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NCHV Halfway Home



Progress in the Plan to End
Veteran Homelessness

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Welcome...

The Board of Directors and Staff of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans welcome you to the 15th Annual NCHV Conference and Membership Meeting. Not yet at the midway point of VA Secretary Shinseki's Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness, we are assembled here to celebrate the historic progress of our members, partners and associates in this campaign. But we are also here to learn how best to serve those veteran families who still need our help – both now and in the future.

The theme of this year's conference is "Halfway Home – Progress in the Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness," and we will hear the honest assessments of some of the nation's most influential leaders and toughest critics – members of the President's Cabinet, the U.S. Congress, and the Federal Agencies charged with keeping President Obama's promise that never again will veterans in crisis be left to fend for themselves on the streets of this nation.

During the next three days you will meet many of the men and women who stand on the front lines of this noble campaign. They will discuss expanding permanent housing opportunities for formerly homeless and at-risk veterans; enhancing employment services and expediting vital income supports for disabled veterans; and connecting veteran families with local mainstream assistance programs. But they will also be listening to you, the service providers VA Secretary Eric Shinseki calls the "creative geniuses" in the homeless veteran assistance community.

We are only two years into the Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness, but already we see strong indications the plan is working. As Chairman of the NCHV Board of Directors Pat Ryan noted, "We are witnessing unprecedented national unity in the campaign to end and prevent veteran homelessness. The progress we have seen from the federal agencies, the Congress, the community partners NCHV represents, and the American people give rise to the expectation that this campaign will succeed."

This unprecedented unity and optimism, above all, is a testament to the proud legacy of commendable service our members and associates represent.

We are proud to welcome you home.

The NCHV Staff
Washington, D.C.

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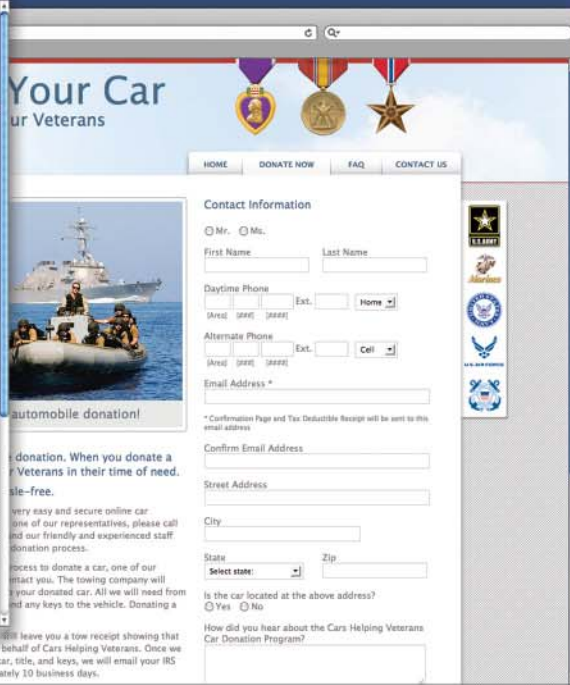
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Eric Shinseki,
Secretary,
U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs

Retired Army General Eric K. Shinseki was sworn in as the seventh Secretary of Veterans Affairs on Jan. 21, 2009.

Shinseki served as Army Chief of Staff from 1999 to 2003, and retired from active duty on Aug. 1, 2003. During his tenure, he initiated the Army Transformation Campaign to address both the emerging strategic challenges of the early 21st century and the need for cultural and technological change in the U.S. Army.

Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, he led the Army during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and integrated the pursuit of the Global War on Terrorism with Army Transformation, successfully enabling the Army to continue to transform while at war.

Prior to becoming the Army's Chief of Staff, Secretary Shinseki served as the Vice Chief of Staff from 1998 to 1999. He previously served simultaneously as Commanding General, United States Army, Europe and Seventh Army; Commanding General, NATO Land Forces, Central Europe, both headquartered in Heidelberg, Germany; and Commander of the NATO-led Stabilization Force, Bosnia-Herzegovina, headquartered in Sarajevo.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Artillery upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in June 1965 and was attached to Company A, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division as a forward observer from December 1965 to September 1966, when he was wounded in combat in the Republic of Vietnam.

He returned to Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, to recuperate and subsequently was assigned as Assistant Secretary, then Secretary to the General Staff, U.S. Army, Hawaii, Schofield Barracks, from 1967-1968. He transferred to Armor Branch and attended the Armor Officer Advanced Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, before returning to Vietnam a second time in 1969. While serving as Commander, Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment, he was wounded a second time in 1970.

Shinseki holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Arts degree from Duke University, and is a graduate of the National War College. Shinseki was awarded numerous honors for his military service.



Shaun Donovan,
Secretary,
U.S. Department of
Housing and Urban
Development

On Jan. 26, 2009, Shaun Donovan was sworn in as the 15th United States Secretary for Housing and Urban Development.

He has devoted his career to ensuring access to safe, decent, and affordable housing, and has continued that effort in the Obama Administration. Secretary Donovan believes that America's homes are the foundation for families, safe neighborhoods, good schools, and job creation.

His tenure as HUD Secretary has reflected his commitment to making quality housing possible for every American. Under Secretary Donovan's leadership HUD has helped stabilize the housing market and worked to keep responsible families in their homes. The agency has instituted reforms that have solidified the Federal Housing Administration's financial position and protected the taxpayer against risk, while still preserving FHA's mission of providing responsible access to homeownership.

Secretary Donovan has reaffirmed HUD's commitment to building strong, sustainable, inclusive neighborhoods that are connected to education and jobs and provide access to opportunity for all Americans. He has launched new initiatives like Choice Neighborhoods, which will enable distressed communities to use proven mixed-use, mixed-finance tools to transform not just federally assisted housing, but the neighborhoods around that housing. And through the new Sustainable Communities partnership with the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency, HUD is helping regions and communities develop comprehensive housing and transportation plans that create jobs and help American businesses out-innovate their global competitors.

Secretary Donovan has a long history of working to provide affordable housing to American families. He previously served as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). He created and implemented HPD's New Housing Marketplace Plan to build and preserve 165,000 affordable homes, the largest municipal affordable housing plan in the nation's history.

His work at HPD included the New York City Acquisition Fund, an award-winning collaboration with foundations and banks to finance affordable housing; an innovative inclusionary zoning program; an ambitious supportive housing plan; and one of the earliest response programs to the foreclosure crisis. Before his service as HPD Commissioner, Secretary Donovan worked in the private sector on financing affordable housing.



Opening Session

Kelly Caffarelli, President, The Home Depot Foundation

As president of The Home Depot Foundation and a member of its Board of Directors, Kelly Caffarelli leads The Home Depot's strategic philanthropy, product donation and volunteerism initiatives.



Under her direction since 2003, the Foundation and Team Depot, the company's associate-led volunteer force, have become leaders in supporting the construction, repair and refurbishment of affordable homes, community centers and parks across the country. Since 2003, the Foundation has granted more than \$300 million to nonprofits focused on the housing and neighborhood needs of deserving families and individuals.

In April 2011, Caffarelli led the charge to focus The Home Depot Foundation and Team Depot's efforts on one mission: to ensure every veteran has a safe place to call home. The Foundation has pledged \$30 million over three years to improve the homes of veterans and their families as well as the facilities that serve them. Through partnerships with leading nonprofit organizations, The Home Depot Foundation and Team Depot are focused on meeting the housing needs of veterans and wounded warriors.

In addition to her responsibilities with The Home Depot Foundation, Caffarelli also serves as executive director of The Homer Fund, an emergency nonprofit financial assistance program specifically for associates of The Home Depot. Since its inception in 1999, the Fund has granted more than \$65 million to more than 55,000 associates in severe financial hardship.

In 2007, Caffarelli was recognized by LINC Housing as an Affordable Housing Leader, and in 2008 she was named the Louis Stokes Urban Neighborhood Hero by the Cleveland Housing Network. In 2011, Caffarelli was honored with the U.S. Green Building Council's Award for Leadership in the NGO Sector and with the Community Hero Award from New Directions, Inc., recognizing her commitment to end veteran homelessness.

Kelly currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the National Building Museum, the Woodruff Arts Center and The Galloway School. She is a frequent speaker and online author of articles on subjects including affordable housing, veterans' issues, volunteerism and philanthropy.

Kelly graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1992 and is a member of the Order of the Coif.

Dr. Janet Kemp, National Mental Health Director for Suicide Prevention, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



As the National Mental Health Program Director for Suicide Prevention, Dr. Janet Kemp directs the policy and direction of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Suicide Prevention Program out of the Office of Mental Health Services.

She is responsible for policy development, providing provider and patient education in the areas of suicide awareness and prevention, implementing assessment and treatment strategies, and the dissemination of new findings in the area of suicide throughout the VA system. Kemp directs and advises the Suicide Prevention Coordinators at each local VA facility and is the national program advisor for the Veterans Crisis Line and Veterans Chat. Kemp has done qualitative research in the area of war experiences and effects. Her current projects include suicide attempt and completion database development.

In 2009, Kemp was a White House Appointee to the Department of Defense Task Force on the Prevention of Suicide by Members of the Armed Forces, and in 2010 served on the Army Suicide Prevention Task Force. She currently serves on the Action Alliance Task force for Suicide Prevention and is the Co-Lead on the Military and Veteran Taskforce. Major honors include the VA Secretary's Exceptional Service Award in 2007, and the Service to America Federal Employee of the Year in 2009.



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NewDay congratulates our long-time friend and board member, Pete Retzlaff, on his nomination to the NCHV Board of Directors.

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2002

**Eileen Connors,
U.S. Department of
Labor**



2003

**Raymond Boland,
Wisconsin Department
of Veterans Affairs**



2004

**Thomas Wynn Sr.,
Center for Veterans
Issues**



2005

**Linda Boone,
National Coalition for
Homeless Veterans**



2005

**Peter Dougherty,
U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs**



2006

**Rep. Lane Evans,
House Committee on
Veterans Affairs**



2007

**Charles "Chick"
Ciccolella, U.S.
Department of Labor**



2008

**Mark Johnston,
U.S. Department of
Housing and Urban
Development**

Memorial Founders' Award

The Jerald Washington Memorial Founders' Award is the highest honor bestowed in the homeless veteran assistance community. The award honors the memory of Jerald Washington, former organizer of veteran assistance programs in Florida and Tennessee, and a co-founder of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. The award is presented to an individual who embodies the spirit of service and sacrifice displayed by Washington throughout his career, and acknowledges that person's special place in the history of the homeless veteran assistance movement.

Jerald "Jerry" Washington returned home to Tennessee from the Vietnam War and dedicated the remainder of his life to teaching and serving veterans, especially those who were experiencing difficulty readjusting to civilian life after serving in combat. He taught political science at the University of Tennessee and Sul Ross University in Texas, but he will be remembered most for his work to help homeless veterans.

