Equideum Health is working with Dixon Center for Military and Veterans Services, Linux Foundation Public Health and other health and technology industry stakeholders to establish the Veterans Incentivized Care and Integration (VICI) initiative, focused on delivering a dramatic social benefit by increasing access to quality healthcare for veterans, caregivers and their families.

The unique healthcare challenges faced by veterans are significantly amplified as a new generation returns from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. As highlighted in a recent report from Brown University, more than 40 percent of those who have served in the post-9/11 era have already been certified as having a “service-connected disability,” compared to fewer than 25 percent of veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the first Gulf War.

Dixon Center for Military and Veterans Services is focused on the long-term wellbeing of our veterans and their families through our primary pillars of ‘Work with Purpose, Heal with Honor, Live with Hope.’ Through our partnership with Equideum Health on the VICI initiative, we are bringing some of the most cutting-edge technology to bear to enhance this mission and to prioritize veterans and their families in receiving the benefits of these advances.”

– Colonel Sam Whitehurst, US Army (Ret.), Dixon Center Vice President, Programs and Services

The medical profile of veterans is complex, including mental health disorders, substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and higher rates of suicide. Complicating the treatment of these conditions is the lack of a comprehensive record of their medical history that follows them through military service and the transition that occurs after their service ends—both the Department of Defense and the VA struggle with sharing confidential medical information between them which impacts the quality and consistency of healthcare received as a veteran.

Despite the existence of more than 30,000 nonprofits that support the military and veteran population across the US, matching these vast resources to the needs of individual veterans remains a formidable challenge. VICI employs cutting-edge technologies—including blockchain, decentralized AI and privacy-protecting technologies—to address and overcome this barrier.
Specifically, VICI places the veteran in control of their health-related information and medical history—they control access to this information, which is maintained in their own cloud-based digital “data locker.” The veteran’s unique information is then matched with the resources they need to maximize their health and wellness. While ensuring privacy and security, it also allows clinical and social services providers, as well as non-profit support services, the ability to provide better care and predict future needs because they have access to a more complete picture of the veteran’s health journey.

The veteran’s data locker is accessed via the HERO (Health Enhancing Resource Orchestration) mobile app that also connects the veteran to matched resources and providers, both community-based and national, that combined deliver health and wellness outcomes specific to each veteran.

VICI is convening a blockchain consortium of enterprise stakeholders, and is based on Equideum Health’s Data Integrity and Learning Network (DILN) architecture. DILNs are themselves based on the company’s Elevated Compute™ and FHIR®-Blocks™ software platforms and Microsoft’s Azure cloud platform hosts all the components required to deliver an available and secure solution globally.

In summary, VICI assists and empowers veterans as they navigate the modern healthcare system, which is often complicated, bureaucratic and complex. It simplifies coordination and costs among key players involved in delivering quality healthcare—including the VA, private insurance companies, healthcare providers and professionals, and veteran non-profit organizations. VICI is the 21st Century digital solution that veterans need and deserve, and Equideum Health and its partners are proud to be delivering it.