

# STRIVING FOR ZERO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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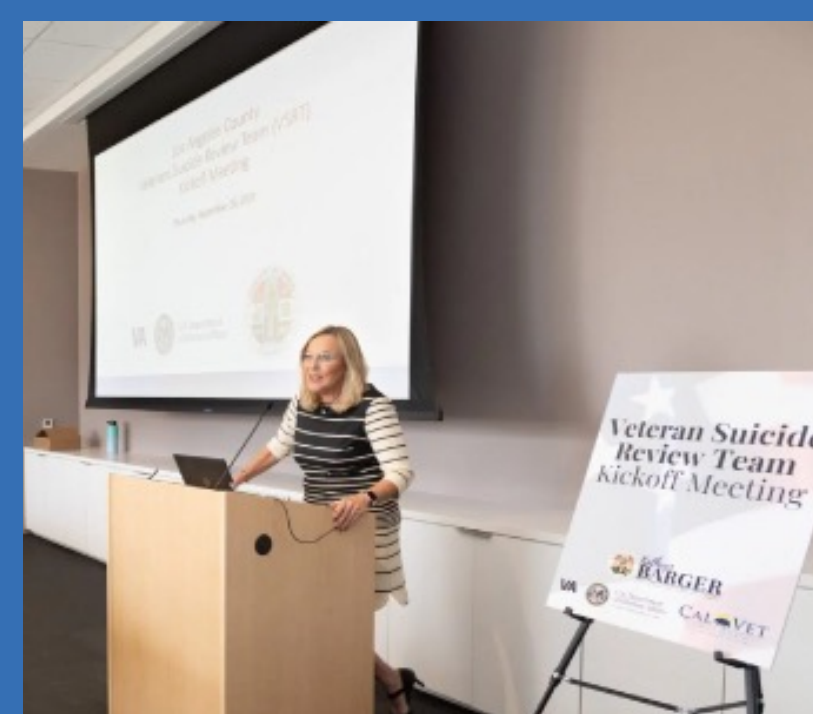
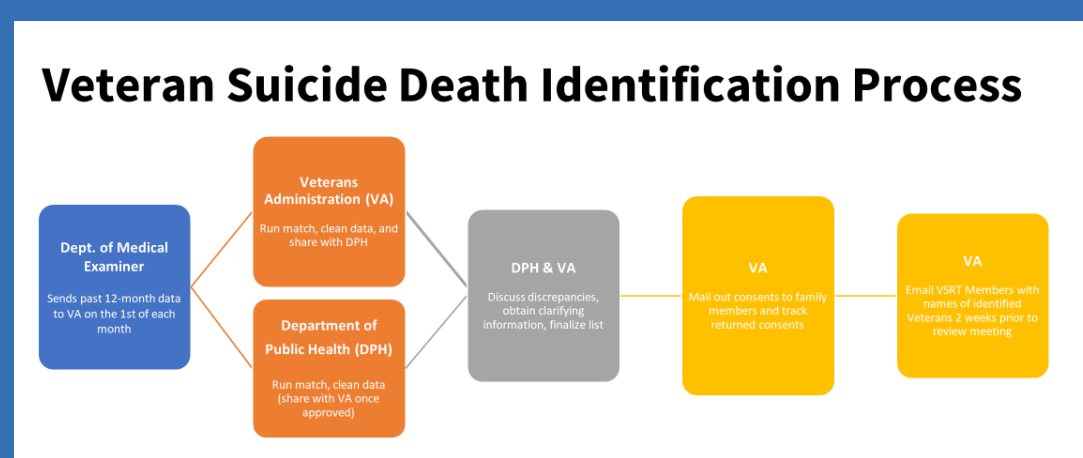
## COMMUNICATING DATA AND MEASURING OUTCOMES

### Veteran Suicide Death Review Team

#### Los Angeles County

LA County has established a Veteran Suicide Review Team (VSRT) to address high rates of suicide among this population throughout the county. The team is a multidisciplinary group of professionals and community members that meets to evaluate the circumstances leading to and surrounding veteran suicides in order to improve community and service systems and to take action to prevent suicide.

The review process represents an efficient way of collecting and integrating data from multiple sources to produce regular reports and accurate data based on confirmed suicide deaths from the LA County Department of Medical Examiner. The VSRT fatality review team joins the long-standing child death, child and adolescent suicide, and domestic violence fatality review teams to inform systemwide prevention and intervention strategies to reduce these causes of violent deaths. Los Angeles County intends to build from this model developed for veterans to eventually scale to all residents of Los Angeles County.



- VSRT Core Team Responsibilities include:**
- Read and sign LA Veterans Suicide Review Team Charter.
  - Come to meetings prepared to share information pertinent to cases for review.
  - Ensure release of information has been signed by legal next of kin.
  - Participate in the discussion regarding risk factors, protective factors, and system recommendations from their various expert perspectives.