Washington proudly served as one of NCHV's leaders from the organization's founding in 1990 until he died in 2001. He established Base Camp Inc., in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Veterans Community Leadership Corporation in Jacksonville, Florida. He served as president of Vietnam Veterans of America-Tennessee Chapter, and of the Northeast Florida Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Inc., in Jacksonville. During his term of service, NCHV grew from 16 community-based organizations to a coalition of hundreds of service providers and federal partners reaching across America. He was driven by his unconditional devotion to all of this nation's veterans in need, and remains an inspiration to all who knew and served with him.



2012

President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama



2009

President Barack Obama



2010

**Secretary Eric Shinseki, U.S.
Department of Veterans Affairs**



2011

**Secretary Shaun Donovan,
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development**

In March 2009, President Obama boldly announced record funding increases for veterans' health care and benefits as part of his first budget request to Congress. He then spoke the words that elevated the campaign to end veteran homelessness – NCHV's core mission – to national priority status: "And we provide new help for homeless veterans, because those heroes have a home – it's the country they served, the United States of America. And until we reach a day when not a single veteran sleeps on our nation's streets, our work remains unfinished."

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– President Barack Obama



Top: VA Secretary Shinseki and HUD Secretary Donovan with NCHV Board of Directors and staff in 2009. Above: Secretary Shinseki addressing the Opening Session of the 2009 NCHV Annual Conference.

Within two months of that announcement, NCHV was invited to the White House to begin a dialogue with the President's advisors that continues to provide insight and recommendations to the Administration.

During the first year of the Obama Administration, issues such as expanding housing for chronically homeless and extreme low-income veterans with families, extending VA supportive services and employment supports for single veterans and their dependent children, and funding programs that focus on homelessness prevention became the new fronts in the campaign to end veteran homelessness.

The President has ushered in a new era of interagency collaboration never before seen in the nation's homeless veteran assistance community. With his staff's direction, NCHV conducted the first White House Roundtable on Homeless Veterans at its 2009 Annual Conference in Alexandria, VA, and provided policy update briefs throughout the remainder of the year.

By the summer of 2009, recently appointed VA Secretary Eric Shinseki and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan had met with the NCHV Board of Directors to pledge their support of the community-based organizations NCHV represents and to share their strategies for working with these organizations to end veteran homelessness. By November, Secretary Shinseki and the Department of Veterans Affairs had developed the basic framework of what is now known as the "Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness."

In less than one year, and for the first time in U.S. history, Secretary Shinseki helped ensure that the Department of Veterans Affairs had a strategic plan in place to end and prevent veteran homelessness, a priority of President Barack Obama's administration.

The Secretary has met often with officials from other Federal agencies invested in veteran assistance programs, Congressional leadership, and many of the nation's community- and faith-based partners that have helped reduce the number of homeless veterans by more than 50 percent in the last four years.

During Secretary Shinseki's first year in office, VA established and opened the National Center on Veterans Homelessness; the National Resource Call Center, providing 24-hour assistance for veterans in crisis; and developed strategies to provide emergency and supportive services to homeless veterans with dependent children and extreme low-income veteran families to prevent homelessness.

Secretary Shaun Donovan has, in support of President Obama's vow to end veteran homelessness, for the first time in U.S. history, placed an emphasis on housing homeless veterans.

With about 48,000 HUD-VASH vouchers signed into law, Donovan has overseen the build-up of the program, with the end of chronic veteran homelessness in sight. Under Donovan's leadership, HUD-VASH has become efficient and effective in getting vouchers in the hands of chronically homeless veterans, and getting them off the street and into housing.

Donovan was the chair of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness when Opening Doors, the first ever national plan

to end homelessness, was developed and released. The plan incorporates Secretary Shinseki's Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness. Donovan's close collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs has brought veterans into the fold of mainstream homeless programs. For the first time, veterans are being included in HMIS data and are better represented in CoC planning.

Another first under Donovan's leadership is the inclusion of veterans in the Annual Homelessness Assessment Report, HUD's annual report to Congress. This is providing the most accurate and detailed count of homeless veterans to date.

President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama are the recipients of the Jerald Washington Memorial Founders' Award for 2012. President Obama is the first person to receive the award more than once.

Since the announcement of the Five-Year Plan, President Obama has consistently demonstrated his commitment to ending veteran homelessness in his budget requests to Congress, with his budget submission for FY 2013 bringing the nation to within reach of that goal. Secretary Shinseki and Secretary Donovan have dramatically improved the systems in place to help veterans in crisis; and the steady decrease in the number of homeless veterans since 2009 is a testament to the president's leadership.

According to the most recent Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress (December 2011), there were 67,495 homeless veterans on a single night in January 2011. That represents a decline of more than 56% since the president was sworn into office.

The president's FY 2013 budget request would bring the number of HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers to nearly 60,000, the number needed to end chronic homelessness among veterans with serious mental illness and other disabilities.

It would also triple the amount of funding to help at-risk veteran families avoid homelessness, and provide rapid rehousing assistance for veterans working their way out of homelessness. For the second straight year, President Obama's budget request provides record funding for the VA Grant and Per Diem Program, which provides transitional housing, health services, employment preparation and job placement assistance to more than 30,000 homeless veterans each year through local integrated service delivery systems.

First Lady Michelle Obama is being honored for exemplary leadership in launching Joining Forces, a national campaign to ensure military and veteran families receive the support they have earned and need to fully enjoy the peace and prosperity they served to protect. Thousands of local service providers, businesses, faith partners, colleges and universities, military bases, veteran service organizations and volunteers have answered the call, providing affordable housing, employment services, job placement assistance and access to family health care in communities across the nation.

During the first year of Joining Forces, more than 50,000 military spouses and veterans have entered employment. Over 1,600



Top: The President and First Lady greet troops at Fort Bragg in NC while promoting Joining Forces. Above: The First Lady speaks with a family at a Military Family Cookout at the New Hampshire National Guard headquarters.

companies have joined the campaign with a promise to hire another 160,000. Fourteen states have passed legislation accepting licenses from other states for military spouses who are required to relocate, and 13 more have proposed similar legislation.

The campaign will connect veterans with community health centers in areas that are underserved by the VA, particularly in rural areas. More than 150 medical schools, 500 nursing schools and 80 physician assistant programs have signed on to provide quality care to veteran families, with special training to care for those who have experienced traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This initiative will empower about three million health professionals to better serve veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The impact of Joining Forces is where homelessness prevention begins. Local communities of care – involving businesses, the faith community, local government, community service providers, informed citizens, veterans and volunteers – can help veteran families before their hardships become too great to bear.

In most cases, access to affordable housing, employment at a livable wage, and health services greatly reduce a family's risk of becoming homeless. Joining Forces is helping communities learn how to anticipate the need for and provide these critical supports.

Reception

Cabin John/Arlington - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Awards Banquet

Constitution A/B - 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



The NCHV Awards

Thomas Wynn Sr. Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement

To a person whose lifetime reflects a strong devotion to bringing attention and services to homeless veterans.

Outstanding Member Award

To the NCHV member that has demonstrated leadership in coalition building.

Meritorious Service Award

To a person who exemplifies service to NCHV, its members, and homeless veterans in general.

Unsung Hero Award

To a person who has contributed to the recognition of the homeless veteran issue in a supporting or unrecognized leadership role.

Department of Veterans Affairs Staff Award

To a VA staff member who has exhibited a strong commitment to the service of homeless veterans.

Corporate Partnership Award

To a corporation whose contributions have helped increase the effectiveness of the homeless veterans movement.

Congressional Award

To a Member of Congress who has displayed a strong commitment to advancing legislation that serves homeless veterans.

Keynote Speaker

Anthony Love, Deputy Director, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

Anthony Love is a Deputy Director for the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). Love is responsible for coordinating the state and local work of the Council, and he is also the lead on veterans issues and the liaison to the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Labor and Defense.

Love has over 15 years of experience in homelessness and poverty issues. He was Site Director for the nonprofit United States Veterans Initiative (US VETS) Houston office. During his leadership there, US VETS Houston became the largest provider of housing and support services to homeless veterans in Texas, providing housing and services to more than 20,000 homeless veterans.

He most recently served as President and CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, the principal agency for the Homeless Continuum of Care for a county of almost four million people. Under Love's leadership, the community developed and unveiled its first Strategic Plan to End Homelessness and increased its annual HUD homeless allocation from \$14 million to \$20 million.

At USICH, Love focuses on several initiatives for the Council, including creating a national technical assistance strategy, increasing and enhancing the Council's national partnerships, and activating all 10 Regional Interagency Councils on Homelessness and all 50 State Interagency Councils on Homelessness.



Special Guest

Rep. Jeff Miller, Chairman, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

United States Representative Jeff Miller serves on the House Armed Services Committee, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

In 2011, Miller became the Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The Committee is responsible for authorization and oversight of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA is the second largest department in the federal government with over 300,000 employees and a budget of over \$119 billion.

During his time as Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, he has continued the Committee's legacy of bipartisan support for programs providing support to homeless veterans.

He has championed numerous tax relief and veterans' measures and fought for less government, less taxes and more personal freedom.

Congressman Miller also serves on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA), where he serves as Vice Chairman of the subcommittee on Transatlantic Defense and Security Cooperation.

Congressman Miller is married to the former Vicki Griswold. They are both active members of Chumuckla Community Church. They have two children and three grandchildren.



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May 31, 2012

Dear Friends,

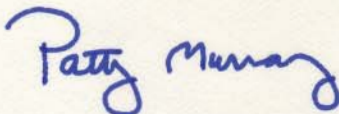
As we are all painfully aware, homelessness is a harsh reality for too many veterans today. No one who has sacrificed to serve our nation in uniform should ever be without a roof over their head. That is why the work that the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) and its member organizations do each and every day is so important. I am proud that you are leading the way to help some of the most vulnerable veterans become independent again and am honored to accept the 2012 NCHV Congressional Leadership Award from you.

As you know, we have made real progress in the fight against veterans' homelessness in recent years. Investments in proven solutions such as HUD-VASH vouchers as well as in initiatives like the Veterans Homelessness Prevention Demonstration Project and the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program have made a meaningful impact on our nation's homeless veteran population. Many of these efforts are as successful as they are today thanks to your dedication on the front lines and your advocacy here in Washington, DC.

Still, we have considerable work left to do. We must ensure that homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with families get the services that they need. We must be agile enough to meet homeless veterans at their point of need. We must broaden efforts to prevent veterans from becoming homeless in the first place. Working together with NCHV and its member organizations, I am sure that VA and HUD will be able to meet the goals laid out in the Five Year Plan to End Homelessness Among Veterans.

