

DFM-C3E-MM

Department of Family Medicine
Community-Centered Clinical Excellence
Monthly Meeting

August 19, 2026

Anschutz
School of Medicine

Department of Family Medicine **C3E Program**
Community Centered Clinical Excellence
University of Colorado **Anschutz Medical Campus**

Agenda Format

- Welcome:
  - Introductions and ice breaker: in the chat 3min
- DFM-C3E-MM purpose, group norms and updates
  - Heather, Sheryl, Gil and Taryn: 10 min
- Presentation: ~25-30min
- Q & A: 10-15min
- Group share and check in *(if time allows)*
- Survey link and adjourn

The C3E Team



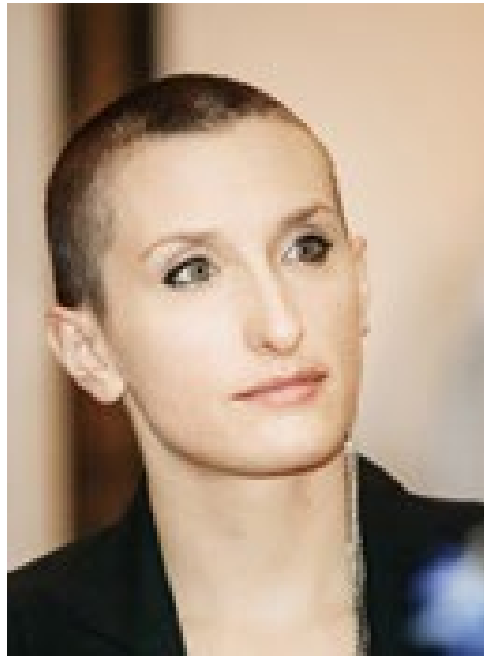
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Taryn Bogdewiecz,
they/them or xe/xem/xyrs

Introductions and Ice Breaker

Introductions

In the chat, please share:

Your name, pronouns, title, organization, and email.

Ice breaker questions

In the chat, please share:

Have you ever served in the military? If so, **When/ Where/ What branch?**

or

Do you have a family member who has served in the military? If so, **What do you know about their service? [When/ Where/ What branch?]**

DFM Community Centered Clinical Excellence Program Monthly Meetings (DFM-C3E-MM)

Meeting Purpose:

- To increase awareness of programs and activities being done in community spaces across the state by DFM faculty, physicians, clinicians, staff, researchers, medical residents, and students as well as fellow colleagues across the Campus working in areas of community engagement and activities that promote health access and healthy outcomes.
- To learn and hear from nonprofits, state agencies, community-based organizations *(such as community groups, potential partners, and community residents)* about the resources and support they provide to our Colorado communities.
- To provide opportunities for our family medicine clinics to broaden their awareness of Campus and community-based resources available.
- To create an opportunity to make connections with each other.

DFM-C3E-MM Suggested Group Norms

- Please add your pronouns to your name in zoom meetings.
- Make sure that your microphone is on mute during presentations.
- During the presentation portion of the meeting, put questions into the chat or use the raise hand button.
- Cameras on, whenever possible, especially if we are hosting guests from an outside organization.
- We're glad you have joined us today!

Schedule of upcoming C3E Monthly Meetings:

Tuesday, Sept 15	Be Well is a grassroots community driven initiative that empowers residents through local engagement, policy education and health promotion strategies.	Be Well Health & Wellness Initiatives: • Block Captains • Centers • Health Policy • Youth
Tuesday, October 20	RTD (Regional Transportation District)	RTD will cover these offices and programs: • Paratransit: Access-a-Ride, Access-on-Demand • Civil Rights Division: Transit Equity Office, ADA Compliance Office • Community Engagement • Homelessness Outreach Coordination

Additional Notes

- **New to this group?** Please add your name, email, and organization to the chat.
- Join our Listserv. Email **DFM.CommunityEngagement@CUanschutz.edu**
- View our upcoming calendar and our past **C3E Monthly Meeting recordings**
- Do you have a suggestion for a future presenter or topic? Add it to our **suggestion box**

