



The [PRIDE program](#) provides LGBTQIA+ Veterans with health education, visibility, and community support.

Since coming to the group, I no longer want to kill myself. I have found others who support me.

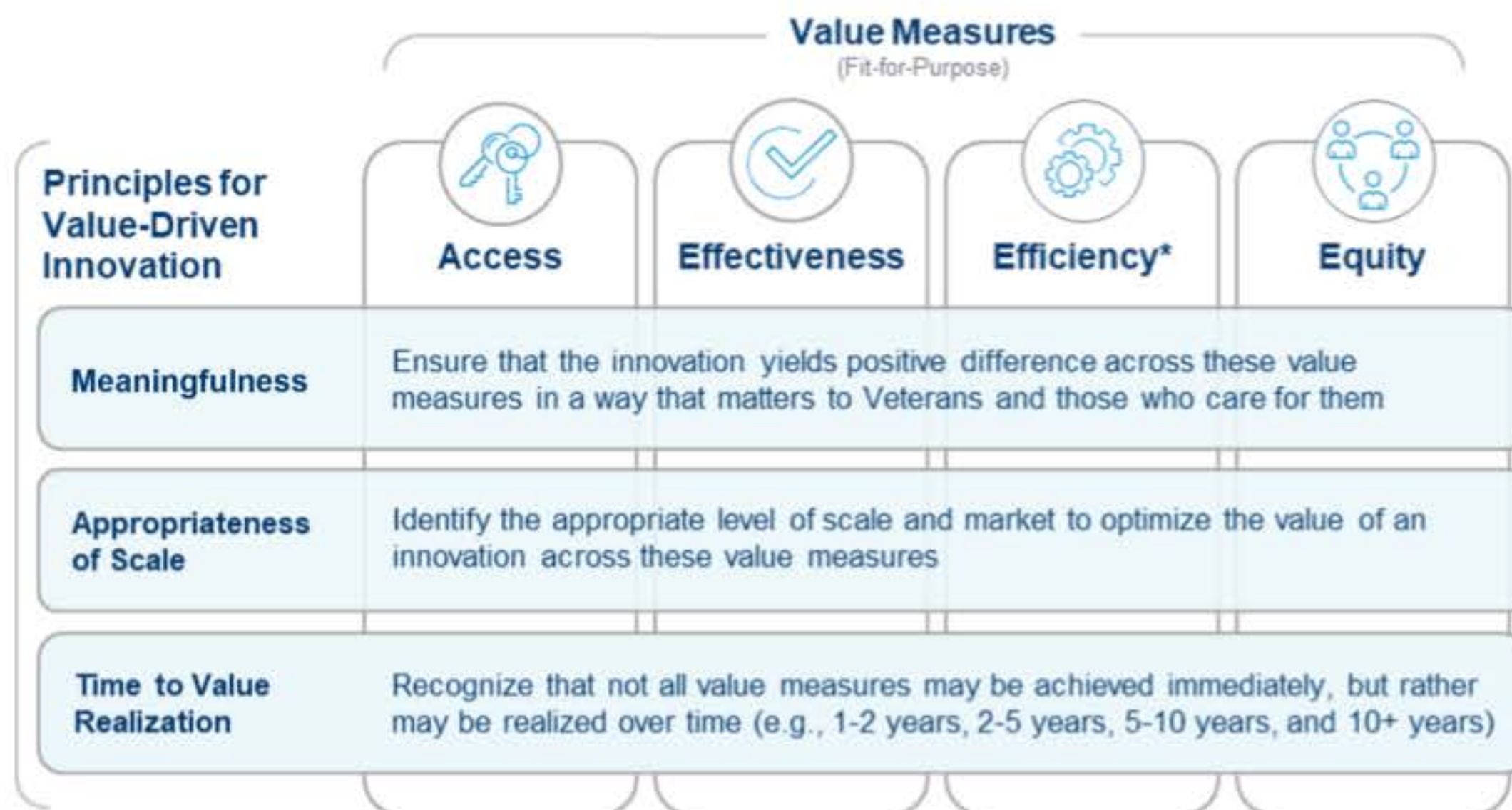
Veteran Patient
Hampton VA Medical Center

The Problem

- Scars from rejecting experiences during military service and prior “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policies, have been linked to a disproportionate risk for depression and suicide in LGBTQIA+ Veterans.
- The PRIDE program provides visibility, community support, and engagement opportunities for 1 million LGBTQIA+ Veterans. We needed a way to evaluate and show its value to the VA community, and continue funding for this extremely important initiative.

The Resources

- Using the [VA-DiMe value-driven framework](#) for evaluating healthcare innovations, the VA found that the PRIDE program yields significant value in creating a more equitable and accessible health system for LGBTQIA+ Veterans by providing them the tools needed to live open, healthy lives.
- Over time, PRIDE will also yield significant value to VA by providing more effective and efficient care for this Veteran population through improved health outcomes, decreased barriers to care, and strengthened Veteran-provider relationships.



*Cost is captured as a function of efficiency

The Impact

- ✓ The PRIDE program improves access to care and improves effectiveness through improved health literacy, reduced likelihood of attempted suicide, and other factors.
- ✓ Improves efficiency through improved quality of care.
- ✓ Advances equitable care by creating a health system where LGBTQIA+ Veterans have equal opportunity to attain their full health potential.
- ✓ Equips providers with equity-specific training to better serve the unique needs of LGBTQIA+ Veterans.

