for Comorbid PTSD and Substance Use Disorder, PTSD Research Quarterly: https://www.ptsd.va.gov/publications/rq_docs/V31N2.pdf
- Department of Defense Hearing Center of Excellence: https://hearing.health.mil/
- Services for Veterans with Hearing Loss in VA: https://www.research.va.gov/topics/hearing.cfm
- Hearing Loss Association of America – Veterans Virtual Chapter: https://www.hearingloss.org/hearing-help(communities/veterans/veterans-virtual-chapter-meetings/)