



**MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. THIS RECOGNITION, LED BY THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT, FIRST BEGAN AS A NATIONAL CELEBRATION WEEK ON MARCH 7, 1982, AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK." IN 1988, THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MARCH WAS DESIGNATED AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH," AND IT REMAINS A NATIONAL MONTH OF CELEBRATION. ANNUALLY, THE WHITE HOUSE ISSUES A PROCLAMATION FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. THE 2014 THEME FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IS "CELEBRATING WOMEN OF CHARACTER, COURAGE & COMMITMENT."**

**VA IS PARTICIPATING IN WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BY CELEBRATING THE GENERATIONS OF SUCCESS OF WOMEN AND WOMEN VETERANS. TO TIE INTO THE THEME OF CHARACTER, COURAGE & COMMITMENT, VA IS FOCUSING THE MONTH ON "WOMEN VETERANS MAKE HISTORY." THE CHARACTER, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT DEMONSTRATED BY WOMEN VETERANS PROVIDE A FOUNDATION OF FUTURE SUCCESSES IN THEIR OWN POST-MILITARY ENDEAVORS. THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES WOMEN VETERANS GAIN FROM THEIR MILITARY SERVICE LEAD TO A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT WITHIN THEIR FAMILIES, CAREERS, AND COMMUNITIES. VA IS COMMITTED TO HONORING WOMEN VETERANS AND PROVIDING THEM WITH THE BENEFITS AND SERVICES THAT THEY HAVE EARNED.**

**([HTTP://WWW.VA.GOV/WOMENVET/WHM2014.ASP](http://www.va.gov/womenvet/whm2014.asp))**

## Women's Health Care Team

Dr. Dawna Blake, Women's Health Care Director

Tonya Maselli-McConnell, LICSW, Women Veterans Program Manger

Pilar Capili, RN  
Clinical Coordinator

Dr. Kristen Matteson, MD,MPH  
Provider

Lucy J. Ramos, LICSW  
Social Worker

Yolanda Tangui,  
Patient Care Assistant

Diane Taylor, Medical Support  
Assistant

Dr. Joan Karl, Provider

Dr. Emily Leveen, Provider

Dr. Natalie Mariano, Hyannis CBOC Provider

Cheryl Collins, NP, Hyannis

Dr. Terri Tamasse, Middletown CBOC Provider

Dr. Eva Klonowski, Provider

Dr. Jon Bas, Provider

## Meet the new additions to our team!!!



We are proud to announce that Tonya Maselli McConnell , LICSW , BCD is the new Women Veterans Program Manager. Tonya has worked at the Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center (PVAMC) for over five years. She is passionate and dedicated to understanding the specific needs of the Veterans she serves.

*" I continue to be inspired by Veterans, their families and the sacrifices they make" -  
Tonya Maselli McConnell, LICSW, BCD*

Additionally, she has extensive experience working with diverse groups of women. In addition to running a private practice in Providence that focuses on women's issues; she has worked at the *Sexual Assault and Trauma Resource Center* and had a central role in running the *Office of Victim Services in Rhode Island.* □

Tonya may be reached at (401) 273-7100 ext. 6191.



Please welcome **Dr. Kristen Matteson, MD, MPH** to the women's health care team. Dr. Matteson studied at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. During her fellowship training, Dr. Matteson also earned a Masters in Public Health degree through the Brown Program in Public Health. Dr. Matteson has presented her research on Abnormal Uterine Bleeding (AUB) at numerous national conferences and serves as a reviewer for multiple peer-reviewed journals. Because of her expertise, Dr. Matteson was invited to become a member of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics Menstrual Disorders Working Group and the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons Systematic Review Group. Additionally, she has served as a member of the Technical Expert Panel for the Agency for Health Care Quality Evidence Practice Center systematic review on treatment of abnormal uterine bleeding. Dr. Matteson is an emerging leader in women's health and research design. At Women and Infants, she is the coordinating director for the Resident Research Curriculum and the Women's Health Fellows Workshop in Clinical Research Design. Dr. Matteson has been consistently recognized for her outstanding teaching skills, most notably being awarded the CREOG (Counsel on Residency Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology) Excellence in Teaching Award (National Recognition Award) in 2009. Sought after as an advisor and mentor for residents and medical students, Dr. Matteson has been awarded outstanding teacher of the year awards since 2006 and was given the "Mentorship Award" from the Graduating Chief Residents in 2012. Using her strong leadership and research skills in women's health, Dr. Matteson is committed to providing excellent care for veterans and their families □

Numbers to Know: Numbers to Grow

Eligibility & Enrollments:

401-457-3300

OEF/OIF Program Manager:

401-273-7100 ext. 6137

Veterans CRISIS Line

1-800-273- TALK (8255)

Telephone Assistant Program  
(TAP) Line

401-457-3336

1-866-590-2976

Homeless Resources

401-273-7100, ext. 3553

Hotline for Homeless Veterans

1-877-424-3838

State of Rhode Island Department of Human Services Division of Veterans Affairs

401-254-8460

Human services and helping agencies

2-1-1

MyHealthVet: Eileen Kirshenbaum

401-273-7100 ext. 3693



We are also proud to welcome Lucy J. Ramos, LICSW, ACSW, BCD to the women's health team. Lucy is a seasoned Social Worker. She studied Social Work at Boston College; and has worked at the Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center (PVAMC) for five years. Lucy may be reached at (401) 273-7100 ext. 4261.

*"I became a Social Worker because two Social Workers helped during a very difficult time in my life and I wanted to be able to do the same for other people!" -Lucy Ramos, LICSW, ACSW, BCD*

**Providence VA Medical Center**

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Providence, Rhode Island 02908  
Phone: 401-273-7100

**Hyannis CBOC**

VA Primary Care Center  
233 Stevens Street  
Hyannis, MA 02601-3190  
Phone : 508-771-3190

**Middletown CBOC**

One Corporate Place  
Middletown, RI 02842

**New Bedford CBOC**

175 Elm Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
Phone: 508-994-5489

**VET CENTERS**

Warwick: 401-739-0167  
New Bedford: 508-999-6920  
Hyannis: 508-778-0214

**Don't Forget your Flu Shot!!!!!!**

**Walk in Flu Shots are available in the main building at the check-in area M-F 8-12.**

**They are also available upon request at your local CBOC**