Veteran-Centered Events and Opportunities

- **Denver Veterans Job Fair** Weds, **8/19/26**,Empower Field at Mile High Stadium. Learn More/Register.
- **Veterans Beer Club** Networking Events for Veterans and Miliary Families, **8/26/26** 5:30pm, Cerebus Brewing Company. Learn more/register
- **9/11 Heroes Run, 9/13/26**, 9:11am, Great Lawn Park, Denver. Learn more
- **Us Together With Veterans Summit**, Denver, **9/18-19/26**. Info page pending
- **14th Annual West Metro Veterans Resource Fair, 9/24/26**, 11-2pm, Elks Lakewood Lodge #1777, Learn more
- **17th Annual Denver Veterans Day Run, Festival and Parade**, **11/14/26** Denver City Park. Learn More/Register
- **Home Front Military Network Community Events Calendar:** [Veterans Resource Fairs, Fests and Distribution Events; Women's Veterans events, clubs and socials
- **DMVA Event Calendar:** [Vets for Vets support group; Veterans Coffee Club; Women's events; Tai Chi; Yoga; Caregiver Support; Art Class; Music/Guitars]

Additional Resource Links for Veterans

- **Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs:** https://vets.colorado.gov/
  - **Colorado Directory of Veterans Service Offices by County**: https://vets.colorado.gov/services-benefits/county-veterans-service-offices
  - **Veterans Crisis Line**: Dial 988 and press 1, text 838255
- **MakeTheConnection.net** is a resource for service members, veterans and their families, friends, and care givers.
- **Women Veteran Resources**:
  - https://vets.colorado.gov/women-veterans call 303-914-5832 or email cdvainfo@dmva.state.co.us
  - Women who served: Colorado Veterans- Resources: https://womenwhoservedcoloradoveterans.org/services/
- **Volunteers of America (VOA) CO: SSVF ('Supportive Services for Veteran Families') Program** case management to help address/prevent homelessness for veterans & their families
  - **Veterans Services Center Denver Metro**: Denver serving Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Boulder, Denver Douglas, Jefferson counties (720) 501-3367 ssvfintake@voacolorado.org
  - **Veterans Services of Northern CO** [Larimer County] Fort Collins, (970) 391-9925 ssvfintake@voacolorado.org
  - **Veterans Service Mobile Office** – Meet veterans in counties they reside in Chaffee, Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Eagle, Elbert, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Kit Carson, Lake, Lincoln, Park, Routt, Summit, Washington, and Yuma Counties. (720) 300-3704
  - **More offices + counties**: https://www.voacolorado.org/services/ssvf-denver-metro/ or email ssvfintake@voacolorado.org

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Today's Presenters

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Drew Stem, MSW (he/him) **County Veteran Service Officer,** Jefferson County Colorado
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Jefferson County
Human Service

Veteran Services



Presenters

Drew Stem **&** Kevin Ashcraft -Veteran Service Officers

JEFFERSON COUNTY COLORADO | Human Services

Who are Veterans?

- "A person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable."

- **"Veteran" -** a person who served at least one day of active duty

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Possible VA Benefits



- Service Connection for disabilities
- Healthcare with the VA Medical Centers
- Pension for low-income Veterans
- Aid and Attendance for Veterans who need assistance with activities of daily living
- Education(GI Bill/Post 911)
- Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)
- Home loans
- Federal Cemetery Benefits
- VA Hud-Vash- VA Medical Center
- Ascend PTSD Program-VA Medical Center

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Results of attaining VA Benefits

- A network and community of assistance
- 24/7 Mental health support
- Education and Vocational Rehabilitation
- Monthly financial support



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Ways to meet your VSO

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- Go to https://www.jeffco.us/2685/Veterans-Services and click on contact veteran services to file out an online request form.
- OR Contact VSO Directly to schedule an
  - In person appointments
  - Via online with a virtual meetings
  - On the phone meetings