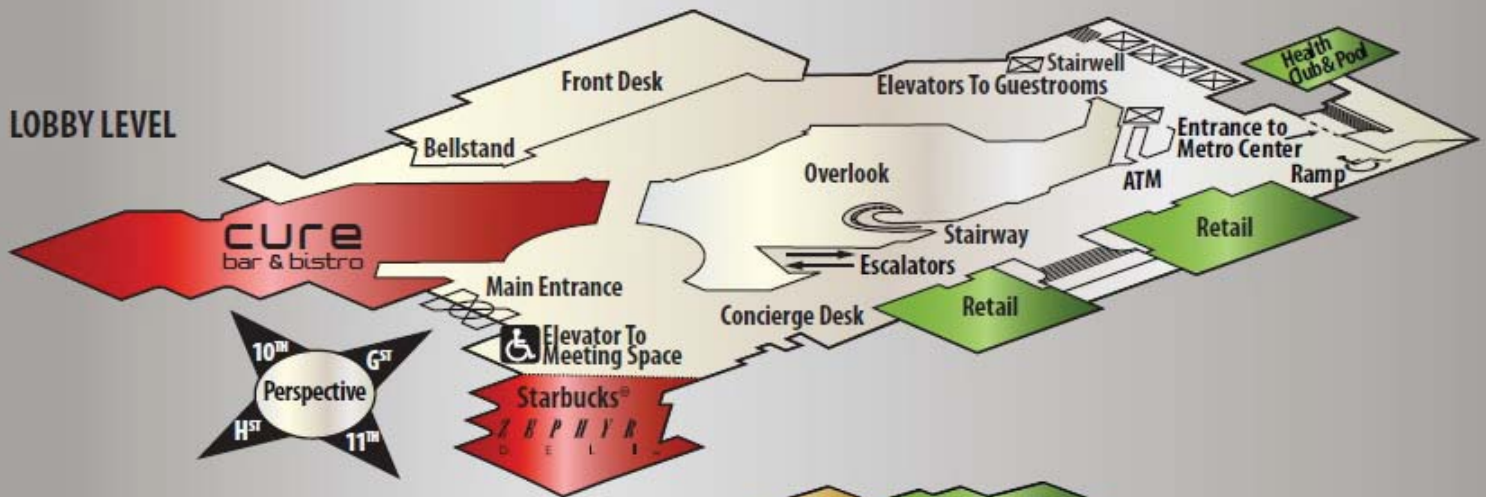
Without your help, countless veterans would not be able to access the care, benefits, and treatment they deserve. As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I extend my fullest appreciation to you for your hard work and your tireless service to our nation's homeless veterans.

Sincerely,

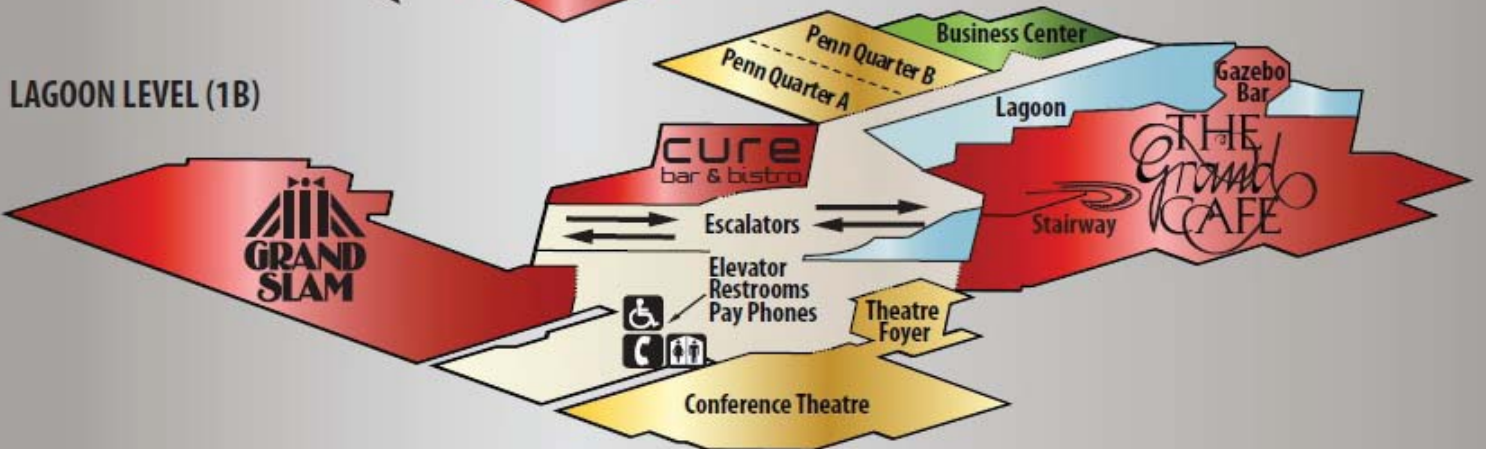


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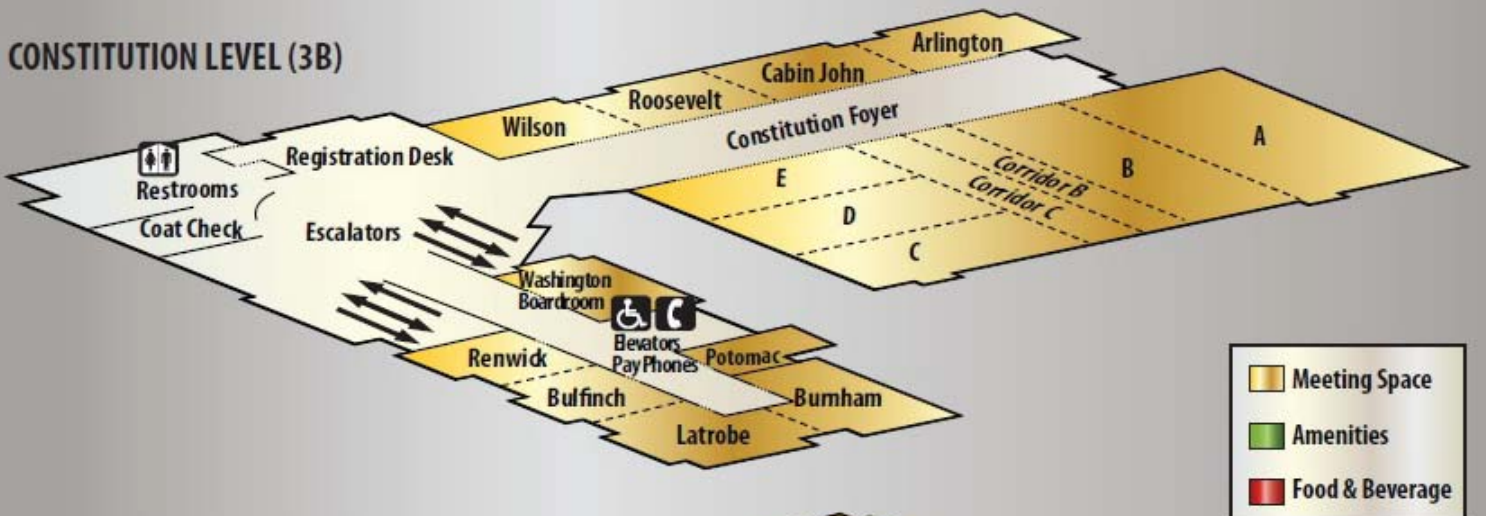
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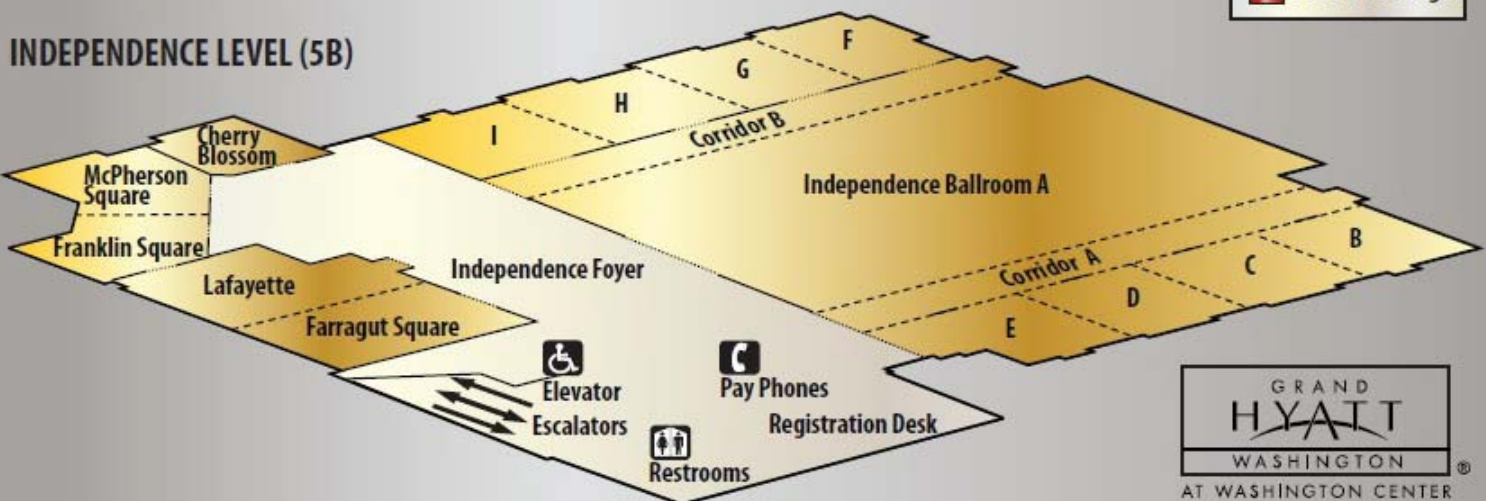
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CONSTITUTION LEVEL (3B)



INDEPENDENCE LEVEL (5B)



Wednesday, May 30	Conference Theater	Constitution A/B
8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Target Populations Track	Opening Session NCHV Members Meeting
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Understanding New Research: African American Homeless Veterans	
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Communicable Diseases and Homeless Veterans	
Thursday, May 31	Wilson/Roosevelt	Constitution B
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Connecting USDA Investments with Service Provider Needs	VA Track Ending Veteran Homelessness: Setting the Stage for Success
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Service Delivery for Homeless Women Veterans	Data Capacity and Performance
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Homeless Women Veterans: Actions Needed to Ensure Safe and Appropriate Housing	Grant and Per Diem and Transition in Place
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Enhancing the Reintegration of Veterans into our Communities: Implementation and Evaluation of Outside the Wire	Supportive Services for Veteran Families, Prevention, and the Way Forward
Friday, June 1	Conference Theater	Bullfinch
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Critical Issues for the VA Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans	Rapid Results and Housing Placement Boot Camp
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.		Conducting a Million Dollar Cost Impact Study on a Dime

ce Agenda

Constitution C/D/E

Public Policy Forum



Constitution C

Constitution D

Constitution E

Legal Services Track

Community Engagement Track

Making the Case for Project
Basing HUD-VASH

Innovative Legal Service
Partnerships under the
SSVF Grant

Services from Career One-Stops:
Transition in Place

Engaging Philanthropy to Create
Housing Opportunities

Discharge Upgrade and Review
Services: Practical Guidance and
Current Trends

Continuums of Care:
Improving Data Quality in the
Age of HEARTH

Veterans Homelessness
Prevention Demonstration

Veterans Justice Outreach
Initiative: Where We Are and
Where We're Going

Social Security's Ticket to Work
Program: Pathways to Success

Homeless Veterans
Reintegration Program

Homeless and Veteran Treatment
Courts: Systems to Meet
Changing Needs of Veterans

Accessing Mainstream Services

Constitution C

Constitution D

Constitution E

Veterans with Families: Lessons
Learned from Service Providers

Ready, Willing, and Able:
Formerly Incarcerated,
Forever a Veteran

Veterans Crisis Line Overview

Services to Veterans in
Non-Urban Areas

Vet Trak: Implementing
Successful Veteran
Treatment Courts

Operation SAVE Training for
Service Providers

Session Descriptions



Wednesday, May 30

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Public Policy Forum

This session will address NCHV's major policy and legislative concerns, preparing conference attendees for their Capitol Hill visits. NCHV lead policy staff will provide an overview of these issues. Two senior officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) will discuss, among other topics, the need for affordable housing beyond the HUD-VASH Program, and the importance of integrated service delivery networks.

