



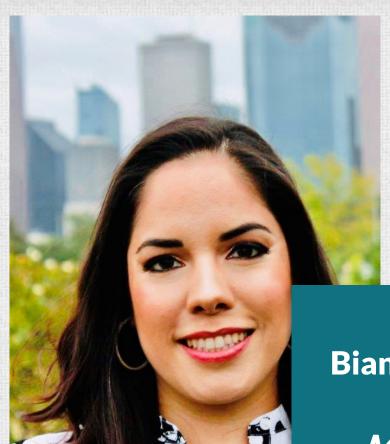


# Vera Whole Health: Meet your Vera Health Coach

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## **Introductions**





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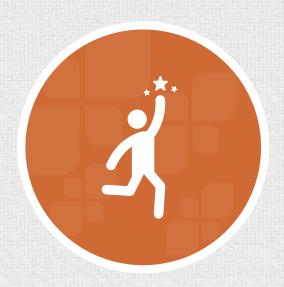
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# Today's Agenda









What is Vera Whole Health?

What is Health Coaching?

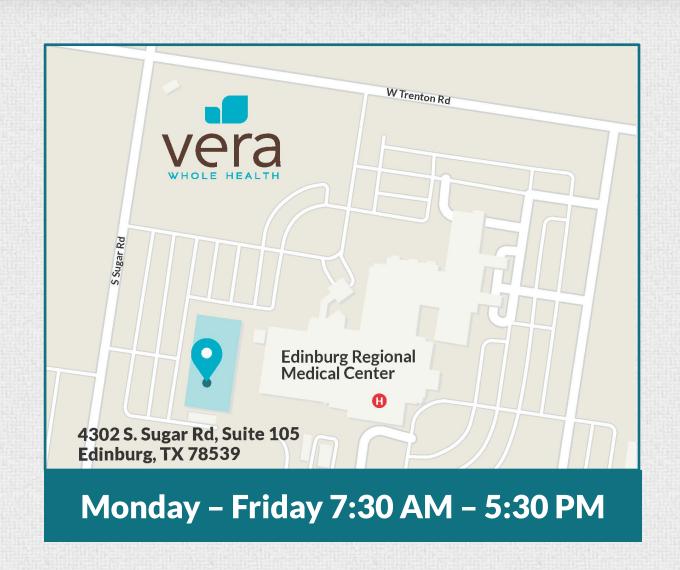
How can a health coach help you?

#### **Your New Vera Care Center**





Edinburg Care Center (956) 287-3099



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#### **Prevention**

AWHE (Annual Whole Health Evaluation)

Age-Appropriate Screenings

Biometrics

Family Planning

**Immunizations** 

Well Woman Exams

#### **Acute Care**

**Back Pain** 

Cough / Colds

Sprains & Strains

Rashes

**Urinary Tract Infections** 

**Wound Care** 

# **Chronic Disease Management**

Diabetes

Depression

Hypertension

Obesity

Arthritis

All services are \$0 Co-Pay. Hidalgo County pays for each member to access.

### **Vera Services – Health Coaching**





**Fundamentals of Health Coaching** 

**Collaboration** 

**Empathetic Listening** 

**Action - Oriented** 

## What Health Coaching Is Not...



Registered Dietician	Meal Planning	Healthy Eating Choices
Personal Trainer	Exercise Programming	Exercise or Activity Goals
Counselor / Therapist	Mental Illness	Meditation, Mindfulness, Stress reduction
Medical Provider	Medical Advice	Partner with provider

It is NOT successful without YOU showing up and doing the work!

