PARTNER Veteran Suicide Prevention Network Survey Questions

This document lists the PARTNER "VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK" survey. That is, the questions are specific to Veteran Suicide Prevention or Suicide Prevention networks. You can use this document as a template to review questions and make edits, before working on the online version of the survey. The wording here is suggested wording based on past surveys that the PARTNER team has developed on a variety of projects. We encourage you to modify it for your own community/cultural contexts.

How should you use this survey template? The entire survey is modifiable, although in some limited ways. You can use this template (in Word) to draft up your own language and customize question changes. If you follow the structure of this template, you will be able to fit changes into the online survey.

In what ways can I edit the survey? In the table below, the first column is the question number, the second column is the question text, the third column is the question response, and the last column explains what is modifiable and what is not. The ability to change the question text is available for almost every question, however the 'spirit' of the question must remain. That is, if the question is a multiple-choice question, then it should remain as a multiple-choice question. For example, question 4 must be a multiple choice, and question 5 will always ask the respondent to pick one from the list of response they picked in question 4. Question 6 and 7 are similar. Questions 8 and 9 can be any type of multiple-choice question. Question 10 is where respondents select their partners and the next eight questions refer back to the list partners select here. Questions 11 and 12 are relational questions and you can ask any question (single or multiple choice) you want to know about the network partnerships. Questions 13, 14, and 15 correspond to the value metrics and questions 16, 17, and 18 correspond to the trust metrics. For these questions you can only modify the definition of the metric to better fit your language but the metric itself and the scale cannot be modified. After question 18, any number of open-ended, single-choice or multiple-choice questions can follow. This template provides some example additional questions you can choose to include in your survey.

Any questions? Contact us at partnertool@visiblenetworklabs.com

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THIS TEXT IS THE DEFAULT CONSENT AND INSTRUCTIONS THAT IS AUTO-FILLED INTO THE PARTNER SURVEY. IT IS ALL MODIFIABLE.

Consent:
By starting the survey, you are agreeing to participate. Your participation is voluntary, and you can stop at any time. There are no known risks to participate in this survey. If you have questions about your participation in the survey, please reply to the email invitation you received, or contact the PARTNER team at partnertool@visiblenetworklabs.com.

Instructions:
Thank you for taking this survey. To begin, you will be asked to answer a few questions about your own organization. You will then be asked to answer questions about other organizations.

Answer all questions from the perspective of your organization, rather than yourself as an individual. Feel free to check with others in your organization for more information.

At any time, you can save the responses and continue the survey later. When complete, you can review your responses and modify them, if required.

Q#	Question Text	Question Response Options	Notes on how question can be modified in the PARTNER system
1	Your organization should be listed below. If it is not, please return to the original email you received inviting you to take this survey and click on the link included.		This question is not modified, rather it is based on the respondent list
2	What is your organization's mission? If your organization does not have a stated mission, please describe the core function of your organization in the community.		This can be modified to any question where you elicit a short answer, short open-ended response, for example, "how would you describe the value that you get from participating in the network?" or "what is your motivation for joining?"

3	How many months have you worked in this organization? (in months) Note: type numerals (e.g. 11, not eleven)		This can be modified to any question where you elicit a numerical value as a response, such as "how long have you worked in the area of suicide prevention?"
4	Which resources can your organization contribute towards Veteran Suicide Prevention efforts?	1. Advocacy 2. Community connections 3. Data resources (e.g., access to data, data collection) 4. Expertise in firearms safety 5. Expertise in public health planning 6. Expertise in behavioral health 7. Expertise in primary care 8. Expertise in suicide prevention 9. Information / Feedback 10. Leadership and or Facilitation 11. Media and marketing (e.g., news, advertising, social media) 12. Project administration and support 13. Resource donations (e.g., meeting spaces, etc.) 14. Clinical staff who provide crisis support as part of their Regular job duties 15. Sustainment funding 16. Training and Education 17. Volunteers 18. None, we don't provide any resources for suicide prevention 19. None, we cannot or are unwilling to provide resources	The wording of this question can be modified to be customized to this network (this question is linked to Q5). Usually this is a question asking about what member orgs can or can potentially contribute to the network. The response options listed here are from our default survey, but you can modify these to match resources/activities that you hope the organizations will bring to the network.
5	From those resources, what do you think your organization's main contribution could be to an effort focused on Veteran Suicide Prevention? (if multiple, choose the most important one)	Same response list as #4	