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Anthony Love, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Understanding New Research: African American Homeless Veterans

Last year, Rep. Gwenn Moore (D-WI) convened "The Homelessness Experience of African American Veterans," the third in a series of Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference issues forums presented around ending homelessness among veterans. This session will discuss the results of that conference as well as other new research pertaining to African American homeless veterans.

Ron Armstead, NABVETS; Robert Cocroft, Center for Veterans Issues; Ralph Cooper, Cloudbreak Houston; Wendy McClinton, Black Veterans for Social Justice; Mike Neely, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority; Tyrone Chatman, Michigan Veterans Foundation

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Communicable Diseases and Homeless Veterans

This panel, featuring expert researchers from the Veterans Health Administration's Office of Public Health, will focus on raising awareness of communicable diseases and new methods of care for homeless veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Dr. Maggie Czarnogorski, Veterans Health Administration; Kevin Helsin, Veterans Health Administration; Dr. Lorenzo McFarland, Veterans Health Administration; Dr. David Ross, Veterans Health Administration

Thursday, May 31

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Connecting USDA Investments with Service Provider Needs

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has an expansive field structure in non-urban communities around the country that can provide support to homeless veterans and service providers. Participants in this session will learn more about en-

gaging with USDA in their communities and about a series of USDA programs for the following: affordable housing; home ownership; and community facilities, loans, and grants to meet the needs of the homeless veterans.

Tammye H. Treviño, Department of Agriculture

Ending Veteran Homelessness: Setting the Stage for Success

This session will focus on how the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)'s overarching mission, long-term outcomes, and annual performance goals connect to the goal of ending veteran homelessness by 2015. Panelists will discuss general program expectations, connecting anticipated budget proposals to these goals. Given the shifting demographic trends for homeless and at-risk veterans, panelists will outline steps that are being taken to prepare VA and its partners in the community for the road ahead. This session will set the stage for the following three sessions in the VA Track that offer more in-depth examination of data capacity and performance; changes to the Grant and Per Diem Program; and expansions of prevention programs, including the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program.

Alison Calabro, Department of Veterans Affairs; Pete Dougherty, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lisa Pape, Department of Veterans Affairs; Rob Reynolds, Department of Veterans Affairs

Making the Case for Project Basing HUD-VASH

Proposed homeless veterans supportive housing projects, many on VA Medical Campuses, are stalled across the country because there is not sufficient project-based rent subsidies. Case studies will be presented of projects that were able to secure project-based VASH, and created supportive and therapeutic veterans communities. Learn why a project-based policy for the 2013 Allocation of VASH is critical to expedite the development process and leverage millions in capital financing to add more units nationally for chronically homeless veterans.

Deb Burkhart, National Equity Fund; Tom Hameline, HELP USA

Innovative Legal Service Partnerships under the SSVF Grant

Legal services are an integral component to the supportive services mandated under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant. However, grantees may not have developed warm handoff referrals to local legal services providers. Significant differences between the eligibility guidelines of SSVF and Legal Services Corporation-funded providers also limit connectivity. Presenters will introduce several innovative models for partnering with legal services providers and developing in-house legal components to SSVF-funded case management services. The discussion will highlight specific challenges in working within legal service eligibility guidelines, the impact on legal representation when a job or benefits are obtained for a veteran, and how case management partnerships with legal services can benefit all parties involved.

Nathaniel Saltz, Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans; Sara Sommarstrom, Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans; Jeffrey Yungman, Crisis Ministries Homeless Justice Project

Services from Career One Stops: Transition in Place

Adequate income security through gainful employment acts as a key safeguard in preventing homelessness for veterans around the country. To facilitate strong employment outcomes for at-risk, disabled and homeless veterans, Career One Stops provide a variety of employment and training services to support the employment objectives of veterans and to reintegrate veterans into the civilian labor force. This session presents a case study from one Career One Stop that has been successful in connecting veterans to gainful and sustained employment opportunities through utilizing community partnerships and strong connections to the business community.

Steven Nelson, Sullivan Jackson Employment Center

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Service Delivery for Homeless Women Veterans

This panel will provide insight into promising program strategies for reaching and serving homeless female veterans. Panelists from Vietnam Veterans of California, Tampa Crossroads, and Final Salute will discuss barriers to independent living faced by homeless female veterans, focusing specifically on utilization of supportive services, provision of employment services and connection to various housing options.

Sean Benedict, Vietnam Veterans of California; Jaspen Booth, Final Salute; Ginger Miller, John 14:2, Inc.; Sara Romeo, Tampa Crossroads

Data Capacity and Performance

As demographic characteristics of homeless and at-risk veteran populations begin to shift, the ability to capture reliable and comprehensive data has become a necessary component of retooling programmatic efforts to achieve success by 2015. Service providers in this session will learn more about the VA's Homeless Registry, an intensive and expansive collaboration between VHA and VBA that currently captures extensive data, with the goal of including metrics on VA foreclosures and veterans' education in the near future. Panelists will discuss the performance metrics and expectations of major VA programs, focusing on trends and goals for Grant and Per Diem, Domiciliary Care, and contracted residential service programs. The process for facilitating expedited claims processing will also be discussed.

Dennis Culhane, Department of Veterans Affairs; Vince Kane, Department of Veterans Affairs

Engaging Philanthropy to Create Housing Opportunities

This session will focus on existing model projects where philanthropy and the private sector have leveraged public funding to develop innovative housing strategies and supportive services for homeless veterans. Featuring experts from the philanthropy, nonprofit, development, and finance communities, this panel will offer targeted insights to service providers interested in adapting their program models to include development of new housing units for homeless and at-risk veterans.

Deb Burkhart, National Equity Fund; Tim Cantwell, Cloud-break; Maureen Casey, JPMorgan Chase; Dawn Nuoffer, Center for Veterans Housing Issues; Fred Wacker, The Home Depot Foundation

Discharge Upgrade and Review Services; Practical Guidance and Current Trends

A less-than-honorable discharge often precludes access to crucial government healthcare and benefits, including the GI Bill. Swords to Plowshares has been providing legal assistance to veterans seeking discharge review services for over 30 years. In recent years, the number of clients seeking discharge review for both personality and adjustment disorders has increased, as well as the number of service members involuntarily and less-than-honorably separated for behavioral issues related to PTSD and TBI. This session will cover practical information on assisting veterans with claims before military discharge review and corrections boards. VA favorable character of service determinations will also be discussed.

Amy Fairweather, Swords to Plowshares; Teresa Panepinto, Swords to Plowshares

Continuums of Care: Improving Data Quality in the Age of HEARTH

This panel will focus on how the VA's Five-Year Plan is being implemented on the state level and how HMIS data reporting, including changes as a result of HEARTH, can support the VA's Plan nationwide. Including topic experts from US VETS and Social Solutions, this session will provide participants with an extensive insight into improved data collection processes.

Peter Goodwin, Social Solutions; Chris Napier, Social Solutions; Michael Ullman, US VETS; Darryl Vincent, US VETS

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Homeless Women Veterans: Actions Needed to Ensure Safe and Appropriate Housing

This session will provide an overview of the 2012 report on homeless women veterans that the U.S. Government Accountability Office completed in response to Congressional interest. The report examines what is known about the characteristics of homeless women veterans, and describes characteristics of those women veterans the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has identified as being homeless. In addition, presenters will look at barriers homeless women veterans may face in accessing and using the two largest VA-funded programs for housing homeless veterans – the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program, and HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH). Presenters will also discuss the report's recommendations to HUD and VA to improve data collection efforts and housing programs for homeless women veterans.

Grace Cho, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Nagla'a El-Hodiri, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Michelle Libertore, U.S. Government Accountability Office

Grant and Per Diem and Transition in Place

This interactive session will provide an extensive examination of the Grant and Per Diem program and the shifts that are being made to better meet the emerging needs of homeless veterans as supported by data and feedback from providers in local communities. Panelists will discuss the "Transition in Place" model and engage with providers to identify promising, practical models for expediting permanent housing placement for homeless veterans in Grant and Per Diem programs. This session will also allow providers and VA staff to reflect and comment on the Transition in Place grant application process to identify useful components and areas for future improvement.

Jeffery Quarles, Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Homelessness Prevention Demonstration

The Veterans Homelessness Prevention Demonstration Project (VHPD) is a pilot project intended to provide housing assistance and supportive services to veterans and their families to foster rapid reintegration into independent living with sustainable employment and secure housing. The project represents a unique collaborative partnership between the Department of Labor (DOL), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Panelists will discuss early results of this demonstration project, revealing promising, innovative early interventions to help prevent veteran homelessness and improve understanding of the unique needs of at-risk veterans, with special emphasis on veterans who served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Riccardo Aiello, VA National Center on Homelessness; Ken Fenner, Department of Labor - Veterans Employment and Training Service; Cynthia High, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Robyn Raysor, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Veterans Justice Outreach Initiative: Where We Are and Where We're Going

The purpose of the Veteran Justice Outreach Initiative (VJO) is to avoid the unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration among veterans by ensuring that eligible justice-involved veterans have timely access to VHA mental health and substance abuse services when clinically indicated, and other VA services and benefits as appropriate. This session will focus on the partnerships being established between VA and community providers to serve justice-involved veterans. In addition, there will be emphasis on the rural outreach of this initiative, the inclusion of veterans courts, outreach and training to criminal justice providers.

