Cohen Veterans Network Continues to Provide High-Quality, Culturally-Competent Training Through 2019 Scholars and Fellows Program

More Than a Dozen Professionals This Year are Receiving Specialized Training through CVN at Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinics across the country

Stamford, CT, October 2019 – Cultivating the next generation of clinicians, Cohen Veterans Network (CVN) is continuing its vision of grooming the next wave of mental health care professionals with high-quality, culturally competent training as part of its 2019 class of Scholars and Fellow. This year, CVN accepted 13 promising individuals for this specialized training.

The program provides hands-on experience for individuals pursuing professional careers in support of veteran’s mental health, with unique opportunities to participate in field training and military-related mental health care training.

“Our veterans and their families deserve well-trained professionals when it comes to their mental health care, and that starts with hands-on practical experience,” said Dr. Anthony Hassan, CEO and President of Cohen Veterans Network. “With the use of the best possible Evidence-Based Practices, and after a rigorous application process, we aim to train our CVN Scholars and Fellows to become the most skillful professionals and leaders in the field of military mental health. We are doing our part to ensure that these individuals can enter the clinical field ready to serve.”

CVN Scholars are chosen from social work, psychology or psychiatric nurse practitioner clinical disciplines. MSW students in their second-year field placement, LPC and MFT trainees in their second-year practicum and PNP proctorships can also be chosen as CVN Scholars. CVN Fellows are former MSW students who have access to advanced training, specialty supervision, and tailored exposure to our veteran and military population while gaining their clinical hours for licensure. They have completed a clinical social work internship at a CVN clinic and are nominated to apply for the fellowship by their clinic directors.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to enhance my learning at CVN. The culture is so incredibly supportive and geared toward increasing knowledge and competency in an environment where everyone is passionate about the work that they do. More than ideal, it is the dream placement for an internship,” Caila
Holm, a CVN Fellow at the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone in Clarksville, TN.

The following individuals are receiving training this year at Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinics throughout the country:

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Veterans Village of San Diego
- Elizabeth Sparks, MSW, ASW, CVN Fellow, a returning participant who was previously a CVN Scholar

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at NYU in New York City
- Catherine Nobile, PsyD, Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow
- Emily Brackman, PhD, Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow
- Anne Gentry Torell, MSEd, Psychology Extern
- Cambria Litsey, MSEd, Psychology Extern
- Kendra Doychak, MA, Psychology Extern
- Margaux Genoff Garzon, MA, Psychology Extern
- Jun Hong Chen, PsyM, Psychology Extern

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Easterseals in Silver Spring, MD
- Ava Weiss, MSW, CVN Fellow, a returning participant who was previously a CVN Scholar

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at UPenn in Philadelphia
- Jennifer Weidner, MSW, CVN Fellow

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone in Clarksville, TN
- Jessie Eisenmann, CVN Scholar
- David Smith, CVN Scholar
- Carla Holm, CVN Scholar

Learn more about the CVN Scholars and Fellows program.

About Cohen Veterans Network: Cohen Veterans Network is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit philanthropic organization for post-9/11 veterans and their families. CVN focuses on improving mental health outcomes, with a goal to build a network of outpatient mental health clinics for veterans and their families in high-need communities, in which trained clinicians deliver holistic evidence-based care to treat mental health conditions. Learn more about CVN.