

Central Texas Veterans Health Care System Launches Center for Innovation and Learning

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Images show the Center for Innovation and Learning before and after the remodel.

The Central Texas Veterans Health Care System (CTVHCS) launched their Center for Innovation and Learning (CIL) during Healthcare Simulation Week in September last year. Its location inside the research building, adjacent to the main hospital, allowing for on-site simulations and for former patient rooms to be re-allocated for patient care. Since its opening, the CIL has improved community partnerships, allowing the team to perform simulations that address concerns from stakeholders related to time-management and prioritization of patient care.

Grand opening events included tours of the space and equipment demonstrations. Partners were also allowed to immerse themselves in suicide prevention and sepsis simulations. Special acknowledgements for the advocacy, design and construction go to Michael Kiefer MHA, FACHE (Medical Center Director), Andrew Garcia, MHA (Associate Director), Olawale Fashina, MD, MHSA, CPE (Chief of Staff), Pawan Sikka, MD (Associate Chief of Staff – Education), Kathy Lee PhD, RN (Deputy Associate Chief of Staff – Education), Stacey Weber MSN-Ed, RN (Innovation and Learning Nurse Manager), Tyrone Bennett (Healthcare Engineer), Jill Preusse (Strategic Planner), Kristy Causey MSN-Ed, RN (Simulation Coordinator), Dinetra Jones (Training Technician) and the CTVHCS Maintenance Mechanics.



CTVHCS Leadership and Community Partners at the Center for Innovation and Learning. Photographer: Stephanie Wimbish