George Basher, Department of Veterans Affairs; Vincent Schil-laci, Department of Veterans Affairs; Courtney Slade, Department of Veterans Affairs

Social Security's Ticket to Work Program: Pathways to Success

The Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work Program

offers several incentive programs specifically designed to assist service providers providing employment services to veterans. In this session, attendees will learn about the basics of Ticket to Work, the benefits for employment programs participating in the program, and how partnering with State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency can maximize returns for service providers and their program participants. Organizations registered as Employment Networks can often access an additional source of unrestricted revenue for the work they are already doing for their veteran participants.

Gregory Bell, Maximus; Meg Little, Maximus

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Enhancing the Reintegration of Veterans into our Communities: Implementation and Evaluation of Outside the Wire

Reintegrating into civilian life poses challenges for veterans and their families. Many existing programs, particularly those in the civilian sector, do not address how to help service members, veterans and family members deal with multifaceted and complex reintegration challenges. A community-based outreach and early intervention program was designed to promote smoother and more successful warrior reintegration. The Outside the Wire (OTW) program provides a variety of behavioral health services, as well as linkage to housing and employment resources, at strategic, community-based sites co-located with other veterans' support services. This session will share the implementation and evaluation of OTW.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families, Prevention, and the Way Forward

This final session in the VA Track will focus on current data on prevention programs, expectations and goals for program expansions, and the resources that exist to solidify the partnership between service providers and VA as we move into the second half of the Five-Year Plan. Panelists will engage participants with an in-depth discussion of preliminary data and future performance objectives from the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, focusing on anticipated results from and justification for the rapid expansion of this program. This session will introduce the members of the VA Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, allowing service providers the opportunity to directly engage with the content presented throughout the day during the VA Track. Participants will also be encouraged to submit written feedback following the session.

George Basher, Department of Veterans Affairs; John Kuhn, Department of Veterans Affairs

Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program

Recognizing the importance of secured income through employment for veterans transitioning out of homelessness, the Department of Labor-Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS) Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) facilitates gainful and sustained employment for thousands of homeless veterans. As the only federal program that focuses exclusively on the employment of veterans who are

homeless, HVRP provides funds to state and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies, and nonprofit organizations that have proven their capacity to create strong employment outcomes and improved service delivery networks for homeless veterans. Participants in this session will learn more about the benefits of connecting to HVRP programs, as well as the technical assistance service provided to current and potential HVRP grantees.

Baylee Crone, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans; Ken Fenner, Department of Labor-Veterans Employment and Training Service; Gary Shaheen, Burton Blatt Institute; Lisa Stern, Burton Blatt Institute

Homeless and Veteran Treatment Courts: Systems to Meet Changing Needs of Veterans

For over 20 years, Homeless Court has successfully addressed the legal barriers faced by homeless veterans. The successful development and implementation of the Homeless Court process requires a coordinated effort from partners in the service provider and legal communities. This session includes a panel of judges and the founder of Homeless Court, discussing strategies for creating and utilizing homeless courts to meet the legal needs of homeless veterans in local communities.

Steve Binder, San Diego Office of the Primary Public Defender

Accessing Mainstream Services

This panel will discuss how mainstream and alternate services and resources can be leveraged to meet the mental health care, housing, employment, and supportive service needs of homeless veterans. Featured speakers from Corporation for Supportive Housing, Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries, Denver Human Services, and Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, will offer a multifaceted perspective on accessing mainstream services to benefit homeless veterans.

John Briggs, Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries; Bill Darnell, Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries; Kim Keaton, Corporation for Supportive Housing; Carl McKnight, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health; Dana Niemela, Denver Department of Human Services

Friday, June 1

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Rapid Results and Housing Placement Boot Camp

In April 2012, 16 communities were selected by a joint task force of leaders from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs to pioneer a bold new way of responding to the challenge of ending veterans homelessness – the Rapid Results Housing Boot Camp. Led by Community Solutions staff from the 100,000 Homes Campaign and innovators from the Rapid Results Institute, the Boot Camp aims to give each community the impetus and the tools to take ownership of this challenge and to experiment with new ideas

for tackling it. In this session, participants will learn about three regional Boot Camps during May 2012, what was learned and early thinking on the implications for local and national policy changes.

Linda Kaufman, Common Ground

Veterans with Families: Lessons Learned from Service Providers

This session will review strategies for meeting the new and emerging needs of homeless and at-risk veteran families, focusing on lessons learned during the first year of the Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) grant program. Featured speakers from Vietnam Veterans of California and Veterans Outreach Center, will provide expert commentary for organizations interested in expanding programmatic services to this target population.

Sean Benedict, Vietnam Veterans of California; Jocene Henderson, Veterans Outreach Center; James McDonough, New York State Health Foundation

Ready, Willing, and Able: Formerly Incarcerated, Forever a Veteran

The Doe Fund has a history of proven, successful interventions for serving homeless veterans with conviction histories. An analysis of the percentage of homeless veterans who have conviction histories, including the subset of that population who have been incarcerated, will be discussed, as well as the percentage of homeless veterans with criminal histories in The Doe Fund's Ready, Willing & Able (RWA) program in New York City. Presenters will discuss how The Doe Fund has adapted RWA to serve the special needs of homeless veterans, including both the direct and collateral negative consequences of their criminal histories.

Elizabeth Hanson, The Doe Fund; Roberto Moran, The Doe Fund

Veterans Crisis Line Overview

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to preventing suicide among all veterans, including homeless veterans. This presentation will provide information about veteran suicide and resources available to veterans and veteran service providers. VA wants to ensure that everyone knows that free, confidential help is available to all veterans, service members, and their families and friends in times of crisis.

Janet Kemp, Department of Veterans Affairs

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Conducting a Million Dollar Cost Impact Study on a Dime

This workshop will present an overview of the planning, conceptualization, methodology, and data management strategies in conducting a study of the cost impact in providing substance abuse and mental health interventions to homeless veterans. The workshop will focus on practical strategies that can be utilized by non-researchers in coordinating and conducting the study and in disseminating the study's findings.

Randy Croy, Serenity House of Volusia

Services to Veterans in Non-Urban Areas

Facilitating integrated service networks to deliver housing, employment, and supportive services to homeless veterans in non-urban areas requires creative community approaches. This session includes experts presenting two innovative models offering guidance to service providers in non-urban areas. Panelists will discuss methods for creating transitional housing opportunities and lessons learned from serving at-risk and homeless OIF/OEF veterans through the Veterans Homelessness Prevention Demonstration Project in rural Washington, New York.

Gillian Albicker, CNY Veterans Outreach Center; Matt Breed, Sarge's Place; Cheri Fleck, Sarge's Place; Zlatko Musedinovic, CNY Veterans Outreach Center; Jessica Perusse, Department of Veterans Affairs; Teresa Schram, CNY Veterans Outreach Center; Bethany Stewart, Department of Veterans Affairs

Vet Trak: Implementing Successful Veteran Treatment Courts

In this session, participants will gather insight from a service provider that has successfully developed an innovative, county-level Veterans Treatment Court for criminal matters using existing community resources and volunteer networks. Panelists will discuss the process for integrating and coordinating pro bono services for civil matters.

Joe Sluska, Albany Housing Coalition

Operation SAVE Training for Providers

SAVE training provides a step-by-step approach that teaches individuals how to talk to someone and what to do if they encounter an individual who is suicidal. Operation SAVE is a way to help save lives through suicide prevention by knowing the following: signs of suicidal thinking; asking questions; validating the veteran's experience; and encouraging treatment and expediting a referral.

Patricia Toles Lucas, VA National Suicide Prevention Hotline

**Todd Adamson, Psy. D., Director,
Outside the Wire Program, US VETS**

Dr. Todd Adamson is a Clinical Psychologist and Director of US VETS – Outside the Wire program. Adamson has worked within the mental health field for over 10 years in a variety of positions including counseling and case management at community mental health clinics and medical hospitals. He completed his APA internship at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, formally known as the North Chicago VA Medical Center. Prior to his current position, he was a post-doctoral fellow at Children’s Hospital – Los Angeles working with adolescents and family members impacted by trauma. In his current position, Adamson provides both administrative and clinical oversight of direct clinical services to active duty service members, veterans, spouses, and family members through the early intervention and outreach program “Outside the Wire.”

**Gillian Albicker, VHPD Coordinator,
CNY Veterans Outreach Center**

Gillian Albicker began working at the Central New York Veteran’s Outreach Program in May 2011 as a Veterans Homelessness Prevention Demonstration Coordinator. She brings over 18 years of experience in working with at-risk populations in the Oneida, Madison and Herkimer Counties and has worked with the greater majority of service providers in the area. Albicker is also a volunteer with the National Brain Injury Foundation and advocates for individuals with TBI. She participates as a volunteer at the social support group.

**Ron E. Armstead, MCP, LSW, Executive Director,
Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust**

Ron E. Armstead is the Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust (CBCVB) located in Washington, D.C., and a past consultant for former Secretary Jesse Brown’s Veterans Administration’s Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans. He has served as Executive Director of the CBCVB since its inception in 1988, first under Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), a decorated Korean War combat veteran and Dean of the New York Congressional Delegation, and currently under Representatives Corrine Brown (D-FL), Senior Member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, and Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D-GA), Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. Under his leadership, the Veterans Braintrust has expanded from its small core group to become one of the premiere forums for policy debate between veterans and representatives of government in the country.

**George P. Basher, Health System Specialist,
VA Healthcare Network Upstate New York VISN2**

Since January 2008, George Basher, an Army veteran who served in Vietnam, has worked as a Health System Specialist for the VA Healthcare Network Upstate New York (VISN2) at the Network Office in Albany, New York. His primary responsibility is integrating VA services with those of state and local government. He is also actively involved in homeless program development and the Veteran Justice Outreach initiative across the network. In addition, he is involved in a national effort to

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redesign the VA Compensation and Pension Exam program. Previously, Basher was appointed Director of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs in March 1999 by Governor George E. Pataki. Basher has a national presence in veterans' advocacy, having served as the President of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans from 2006 through 2011. He also currently serves as Chairman of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary's Advisory Committee on Homelessness and is a member of the New York State Policy Academy for Returning Veterans and their families.

**Gregory Bell, Senior Account Manager,
Social Security Administration**

Gregory Bell is a Senior Account Manager with the Ticket to Work program working on the Operations Support Manager (OSM) contract for the Social Security Administration. Bell works closely with service providers (Employment Networks) and state leads with the Vocational Rehabilitation systems throughout the Northeast and Midwest. Bell has been in the vocational rehabilitation field for 12 years and worked previously as a Project Manager for a service provider for 10 years.