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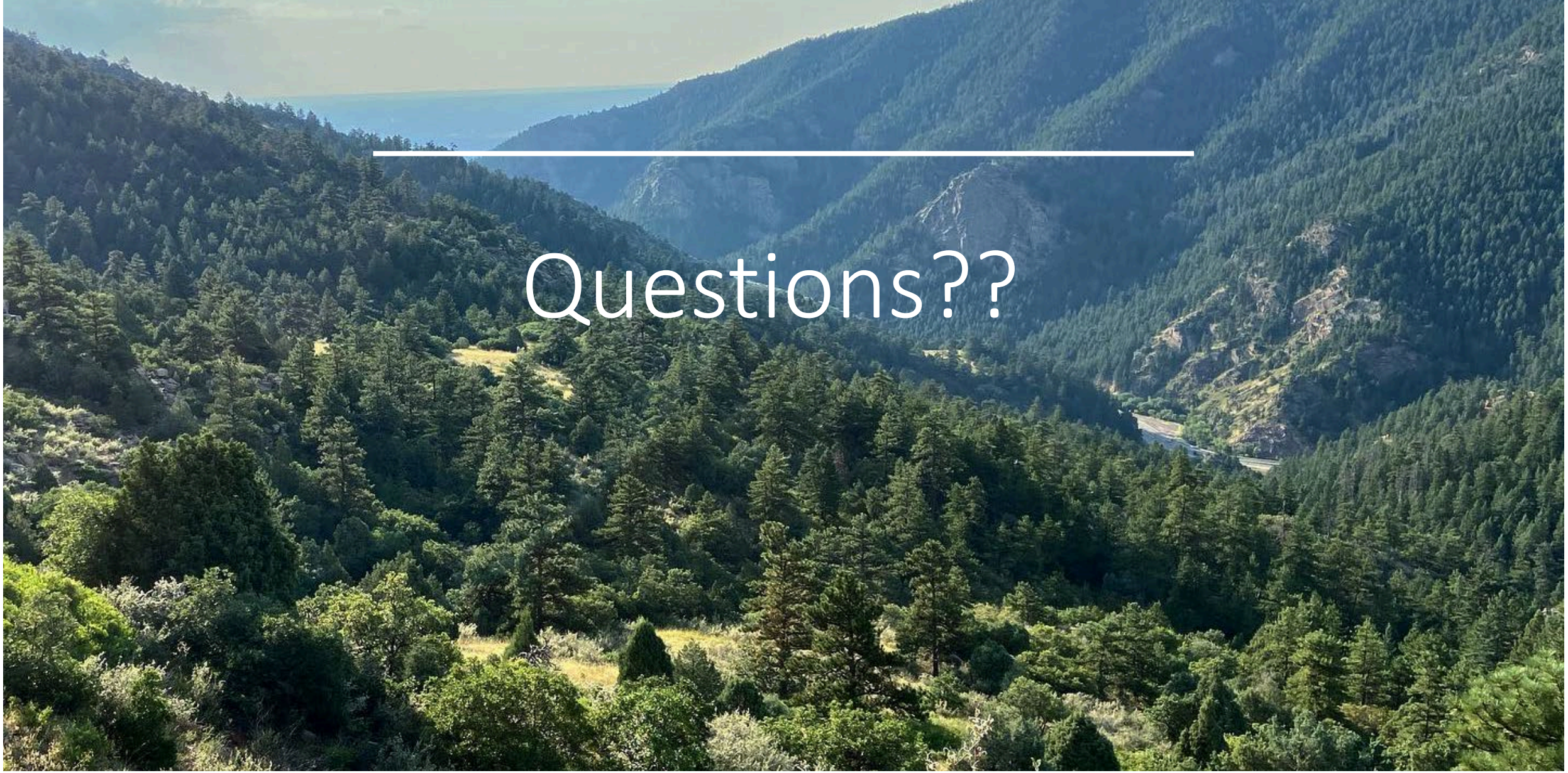








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Submitted Questions

1. What takes place at the initial VSO & veteran meeting? Can you walk us through the steps and how to start?
2. Are there certain factors providers can screen out ***before*** sending people with military service to VSOs?
3. Do you screen over the phone or do initial meetings take place in person?
4. Do VSOs help with paperwork?
5. What is a DD214? And can VSOs help to acquire it?

Submitted Questions

6. Can you tell us about what the “priority groups” are? How can a veteran find out their VA priority group and benefits eligibility?
7. What role do VSO’s play in determining what benefits veterans are eligible for?
8. Can you speak about “service connected” injury/illness conditions during active-duty vs emerging injuries or illnesses showing up later?
9. If a veteran develops health problems years after discharge, can they still pursue service-connected benefits? What documentation is needed to establish a service-connection?

Submitted Questions

10. In screening someone who has identified as a veteran, what are some important specific questions that would be good to ask that would support their care?
11. What is something about caring for veterans that you wish all providers knew?
12. What veteran-specific needs may go unnoticed if veteran status is never identified?
13. What are the most commonly overlooked veteran benefits?
14. What benefits do veterans often qualify for but fail to access?

Submitted Questions

15. What resources are available for Veterans with dementia, and their families caring for them?
16. What resources are available for veterans who are sexual assault survivors?
17. Can you speak to communication preferences: Clear and direct vs softening difficult information.
18. What are some best practices to address pride, self-reliance, and reluctance to seek help?

Q & A

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Survey Reminder

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Group Share and Check In

- **Do you have an event or community activity that you want to share with the group?** Raise your hand or come off mute.

- Don’t forget to email event details to DFM.CommunityEngagement@CUanschutz.edu by the end of the day so we can share it in our follow-up email.

Thank you for coming. Our contact info:

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