## **Meet Your Health Coach**





Rosa Garcia Health Coach









## **Health Coaching**

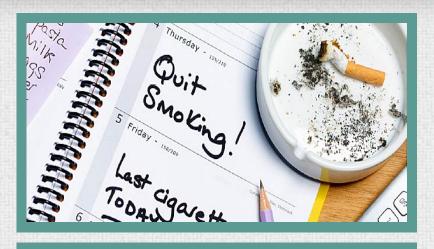




Stress



**Healthy Eating** 



**Smoking Cessation** 



**Goal Setting** 

## **Health Coaching Topics**



#### Healthy Eating

Meal Prep

**Portion Control** 

Reduce Fast Food

**Grocery Shopping** 

# **Physical Activity**

**Locating Resources** 

Scheduling Time

Run a 5K

Start a Program

#### Stress / Balance

Mindfulness

Meditation

Time Management

Relationships

# **Health Coaching 101**







**Create a Safe Space** 

**Listen with Empathy** 

**Ask Powerful Questions** 

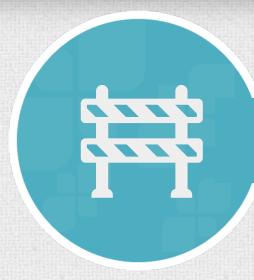
**Encourage Transformation** 

# How does health coaching work?





**Identify Goals** 



**Identify Barriers** 



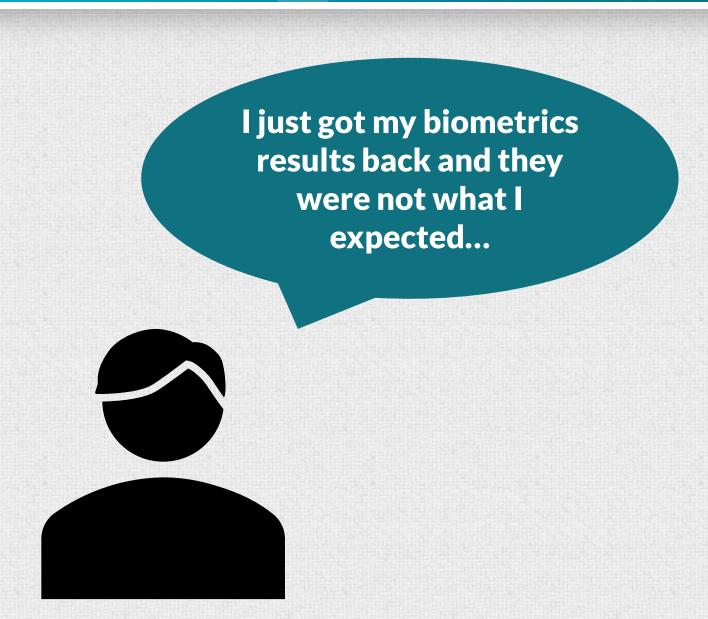
**Create a Plan** 



**Check Progress** 

# **Health Coaching in Action**





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I know I need to change my diet and work out more....

I also know if I don't get my health under control things will not be good!

# **Health Coaching in Action**



What would be different if I could achieve my health goals?

I would feel more confidant

Be more active with my children

Finally get off my medications



- 1. What is one health concern you have that comes to mind? High BP, Lack of energy, Losing weight
- 2. What would change in your life if this health concern was improved in the next 6 months? How would you feel?

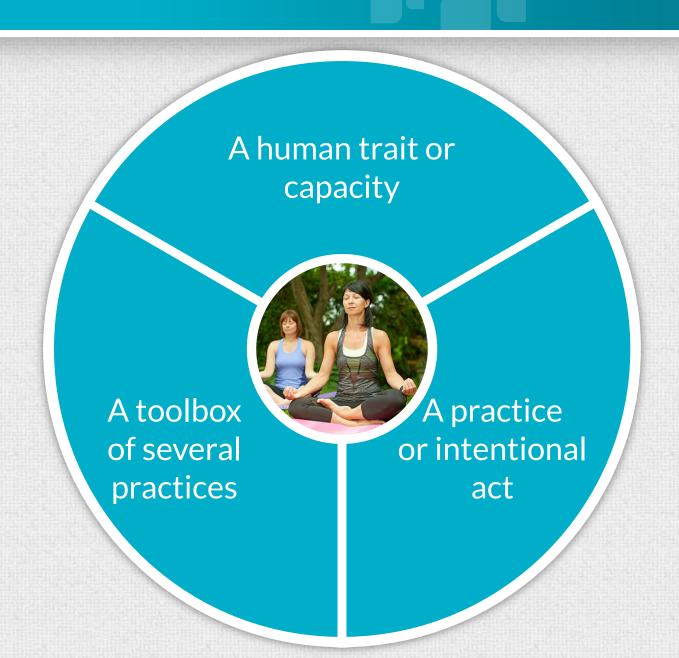
I would feel energized, be free from medications, be able to run around with the kids again

3. If you did nothing to change, what would happen in the next 6 months?

I would not feel healthier, I would not get off medications, I might even run the risk of a heart attack