**Sean M. Benedict, Psy. D., Clinical Director,
Vietnam Veterans of California, Inc.**

Dr. Sean M. Benedict serves as the Clinical Director at Vietnam Veterans of California, Inc., a nonprofit veteran service

agency that works with nearly 3,000 veterans a year in five cities throughout northern California. He is a licensed psychotherapist, and is certified in Veterans Behavioral Health by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare. He is responsible for program design and implementation across a wide spectrum of veteran-specific services, including six Grant and Per Diem Programs, two Special Needs Grants, two dual-diagnosis residential treatment centers, HCHV contracts, and the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant. He is also responsible for clinical supervision and professional development. He conducts trainings throughout the state of California, and has presented at the NCHV Conference for the past five years.

**Steve Binder, J.D., Founder, Homeless Court Program,
Deputy Public Defender, San Diego Office of the Primary
Public Defender**

Steve Binder is a deputy public defender with the San Diego Office of the Primary Public Defender, where he has practiced since 1989. Binder represented clients in the mental health and welfare fraud specialty units. He founded the Homeless Court Program (HCP) in 1989 and the Veterans Treatment Review Calendar (VTRC) in 2011. He authored a grant request for Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance funding for the HCP. Binder has received many awards for his work on HCP. In November 2009, he received the VA Secretary's Award for Achievement in Service to Homeless Veterans from Eric Shinseki in Washington D.C. In 2004, the HCP was selected as one of 15 finalists for the Innovations in Government Awards by

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the Ash Institute/Kennedy School of Government-Harvard University. The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans presented him with the “Unsung Hero Award” in 2000. The American Bar Association presented the Hodson Award to the San Diego County Office of the Public Defender for outstanding service by a public agency with the Homeless Court. He is a Fellow with Ashoka Innovators for the Public, working full-time to further replicate the Homeless Court Program. He is a Special Advisor and former Chair to the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty.

CPT Jaspen “Jas” Boothe, President and Founder, Final Salute Inc.

CPT Jaspen “Jas” Boothe is the President and Founder of Final Salute Inc., an organization whose mission is to provide homeless female veterans with safe and suitable housing. Boothe has served over 11 years in the United States Army and currently serves on active duty in the United States Army National Guard, Army National Guard Bureau, Arlington, VA. She deployed during the OIF/OEF campaigns and the bulk of her military career has been working with and advocating for soldiers and their family members. She saw firsthand the effects the war was having on her fellow service members, while she was hospitalized at Brooke Army Medical Center undergoing cancer treatment. Boothe lost everything she owned to Hurricane Katrina a month before her cancer diagnosis. During this time, she was also a single mother. After beating cancer, she decided not to discharge, but instead to continue to serve her country and most importantly, continue the fight in honor of fallen service members. Final Salute Inc. is part of her commitment to “Never Leave a Fallen Comrade.”

Matthew Breed, Operations Manager, Sarge’s Place

Matthew Breed served in the United States Marine Corps and Army Reserve serving in Operation Enduring Freedom as a Squad Leader commanding three heavy machine teams, as well as Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Supervisor of a Combat Engineer squad responsible for roadside bomb removal. He is a Bronze Star recipient for his actions in Iraq. Breed currently serves as the Operations Manager of Sarge’s Place, a transitional housing project for homeless veterans located in Forks, WA. Breed was involved with the development of Sarge’s Place from the inception of the project to include demolition, construction and remodeling, as well as daily operations.

John Briggs, MA, Chairman, Cincinnati HMIS Committee

John Briggs is a Vietnam veteran who started the HVRP program at Goodwill in 1993, and also started the agency’s housing programs. With almost 20 years of service in the field, he has served as the chair of Cincinnati’s HMIS Committee for the past nine years. Briggs has been instrumental in merging VA and HUD systems in Cincinnati and the surrounding area. In his current position, he works to bring together as many agencies as possible to serve veterans, including faith-based groups and other agencies not usually in the “mainstream.”

Deborah Burkart, Vice President, National Equity Fund

Deborah Burkart is the National Vice President, Supportive Housing & Assisted Living for the National Equity Fund (NEF),

the largest nonprofit syndicator of low income housing tax credits. Burkart has served as Vice President since 1996. She graduated from Duke University and received Master’s degrees in business administration and city and regional planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Since 1992, Burkart has underwritten supportive housing and, starting in 1998, assisted living investments for NEF’s funds. Burkart has assisted in the acquisition and/or underwriting of over \$800 million in tax credit equity for special needs projects during her 19-year tenure at NEF. She is a nationally recognized expert on affordable seniors housing and supportive housing financing and policy. In 2008, she became a member of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Board of Directors.

Tyrone Chatman, Associate Executive Director, Michigan Veterans Foundation

Tyrone Chatman is a Vietnam veteran and a tireless advocate for the homeless. He developed a 24-hour walk-in center for the homeless with an alcohol detoxification service. As associate executive director of the Michigan Veterans Foundation, Chatman has created transitional housing, substance abuse intervention and vocational training for homeless veterans.

BG (Ret.) Robert A. Cocroft, President and CEO, Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd.

Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert A. Cocroft is currently the President and CEO of the Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd. (CVI), a nonprofit organization that provides advocacy, services and housing to low-income, homeless, minority and women veterans and their families. CVI is the largest private provider of transitional housing and permanent supportive housing earmarked for veterans in the state of Wisconsin. Cocroft also serves as the National Commander of the National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. NABVETS is certified by the USDVA to provide claims representation and has chapters in over 70 locations.

Ralph Cooper, Community and Residential Veteran Services Coordinator, Cloudbreak Houston

Ralph Cooper is Community and Residential Veteran Services Coordinator at Cloudbreak Houston, LLC.; President of Brewcoop Business Enterprises, located in Houston, TX; and past Executive Director of Veterans Benefits Clearinghouse, Inc. (VBC) in Roxbury, MA, a nonprofit agency. VBC provided a wide range of services to all veterans and their families, especially veterans of color from the Greater Roxbury area of Boston. Cooper is one of the co-founders of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV), headquartered in Washington, D.C.; and a former member of the Homeless Advisory Committee for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Randy Croy, MRC, Executive Director, Serenity House of Volusia

Randy Croy has over 30 years experience in the fields of substance abuse, mental health and criminal justice. He possesses a Masters degree in rehabilitation counseling. Over his career, Croy has served in a variety of direct service and supervisory positions including Clinical Administrator of Criminal Justice Services for Act Corporation and has been the Executive

Director of Serenity House of Volusia since May 1998. Croy has taught courses in criminology and sociology at the university level and has provided consultation to Family Drug Court programs throughout Florida and the United States. Croy has also served as a contracted faculty member and presenter for the National Institute of Justice (NIJ)'s Drug Court Training Initiative since 2001 and serves as a peer reviewer of grant applications for NIJ.

**Maggie Czarnogorski, MD, Deputy Director,
Clinical Public Health, Office of Public Health,
Department of Veterans Affairs**

Dr. Maggie Czarnogorski is Deputy Director, Clinical Public Health Programs, Office of Public Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs. In her role as Deputy Director, Czarnogorski is responsible for the National HIV and National Hepatitis C Programs for all 153 VA medical centers. She is VA's lead for the implementation of National HIV/AIDS Strategy. As such, Czarnogorski is VA's representative on the Interagency Federal Workgroup for the Office of National AIDS Policy. She is also Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases and actively practicing in the HIV clinic at the Washington, D.C. VA Medical Center.

**Bill Darnell, USAF Major (Ret.), MSW, Special Projects
Manager, Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries**

Bill Darnell, United States Air Force Major (Ret.), served from the Vietnam era to the beginning of the buildup in the Persian Gulf area. Darnell completed his Master of Education in counseling from Louisiana Tech University, and after retirement, his Master of Social Work at the University of Cincinnati. He has worked in social services for 20 years in Hamilton County, Ohio, as a director of a homeless shelter for men, director of a drug rehab program, and currently as Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Special Projects Manager. As Special Projects Manager, he oversees service delivery to several hundred homeless veterans annually.

Pete Dougherty, Acting Executive Director, Homeless Veterans Initiative Office, Department of Veterans Affairs

Pete Dougherty serves as Acting Executive Director of VA's Homeless Veterans Initiatives Office. In this position he coordinates all department-wide efforts to assist homeless veterans with the nation's largest integrated homeless assistance effort. He serves as VA's Senior Policy Representative for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. Dougherty coordinates VA's Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans and leads a work group that reports to the Deputy Secretary on how VA can better serve veterans coming out of incarceration. Dougherty was the 2005 recipient of the Jerald Washington Memorial Founders' Award.

**Nagla'a El-Hodiri, Ph.D., Senior Economist,
Education, Workforce, and Income Security,
U.S. Government Accountability Office**

Nagla'a El-Hodiri is a Senior Economist with the Education, Workforce, and Income Security team at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). In her 10 years at GAO, she has lead work on a broad range of issues, including K-12 education,

social security, women veterans, and federal employees compensation. Prior to her work at GAO, Ms. El-Hodiri has taught math and economics courses at the high school and university levels. She also served in the Peace Corps in Mali, where she taught math and spent her third year working with women's groups.

**Amy Fairweather, J.D., Policy Director,
Swords to Plowshares**

Amy Fairweather leads Swords to Plowshares' Institute of Veteran Policy staff to conduct legal and public policy research regarding veteran access to health care, housing, legal and social services. She also serves as the Program Director of the Coalition for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans. Fairweather received her undergraduate degree from Mills College and her Juris Doctor from the Hastings College of the Law. She is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Ken Fenner, MA, Director, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program and Veterans Workforce Investment Program,
Veterans' Employment and Training Service,
Department of Labor**

Ken Fenner has 15 years of professional experience in state and federal government working for the State of Maryland and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Fenner served as Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and a Unit Manager when working for the Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services serving the universal population of disabled persons seeking reintegration into the labor force. During his tenure at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fenner served as a Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist specializing in placing the severe and chronically mentally ill veterans while working for the Compensated Work Therapy Unit at the Washington, D.C. VA Medical Center. He has also served as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and an Employment Coordinator for VBA's VR&E program. Currently, Fenner manages the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program and the Veterans Workforce Investment Program for the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) of the Department of Labor (DOL). Fenner is a former Marine Corps Aviation Ordnanceman who served during the first Persian Gulf War.

Cheri Fleck, Social Worker, Sarge's Place

Cheri Fleck is a Social Worker at a mental health agency in Forks, WA. She oversees the agency shelters and provides outreach to the homeless, as well as overseeing all housing and supported employment programs. Through this work, she has garnered nearly \$2 million to develop, purchase and implement Sarge's Place, a transitional housing program for homeless veterans. Fleck provides therapeutic care to the veterans that live within Sarge's Place and gives direct oversight to the Operations Manager and live-in Caretaker, as well as continuous grant writing. Fleck is also President of North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing Network, Board Member of the Peninsula Housing Authority, Vice President of the Homelessness Task Force of Clallam County, Member of the Continuum of Care of Clallam County, Member of the Clallam County 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Committee, Sarge's Place Advisory Board Member, and a Member of Voices for Veterans.

