

Supplementary File 1

COREQ (Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Research) 32-Item Checklist

Manuscript ID 169702: “Barriers and Facilitators to Psychiatric Service Dog Handler Training Among Veterans With PTSD: A National Qualitative Study.”

This checklist follows Tong, Sainsbury, and Craig (2007), *Int J Qual Health Care* 19(6):349–357, and indicates the manuscript location at which each item is reported in the revised submission.

#	Item	Reported on (manuscript location)
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
1	Interviewer/facilitator — which author(s) conducted the interviews	Methods, Procedures (single DrPH candidate)
2	Credentials — interviewer credentials	Methods, Procedures (DrPH candidate; supervised dissertation)
3	Occupation — role at time of study	Methods, Procedures (doctoral candidate; lead investigator)
4	Gender of interviewer(s)	Methods, Procedures (male)
5	Experience and training in qualitative methods	Methods, Procedures (trained in qualitative research methods)
6	Relationship established prior to study	Methods, Procedures (no prior relationship)
7	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	Methods, Procedures (no prior relationship)
8	Interviewer characteristics / reflexivity (bias, assumptions)	Methods, Procedures; Limitations
Domain 2: Study design		
9	Methodological orientation and theory	Methods (thematic analysis; Donabedian framework [13])
10	Sampling — how participants were selected	Methods, Subjects (purposive maximum-variation)
11	Method of approach	Methods, Subjects (direct invitation by study team)
12	Sample size	Methods, Subjects (42 veterans; 10 leaders)
13	Non-participation — number/reasons for refusal	Methods, Subjects (no refusals; not applicable)
14	Setting of data collection	Methods, Procedures (veterans by telephone; leaders in-person/telephone)
15	Presence of non-participants	Not applicable
16	Description of sample (demographics)	Results (summary table in [10]; key figures in text)
17	Interview guide — questions, prompts, pilot	Methods, Procedures (piloted with non-study volunteers; available on request)
18	Repeat interviews	Methods, Procedures (single interview per participant)
19	Audio/visual recording	Methods, Procedures (audio recorded)
20	Field notes	Methods, Procedures (recorded during/after interviews)
21	Duration of interviews	Methods, Procedures (mean 79 min; range 53–171 min)
22	Data saturation	Methods, Subjects (assessed during collection and coding)
23	Transcripts returned to participants	Methods, Procedures (not returned)
Domain 3: Analysis and findings		
24	Number of data coders	Methods, Procedures (three coders)
25	Description of the coding tree	Methods, Procedures; Supplementary Table S1

#	Item	Reported on (manuscript location)
26	Derivation of themes (inductive/deductive)	Methods, Procedures (hybrid inductive–deductive)
27	Software	Methods, Procedures (Atlas.ti)
28	Participant checking	Methods, Procedures (transcripts not returned)
29	Quotations presented and identified	Results (quotes labeled [Veteran]/[Program leader])
30	Data and findings consistent	Results; Supplementary Table S1
31	Clarity of major themes	Results (4 barriers, 4 facilitators); Supplementary Table S1
32	Clarity of minor themes	Results; Discussion

Reference: Tong A, Sainsbury P, Craig J. Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative research (COREQ): a 32-item checklist for interviews and focus groups. International Journal for Quality in Health Care. 2007;19(6):349–357.

Supplementary Table S1. Mapping of identified themes to Donabedian domains, participant source, and exemplar quotations.

Theme frequencies and percentages reported in the manuscript are calculated from the 42 veteran participants; quotations from the 10 organizational leaders are contextual and are labeled accordingly.

Theme	Type	Donabedian domain	Participant source	Exemplar quotation (abbreviated)
Access	Barrier	Structure / Process	Veterans	“You are competing with a lot of other veterans who have disability needs.” [Veteran]
Emotions, feelings, behaviors	Barrier	Process / Outcome	Veterans (leader context)	“If you’re super depressed...you are not going to be able to climb out of the hole.” [Veteran]
Communication	Barrier	Process	Veterans	“It took them a week to get back to me...It feels like I am not a priority.” [Veteran]
Healthcare providers & systems	Barrier	Structure	Veterans (leader context)	“The doctor at the VA did not seem interested...I almost gave up.” [Veteran]
Training staff	Facilitator	Structure / Process	Veterans	“They have a behavioral health specialist and a social worker there on site.” [Veteran]
Veteran peer support	Facilitator	Process	Veterans	“It makes me feel like I am less alone.” [Veteran]
Post-graduation support	Facilitator	Process / Outcome	Veterans (leader context)	“You have got our numbers. Call us anytime.” [Veteran]
Family inclusion	Facilitator	Process / Outcome	Veterans (leader context)	“Bring your wife with you...explain to her what PTSD is all about.” [Veteran, quoting staff]