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6	What are all the OUTCOMES that the effort on Veteran Suicide Prevention should focus on collectively? (Choose all that apply.)	1. Community support for those dealing with mental health issues 2. Community support for Veterans 3. Improved communication between organizations 4. Improved health outcomes for Veterans 5. Improved resource sharing for organizations 6. Improved services in mental health and/or for Veterans 7. Improving access to crisis services 8. Improving public awareness of this problem 9. Improving the ability of community members to identify individuals in crisis and/or at risk for suicide 10. Increased knowledge of safe firearms storage 11. Increased knowledge sharing for organizations 12. Increased use of best practices in suicide prevention in primary care 13. New sources of data regarding suicide and suicide risk factors 14. Policy, law and/or regulation 15. Provide suicide prevention education, and/or suicide prevention educational resources 16. Reduced stigma regarding suicide and mental health 17. Reduction of health disparities for Veterans	You can customize the wording of this question (this question is linked to Q7). Usually this is a question asking about outcomes achieved or potential outcomes to achieve. The response options can be edited, but will be the same for both Q 6 and Q 7.
7	Which outcome do you think is most important that organizations working collectively to prevent Veteran suicide can achieve?	Same response list as #6	Whatever responses someone chooses in Q 6 will populate as possible responses for Q7.
8	How successful has this network been at reaching its goals? (Goals of this network include: XXX)	1. Not Successful 2. Somewhat Successful 3. Successful 4. Very Successful 5. Completely Successful	This can be modified to any question where you elicit a single choice response. If this is a new network, you can find another question to ask here if you do not think this fits.

			You could ask what their potential role in the network could be or what level of involvement they could contribute.
9	Please select the top aspects of collaboration that have contributed to that success?	1. Ability to distribute information among members 2. Bringing together diverse stakeholders 3. Collective decision-making 4. Exchanging info/knowledge 5. Having a shared mission, goals 6. Having a variety of communication channels among members 7. Relationships created among members 8. Meeting regularly 9. Sharing resources 10. Utilizing connections and networks of partner	This can be modified to any question where you elicit a multiple choice response.
10	From the list, select organizations/programs with which you have an established relationship (either formal or informal) in relation to services for Veteran Suicide Prevention. In subsequent questions, you will be asked about your relationships with these organizations/programs in the context of your professional networks.		Question can be modified but list of organizations to choose from will be based on the respondent list uploaded.

The next set, questions 11-18 are relational questions, meaning that the respondent will answer each question about the organizations they selected in Q10.

Q11-12: Below are the relational questions, however there are several options for the content of these questions. At the end of this table are other options to choose from (in blue text), but all can be modified. In total, we recommend only choosing a total of 3 relational questions (q11, q12, and the 3rd option will become Q19).

Questions 13-18 are also relational, but instead of assessing the content and type of relationship between two partners, they assess the quality in terms of Value and Trust. Questions 13-15 are three measures of Value and questions 16-18 are three measures of Trust. The wording of Q13-18 can be slightly modified for your network, but the context cannot change. These are trademark PARTNER questions and usually yield the most useful data.

11	What kind of activities does your relationship with this partner entail (pick all)?	1. Advocacy/ awareness 2. Attend conferences/trainings 3. Client referrals or transfers 4. Collect/store data 5. Conduct or fund research 6. Develop standards, guidelines or procedures 7. Develop tools 8. Intellectual exchange 9. Legal procedure/ compliance 10. New technologies 11. Provide educational programs 12. Service delivery 13. Technical assistance 14. Other 15. None	You can modify the language/wording of the question and response options. However, the nature of this question has to be "relational" (something they are answering about their relationship with each partner they selected). See other examples at the end of this table.
12	Please describe the nature of your relationship with this organization/program [note: the responses increase in level of collaboration]?	1. None 2. Cooperative Activities: involves exchanging information, attending meetings together, and offering resources to partners (Example: Informs other programs of RFA release) 3. Coordinated Activities: Include cooperative activities in addition to intentional efforts to enhance each other's capacity for the mutual benefit of programs. (Example: Separate granting programs utilizing shared administrative processes and forms for application review and selection.) 4. Integrated Activities: In addition to cooperative and coordinated activities, this is the act of using commonalities to create a unified center of knowledge and programming that supports work in related content areas. (Example: Developing and utilizing shared priorities for funding effective prevention strategies. Funding pools may be combined.)	You can modify the language/wording of the question and response options. However, the nature of this question has to be "relational" (something they are answering about their relationship with each partner they selected). See other examples at the end of this table.