**Danielle Gaines, Women's Case Manager,
Sacramento Veterans Resource Center**

Danielle Gaines is the Women's Case Manager at the Sacramento Veterans Resource Center, where she has worked for two years. In her role, she provides oversight and support to women veterans and their minor children in the supportive housing program. She is the primary liaison between the site and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Gaines provides one-on-one case management, development of individualized service plans, life skills classes and day-to-day supervision of client routines. She also provides administrative support to the Behavioral Health Center staff and clients.

**Stephan Haimowitz, J.D., Research Associate,
Burton Blatt Institute**

Working for 30 years at the intersections of disability policy, service delivery and the legal system, Stephan Haimowitz has served in such roles as hospital administrator, class action litigator, research ethics consultant, state agency counsel, educator and program evaluator. His current efforts include improving services and employment opportunities for homeless veterans, ending the misuse of restraint on people with mental illness, and assisting collaborations between behavioral health and criminal justice agencies.

Thomas Hameline, Ph.D., President/CEO, HELP USA

Dr. Thomas Hameline is the President/Chief Executive Officer of HELP USA, a nonprofit organization based in New York City. Hameline oversees all the organization's operations, and has direct responsibility for strategic planning, national expansion, and new project development. In his 17 years with HELP USA, he has developed new residential facilities, homeless prevention programs, vocational training programs, and a fair housing center for the agency.

**Elizabeth Hanson, J.D., Director of Supportive Housing and
Criminal Justice Affairs, The Doe Fund**

Elizabeth Hanson joined The Doe Fund in 2006 and is currently the Director of Supportive Housing & Criminal Justice Affairs. Her previous roles at The Doe Fund over the prior five years have included Compliance Administrator, Director of Social Services, Director of Programs & Quality Assurance and Associate Facility Director of the largest Ready, Willing & Able facility, which specializes in criminal justice and veteran populations. Prior to joining The Doe Fund, she spent five years on the staff of the New York City Department of Homeless Services, initially as a Legal Intern, then serving as an Agency Attorney in the Legal Affairs Division/Employee Disciplinary Unit, and ultimately as the Director of Client Responsibility in the Adult Services Division.

**Sergeant Major (Ret.) Jocene D. Henderson,
Director of Community Services and Volunteerism,
Veterans Outreach Center, Inc.**

Sergeant Major (Ret.) Jocene Henderson is the Director of Community Services and Volunteerism at Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. (VOC), and works with over 900 volunteers. She recently co-authored "Coming Home to Caring Communities: A

Blueprint for Serving Veterans & Families." Henderson retired from the Army Reserve with over 30 years of service, including Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel Sergeant Major, 98th Division Headquarters, Rochester, NY. She is an honor graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. She was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and is currently utilizing her Post 9/11 GI Bill to complete a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management at Roberts Wesleyan College.

**Kevin C. Heslin, Ph.D., Research Health Scientist,
Veterans Health Administration Emergency Management
Evaluation Center**

Dr. Kevin C. Heslin, Ph.D., is a research health scientist in the Veterans Health Administration Emergency Management Evaluation Center (VEMEC). Heslin's research focuses on access to health services and health outcomes in marginalized populations, particularly veterans with substance use disorders, HIV, and severe mental illness. Currently Heslin is studying disaster preparedness among veterans in California, as well as the impact of disaster relief volunteer work on veteran reintegration into civilian life. He has received research awards from the American Statistical Association, the Association of Schools of Public Health, the Academy for Health Services Research, and the university-wide AIDS Research Program from the University of California.

**Cynthia High, Acting Director, Supportive Housing
Program Division, Special Needs Assistance Programs
(SNAPS), Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Cynthia High currently serves as the Acting Director for the Supportive Housing Program Division in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), with special attention to homeless veteran funding, legislation and initiatives. The SNAPS Office administers HUD's Homeless Assistance Programs and special initiatives targeted to homeless persons. The Office develops policy and guidance to assist communities to coordinate a comprehensive approach to homeless programs. High has over 20 years prior experience assisting service members, veterans and their families who were dealing with issues of homelessness, substance abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, health and mental health, as well as military sexual trauma, deployment and childcare.

**Mark Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special
Needs, Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Mark Johnston is currently the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs within HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development. He is responsible for administering the Department's \$3.5 billion in assistance for persons who are homeless and low-income persons with HIV/AIDS. These funds are used to provide homeless prevention, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing and supportive services.

**Vince Kane, Director, National Center on Homelessness
among Veterans, Director, VASH Program and Low Income
at Risk Initiative, Department of Veterans Affairs**

Vince Kane directs the National Center on Homelessness among

Veterans, and is also the Director of the VA Supportive Housing (VASH) program and the Low Income at Risk Initiative. Kane is the former Administrative Officer for the Office of Mental Health where he assisted in the implementation of Veterans Health Administration Directive 1160.01 of The Mental Health Uniform Services Handbook. He has also served as the administrator for the Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers (MIRECC), Centers of Excellence, and Evaluation Centers for the Office of Mental Health Services and as Coordinator of the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) Mental Health and Homeless Programs. Kane has more than 20 years of experience as a clinician, educator, and administrator. He has been a site Principal Investigator on several national research projects, including the VA's Homeless After-Care Study and the Federal Partners Initiative for Chronic Homeless Veterans.

**Linda Kaufman, Eastern U.S. Field Organizer,
Common Ground**

Linda Kaufman is the Eastern U.S. Field Organizer for Common Ground's 100,000 Homes Campaign. In this role she is responsible for inviting communities and states to join the campaign, working with them to determine which homeless individuals in the community are vulnerable, and assisting in developing resources. Kaufman has worked in homeless services in Washington, D.C. since the mid-1980s, most recently as Chief Operating Officer of Pathways to Housing D.C. In addition to her work to end homelessness in the District, she is also involved in other issues of social justice in the city.

**Kim Keaton, MPA, Senior Program Manager,
Corporation for Supportive Housing**

Kim Keaton is a Senior Program Manager in the Government Affairs and Innovations unit at the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). At CSH, Keaton works to advance and lead various initiatives and projects related to veterans, re-entry and high-cost utilizers, and brings to these efforts her expertise around implementation, program management and data systems. Prior to coming to CSH, Keaton spent six years at the New York City Department of Homeless Services, the centralized agency responsible for ending homelessness in New York City.

**Janet Kemp, Ph.D., National Mental Health Program
Director for Suicide Prevention, Office of Mental Health
Service, Department of Veterans Affairs**

As the National Mental Health Program Director for Suicide Prevention, Dr. Janet Kemp leads the direction of the Department of Veterans Affairs Suicide Prevention Program out of the Office of Mental Health Services. She is responsible for policy development, practicing provider and patient education in the areas of suicide awareness and prevention, implementing assessment and treatment strategies, and the dissemination of new findings in the area of suicide throughout the VA system. Kemp directs and advises the Suicide Prevention Coordinators at each local VA facility and is the national program advisor for the Veterans Crisis Line and Veterans Chat.

**Bryon Koshgarian, Ph.D., Acting Director of Veterans
Services, Albany Housing Coalition, Inc.**

Dr. Bryon Koshgarian holds degrees in theology and pastoral

counseling. His background and experience includes working as a private investigator, security specialist and consultant; pastoral counselor; hospice chaplain; Veterans Court advocate and coordinator with Vet Trak; and currently as Acting Director of Veterans Services for the Albany Housing Coalition, Inc. He oversees the organization's veterans treatment courts, transitional and permanent supportive housing programs, and employment program. Koshgarian is a veteran of the United States Navy.

Hon. Roger W. Krauel, Judge, California Superior Court

Judge Roger Krauel was appointed to the California Superior Court in 1999 by Governor Pete Wilson and will start his third elected term in January 2013. He has presided over trials from traffic tickets to murder cases. He has served in Domestic Violence Court, Mental Health Court, Homeless Court, and Drug Court. Currently he is a trial judge with additional duties for San Diego's annual Stand Down Court and the biweekly Veterans Treatment Court pilot project.

**John Kuhn, National Director of Homeless Evaluation,
Department of Veterans Affairs**

John Kuhn is VA's National Director of Homeless Evaluation. In this role he has worked with federal partners to develop processes that will help identify the needs of homeless veterans and the effectiveness of services designed to assist them. As VA's Acting Director for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Kuhn has coordinated the development and launch of VA's new prevention and rapid re-housing initiative. SSVF provides almost \$60 million in services and financial assistance to homeless and at-risk veteran families in 40 states and the District of Columbia, and will be expanding to \$100 million in the coming year. For the past several years he has also co-authored VA's CHALENG Report, a community assessment on the needs of homeless veterans.

**Michelle Liberatore, MBA, Analyst,
Acquisitions and Sourcing Management,
U.S. Government Accountability Office**

Michelle Liberatore currently works as an analyst with the Acquisitions and Sourcing Management team at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), primarily analyzing Navy shipbuilding. During her time at GAO, Liberatore has also developed reports focused on homeless women veterans and credit card products. Prior to federal government service, she worked in analytics within the health care sector for both a pharmaceutical company and a marketing research firm, as well as within the nonprofit sector.

**Meg Little, Account Specialist,
Social Security Administration**

Meg Little is an Account Specialist with Ticket to Work, working on the Operations Support Manager (OSM) contract for the Social Security Administration. Little works directly with potential and current service providers participating in Ticket to Work. Prior to working on the OSM contract, Little worked for two years on the former Program Manager for Recruitment and Outreach (PMRO) contract with Ticket, which specialized in recruitment and outreach to potential Employment Networks and Ticket Holders.

**Anthony Love, Deputy Director, National Programs,
United States Interagency Council on Homelessness**

Anthony Love most recently served as President and CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, the principal agency for the Homeless Continuum of Care in a county of almost four million people. Love first began work on poverty and homelessness issues more than 15 years ago following the completion of his Master of Arts in Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. After returning to Houston, he was named Site Director of the nonprofit US VETS. During his leadership there, US VETS Houston became the largest provider of housing and support services to homeless veterans in Texas, providing services to more than 20,000 homeless veterans.

**Patricia Toles Lucas, MS, BSN, RN,
Suicide Prevention Coordinator,
D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center**

Patricia Toles Lucas, MS, BSN, RN, is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator at the Washington, D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Lucas received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Troy State University in 1984 and her Master of Science degree in Human Relations and Counseling from the University of Oklahoma in 1997. She has more than 19 years of experience in Mental Health and working extensively with military members. She retired from the United States Air Force in 2007 as a Lt. Colonel. Lucas presently serves as the subject matter expert on suicide prevention and is responsible for providing education and oversight for veterans who have been deemed to be at high risk for suicide. She also provides education to the medical center staff, veteran family members, and community agencies on suicide prevention.

**Wendy Charece McClinton, MA, President and CEO,
Black Veterans for Social Justice**

Wendy Charece McClinton is the President and CEO of Black Veterans for Social Justice. She is the first female veteran to head a Veteran Service Organization in the State of New York and she is the first African American female veteran to head a Veteran Service Organization in the country. As a result of her sterling reputation for professionalism and devotion to duty, she was appointed as New York State Commander of the National Association of Black Veterans (NABVETS).