#### **Introduction to Mindfulness**





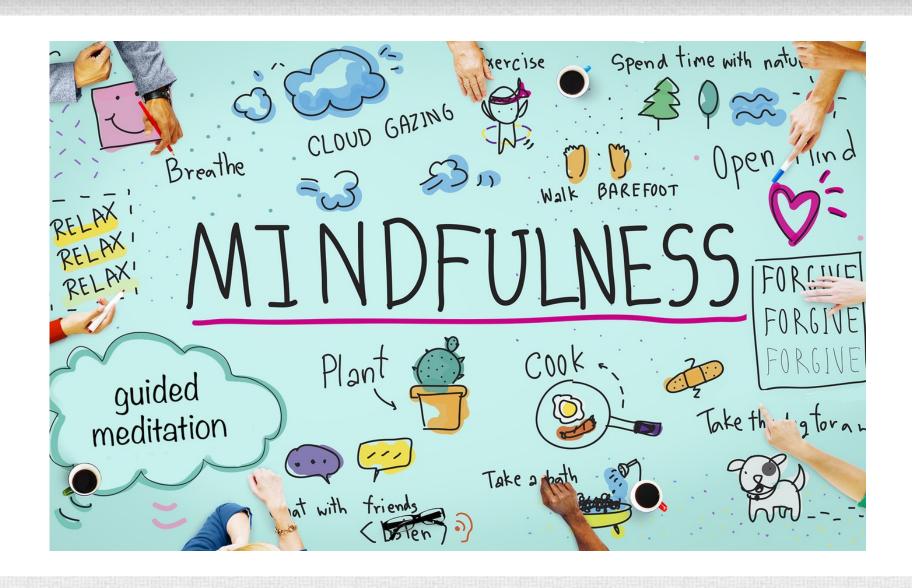
# Let's Practice Mindfulness











#### **How Do I Get Started?**







Frequency (1 x week, 2 x month)



First Coaching Connection



Schedule your next coaching session



Call (956) 287-3099

Website: patients.verawholehealth.com

Email: edinburg@verawholehealth.com







Question: How much are the co-pays and is there a wait?

The Vera Care Center is FREE to all eligible members on the Hidalgo County Aetna plan. That includes any member of your family on your plan. All labs, visits, and coaching sessions at the care center are no cost. Our goal is to ensure every patient has an appointment so that waiting times are minimal.

Question: How can health coaching help with nutrition?

Your health coach will work to partner with you on ways to improve your overall nutrition by co-creating an action plan led by you. If your medical conditions or history require a dietician, we can refer you to other programs available to Hidalgo County employees. However, your coach can be an additional resource of accountability while you are working with a dietician.



Question: What is the easiest and fastest way to see a decrease in triglycerides?

Reducing carbs and increasing exercise under the supervision of a provider. Your health coach can also be your partner in accountability and help you develop plans around making these changes.

Question: What is the difference between a health coach and a licensed counselor or therapist?

Coaching focuses on visioning, success, the present and moving into the future. Therapy emphasizes psychopathology, emotions, and the past in order to understand the present. The purpose of coaching is usually around performance improvement, learning and development, while therapy is on personal healing or recovery. (Reference: International Coaching Federation)



Question: How old do you have to be to start Health Coaching? My daughter is interested in changing her health?

Health Coaching a Vera is for all eligible members over the age of 18. Your spouses or dependents can call the care center to start with an Annual Whole Health Evaluation and coaching connection.

Question: Can I participate in more than one "term" of health coaching? (A term is 6-12 sessions).

As an eligible member you can participate in as many terms as you would like annually. Should your goals change during your first term, we can start your second term with new goals.



Question: Do I have to have a smart phone to participate in virtual coaching?

No. All you need is phone. Should you decide to not do in-person health coaching, you can choose to do telephonic coaching. Your coach will call you at the appointment time and ensure that the time is still convenient for you before starting your session.

Question: How can coaching help with high blood pressure?

As many of the examples above, all chronic disease management can be improved with nutrition and physical activity under the supervision of your provider. Your coach will work with you do discuss an action plan for any goals or behavior changes you desire to make. You health coach will not only keep you accountable but motivate you along the way and help you celebrate big and small wins.



#### Question: How can I reduce cholesterol naturally?

Eating a heart healthy diet is key!

- Reduce fatty foods, red meats and full fat dairy products.
- Increase soluble fibers
- Eliminate trans fats

As always, you should discuss with your provider for more specific suggestions for your body and dietary needs. If you are ready to start making changes, schedule a coaching connection to see how coaching can help you with accountability and success.

## **Hidalgo County Wellness Program**



Do you have additional questions about incentives?

Want to learn more about what programs are offered to you as an employee?

Need more information about your benefit offerings?

Contact your Wellness Program today!

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