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Lisa Callegari, MD, MPH is an obstetrician gynecologist and health services researcher at the VA Seattle-Denver HSR&D Center of Innovation for Veteran-Centered and Value-Drive Care. She is Associate Professor of Ob/Gyn and Adjunct Associate Professor of Health Services at the University of Washington (UW) and founding co-lead of the UW Department of Ob/Gyn's Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She completed medical school at Harvard University, residency at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), her MPH in epidemiology at the UW, and a post-doctoral fellowship in health services research at the VA.

Dr. Callegari's research has included quantitative and qualitative investigations of determinants of reproductive health risks in marginalized populations to inform interventions to improve outcomes and reduce disparities. She was the first obstetrician gynecologist to be funded by a 5-year VA HSR&D Career Development Award, which she received to develop and pilot test a novel web-based decision support tool ("MyPath") designed to address gaps in delivery of patient-centered family planning services in VA primary care. She was recently awarded a VA IIR to test MyPath in a multicenter pragmatic randomized controlled trial. Although MyPath was initially developed for use in the VA, Dr. Callegari is collaborating with multiple non-VA researchers to evaluate MyPath outside the VA, including an NIH-funded R01 to evaluate MyPath in postpartum women with substances use disorders, an NIH-funded career development award to tailor MyPath for Black and Latinx women with Type 2 Diabetes, and a state-funded initiative to improve reproductive health outcomes in Indiana. She is also co-PI on a VA IIR using mixed methods to understand mechanisms underlying racial disparities in uterine fibroid care and outcomes in VA and co-investigator on an NIH R01 to develop and validate a novel measure of pregnancy acceptability.

NIH BIOSKETCH & OTHER SUPPORT PAGES

NIH Biosketch & Other Support Pages ARE CHANGING: New versions are optional now and will be mandatory for deadlines after January 25, 2022. See NIH notices # NOT-OD-21-073 / NOT-OD-21-110 for specific changes and details. <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>. The Other Support page in particular is different from what has come before and worth drafting in advance of needing one.

LONG-TERM CARE MANDATE

The Washington state legislature recently enacted the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Act to provide a modest level of long-term care insurance coverage for its residents. The trust will be funded by a payroll deduction beginning on January 1, 2022 for all employees who work within Washington state.

Please see: <http://www.wacaresfund.wa.gov/> for more information. Questions? Contact hr@sibcr.org.

OTHER NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! Employee Appreciation is scheduled for September 23, 2021. More details will be forthcoming.

SIBCR released the [2020 Annual Report](#), which highlights another successful year. Thank you to our members, staff, sponsors and supporters for your dedication in helping to improve the health and well-being of Veterans!