13	To what extent does this organization/program have power and influence to impact prevention efforts of Veteran suicides? Power/Influence: The organization/program holds a prominent position in the community by being powerful, having influence, success as a change agent, and showing leadership.	1. Not at all 2. A small amount 3. A fair amount 4. A great deal	Questions 13-18 are based on validated scales to measure perceived value and trust among partners, so they generally need to remain as is, although we can customize for your network. You can modify the language of the definition and what this term means to your group. Please do not modify the response options as it is linked to the analysis tool/ calculations.
14	What is this organization/program's level of involvement in programs relating to the prevention of Veterans Suicide? Level of Involvement: The organization/program is strongly committed and active in the partnership and gets things done.	1. Not at all 2. A small amount 3. A fair amount 4. A great deal	
15	To what extent does this organization/program's contribute resources to preventing Veteran Suicide? Contributing Resources: The organization/program brings resources to the partnership like funding, information, or other resources.	1. Not at all 2. A small amount 3. A fair amount 4. A great deal	
16	How reliable is the organization/program?	1. Not at all 2. A small amount 3. A fair amount 4. A great deal	

	Reliable: this organization/program is reliable in terms of following through on commitments.		
17	To what extent does the organization/program share a mission with the goal of preventing Veteran Suicide? Mission Congruence: this organization/program shares a common vision of the end goal of what working together should accomplish.	1. Not at all Not at all 2. A small amount 3. A fair amount 4. A great deal	
18	How open to discussion is the organization/program? Open to Discussion: this organization/program is willing to engage in frank, open and civil discussion (especially when disagreement exists). The organization/program is willing to consider a variety of viewpoints and talk together (rather than at each other). You are able to communicate with this organization/program in an open, trusting manner.	1. Not at all 2. A small amount 3. A fair amount 4. A great deal	
19	We are interested in all the ways the organizations connect with one another, and how that relates to building community networks. In what ways are you connected to this organization? RELATIONAL MULTIPLE	1. I have friends or family who work there 2. I refer people to them or they refer people to me 3. I have worked with the organization on other issues in the past 4. I currently work with them on other issues 5. I have worked with them on Veteran suicide prevention in the past	You can add any type of question here and after this point in the survey. If you added a 3rd relational question, you would do so here followed by any other question(s) you would like to ask.

		6. I currently work with them on Veteran suicide prevention 7. Other	
	SURVEY END		
OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS YOU WILL NEED TO ADD TO THE SURVEY TRANSFERRED TO YOUR ACCOUNT.			
20	Are there any Organizations, Businesses or Groups that you consider a partner in your work that relate to Suicide Prevention among Veterans that were not listed on the survey?	Open-ended	
21	Which of the following factors will FACILITATE/have FACILITATED your organization's ENGAGEMENT in the effort focused on Veteran Suicide Prevention? (Choose as many as apply)	1. A convening organization such as VA that provides project funding, technical assistance, and facilitation 2. Collectively building capacity for advocacy work 3. Diverse and multi-disciplinary collaborative membership (including the makeup of organizations including their size, type, and racial/ethnic makeup) 4. History of collaboration/sharing among collaborative members 5. In person meetings and institutes 6. Peer learning/sharing among collaborative members 7. Strong sense of trust among collaborative members 8. Strong/well-connected collaborative leadership (e.g., able to resolve conflicts) 9. The collaborative is responsive to needs of members (e.g., timely, helpful, provides resources) 10. Other 11. Not sure	
22	What are the greatest CHALLENGES your Organization has in participating in the effort focused on Veteran Suicide Prevention? (Choose all that apply)	1. Capacity for advocacy work 2. Communication with other agencies 3. Effective leadership to move things forward 4. Funding capacity 5. Getting media attention 6. Messaging/communications strategies	

		7. Navigating political environments 8. Need for more technical assistance to be offered 9. Not sure how to help 10. Other 11. Staff transition/turnover 12. There are no challenges to participating 13. Time capacity	
23	Please describe your involvement in the network, if any. (Choose one)	1. No Active Involvement 2. Minimal Involvement 3. Occasional Involvement 4. Consistent Involvement 5. Proactive Involvement and Leadership	
24	From your perspective, what resources are critical to achieve long-term sustainability of the network? Who or what is ultimately needed to advocate for and sustain this model?	Open-ended	
25	Do you have any additional comments or feedback about the network?	Open-ended	