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**LEBANON VA HOSTS MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT**  
***Overview of Behavioral Health Services Being Offered***

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On Friday, September 13, the Lebanon VA Medical Center will host a mental health summit. The purpose of the summit is to increase awareness of available VA resources, create a deeper partnership between VA and other local mental health care providers, and provide continuing education to mental health providers. The summit will be held at the Lebanon VA Medical Center, Building 18 Social Room. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the summit concludes at 1:30 p.m. The summit is open to any mental health care providers in south central Pennsylvania. There is no charge for attendance.

The summit will include an overview of VA behavioral health services including: inpatient psychiatry, outpatient clinics, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide prevention, veterans' justice outreach, vocational rehabilitation, homelessness coordination and care, and veterans benefits. Dr. Piro Rjepaj, MD, Associate Chief of Staff for Behavioral Health and Sciences, states, "This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the unparalleled mental health services we offer at the Lebanon VA. Our community partners are giving a lot to America's guardians and we are dedicated to helping them be successful."

Lebanon VA Medical Center is one of 152 medical centers across the United States which are dedicated to serving the unique needs of America's Veterans. The VA is the largest health care system in the country, using state of the art technology to improve the health of Veterans from every generation. Every Veteran enrolled in VA healthcare meets the Affordable Care Act standards for possessing health care coverage.

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