**Colonel James D. McDonough, Jr.,
U.S. Army (Ret.), Senior Fellow for Veterans Affairs,
New York State Health Foundation**

Colonel (Ret.) James D. McDonough, Jr. became Senior Fellow for Veterans Affairs in the New York State Health Foundation on March 5, 2012. Following a 26-year career in the United States Army as a Commissioned Officer, McDonough served for two years as President and CEO of Rochester, New York's Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. and for three years as the Director of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs. He is an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and has served in numerous command, staff, and leadership positions throughout the Army and around the world.

**Lorenzo McFarland, DHA, MSW, PMP, Senior Public
Health Program Manager, Clinical Public Health, Office of
Public Health, Department of Veterans Affairs**

Dr. Lorenzo McFarland currently serves as a Senior Public Health Program Manager in the Office of Public Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs. In his role as program manager, he works with the National HIV and National Hepatitis C Program Director to provide policy and guidance for 153 VA medical centers. McFarland is a retired Master Sergeant, United States Air Force, with 20 years of Active Duty Service. He holds a Master of Social Work degree from Our Lady of the Lake University and a Doctor of Health Administration from the University of Phoenix.

**Carl P. McKnight, Psy.D., Mental Health Clinical Program
Head, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health**

Carl P. McKnight, Psy.D., is a Mental Health Clinical Program Head for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. In this capacity, he manages the Veterans Mental Health Programs and Adult Prevention and Early Intervention efforts for the Department. Specifically he oversees the Veterans Outreach Program, which is a SAMHSA PATH-funded outreach and linkage program for homeless veterans with mental health concerns. This innovative program is characterized by a unique collaboration with the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center including cross-training of outreach workers, co-location of clinical staff, and a Housing First demonstration project. He is a veteran of the United States Army, having spent a total of eight years on active duty, in the National Guard and the Reserves.

Ginger Miller, Founder, John 14:2, Inc.

Ginger Miller is a native New Yorker and former homeless service-disabled veteran. After taking care of her husband, a disabled veteran, who has suffered from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for over a decade, and experiencing homelessness with her family, Ginger decided to form John 14:2, Inc. – a nonprofit organization whose core mission is to assist military veterans and their families experiencing homelessness, substance abuse and mental illness to reintegrate back into the community, retain permanent housing and maintain sobriety.

**Hon. Cylenthia LaToye Miller, Judge, 36th Judicial District
Court**

Judge Cylenthia LaToye Miller was appointed Judge of the 36th Judicial District Court effective April 10, 2006, elected in November 2006, and re-elected in November 2010. Miller presides over cases in the Court's Criminal and Traffic Division. She is honored and humbled to serve on one of the busiest courts in the country. Miller is the former Director of the Detroit Workforce Development Department, a Michigan Works! Agency. In her capacity as director, she supervised and directed the daily activities of the department and contractors. While in private practice, she handled all phases of traditional labor and employment litigation matters. Before becoming an attorney, Miller was employed as an Intake Specialist. She was later employed as a Crisis Line Counselor and Supervisor at Neighborhood Service Organization; a Regulatory Specialist at the Michigan Credit Union League; and a Mediator of landlord/

tenant disputes at Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, among other positions.

Thomas Moore, J.D., Program Manager, Lawyers Serving Warriors, National Veterans Legal Services Program

Thomas Moore trains lawyers and non-lawyers in the areas of military and veterans law, mentors attorneys representing service members and veterans, and represents veterans before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Prior to joining the National Veterans Legal Services Program, he served six years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Moore is currently a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve, serving as a senior defense counsel. He is a graduate of Dickinson College and George Mason University School of Law.

Roberto Moran, MPA, Director, The Doe Fund

Roberto Moran has served as the Director of The Doe Fund's Veterans Program since 2010. In that capacity, he oversees the provision of program services to 138 homeless veterans every day. This program is supported by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the NYC Department of Homeless Services, as well as several private funders. Half of the veterans in the program take part in Ready, Willing & Able, The Doe Fund's renowned workforce development initiative for homeless and formerly incarcerated individuals. The other half receive comprehensive services that help them move into the highest possible level of independent, permanent housing.

Zlatko Musedinovic, VHPD Program Coordinator, CNY Veterans Outreach Center

Zlatko Musedinovic was born in Bosnia where he was educated in local schools before moving to the United States in 1997. Musedinovic began his career with the CNY Veterans Outreach Center in May 2011 as Program Coordinator for the Veterans Homelessness Prevention Demonstration Project (VHPD), a collaborative initiative between the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Affairs and Labor. The goal of the project is to offer early intervention in an effort to help prevent veteran homelessness and to assist service members returning from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Michael "Mike" Neely, Founder, Homeless Outreach Program/Integrated Care System

Michael Neely is the founder and past director of the Homeless Outreach Program/Integrated Care System. The Homeless Outreach Program was founded in 1988 as a pilot program with \$50,000 and four employees and grew into a multi-million dollar project with more than 60 employees. In this position, Neely provided leadership to his organization as well as to his community. He served on the State Commission on Homeless Veterans, and the State Commission on African American Males and Substance Abuse. He was also a Los Angeles County Commissioner and served on the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission. Neely is a former member of the Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Brain trust.

Steven Nelson, Program Manager, Sullivan Jackson Employment Center

Steven Nelson has served in Pima County's Workforce Development system delivering services to people experiencing homelessness for 22 years. He is the Program Manager for the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program at the One Stop Career Center for homeless populations – the Sullivan Jackson Employment Center. Nelson is the current Chair of the Tucson Pima Collaboration to end Homelessness (TPCH), which is the lead entity for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Planning. He was instrumental in the development of the Center's Employment and Housing model of collaborative networks formed through the HUD Supportive Housing Programs and the Continuum of Care to provide both housing and employment services to homeless men, women, families, veterans and youth in Pima County. This work was recognized in 2006 by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness with the "Home for Every American" award.

Dana L Niemela, Program Coordinator, Denver Department of Human Services

Dana Niemela is a Masters Student in Social Work at the University of Denver and Program Coordinator for the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program at the Denver Department of Human Services. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in History from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and served eight years in the United States Navy. While she was in the Navy, she served under the Commander of the Sixth Fleet in Europe, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, and as a White House Military Aide.

Jan A. Nissly, Ph.D., LCSW, Research Assistant Professor, USC School of Social Work's Center for Innovation and Research on Veterans and Military Families

Dr. Jan A. Nissly is a Research Assistant Professor in the USC School of Social Work's Center for Innovation and Research on Veterans and Military Families (CIR). A former social work practitioner, Nissly possesses 20 years of experience in the fields of mental health and veteran's issues, having worked within the Department of Veterans Affairs and in two civilian hospital trauma units. Nissly's research interests lie at the intersection of workforce and mental health issues, with specific focus on preparing practitioners to meet the needs of returning service members and their families; provision of supports and services to families of deployed and returning service members; and on innovative approaches to identifying and engaging at-risk veterans into community services. Her current projects include the evaluation of two community-based veteran service programs, and a Department of Defense-funded behavioral health workforce training intervention study.

Dawn Nuoffer, Executive Vice President, Center for Veterans Issues

Dawn Nuoffer is the Executive Vice President of the Center for Veterans Issues (CVI), headquartered in Milwaukee, WI. Nuoffer spent nine years enlisted in the Air National Guard. Prior to her tenure at CVI, she ran her own consultancy company and worked for inspirational leaders who guided her path towards

nonprofit fund development, organizational and strategic planning, and program development. Nuoffer has worked with the Center for Veterans Issues since 2006, and leads 107 employees providing housing, economic development and wrap-around reintegration solutions for over 1,200 veterans annually.

**Teresa Panepinto, J.D., Legal Director,
Swords to Plowshares**

Teresa Panepinto leads Swords to Plowshares' Legal Department in its provision of free legal assistance to veterans seeking VA benefits and military discharge reviews. Prior to attending law school, she coordinated the nationwide GI Rights Hotline, providing legal information to military service members. A long-time member of the Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild, she served on its Steering Committee from 2004-2009. She has extensive experience training attorneys, legal workers, and law students on military and veterans law. Panepinto received her undergraduate degree from Willamette University and her law degree from UC Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law.

**Nicole M. Perez, J.D., MSW, Staff Attorney, Supportive
Services for Veterans Families Program,
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles**

Nicole M. Perez is a staff attorney in the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program at Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA). As a disabled woman from a marginalized community, Perez has dedicated her career to fighting for economic and racial justice. At LAFLA, she works alongside disabled and homeless veterans to secure life-stabilizing benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other government agencies. With a law degree and Masters in Social Work, Perez practices holistic advocacy for veterans and their families, utilizing the support of pro bono, community and social service partners. She is also an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School and teaches a veterans benefits practicum to upper-level law students.

**Jessica M. Perusse, LCSW, Social Worker,
Department of Veterans Affairs**

Jessica M. Perusse, LCSW, is a HUD-VASH Social Worker with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Following her husband's return from Iraq with his National Guard Unit in 2005, she became increasingly aware of the struggles returning veterans face being located so far from any active duty bases and services. In 2007, Perusse began transitioning from working in schools to working with veterans in the rural areas and accepted a position with the Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Program in May 2010, covering 3,377 square miles in three rural counties. Expanding outreach and increasing services for the rural areas and targeting those in the most outlying areas continue to be a focus for her work.

**Jeffery Quarles, Director, Grant and Per Diem National
Program Office, Department of Veterans Affairs**

Jeffery Quarles currently serves as the Director, Grant and Per Diem (GPD) National Program Office, Tampa, FL. He began his role as Director at the end of February 2012. As Director, he is responsible for the overall management and administration of

the GPD program nationally. Quarles ensures GPD-funded community-based programs provide quality services that are in compliance with existing laws and regulations. The GPD program has over 600 operational projects, with over 14,600 transitional housing beds. The program operates in every state in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam. Prior to this, Quarles was the Clinical Manager for the Grant and Per Diem Program National Program Office from 2006 until accepting his new role in 2012.

**John Rio, Senior Program Associate,
Advocates for Human Potential**

Based in Fairfax, VA, John Rio is a Senior Program Associate at Advocates for Human Potential. He provides technical assistance and training on homelessness and employment services for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Housing and Urban Development to local organizations across the country. With more than 30 years of experience in recovery services, supportive housing, vocational rehabilitation and homeless assistance services, Rio's work has focused on developing materials and consulting to design and improve permanent supportive housing strategies that offer innovative programming and employment services.

Sara Romeo, Executive Director, Tampa Crossroads

Sara Romeo is currently the Executive Director for Tampa Crossroads, a nonprofit organization providing direct services in the community for veterans and clients with mental health problems. During her time with Tampa Crossroads, Romeo has been a tireless advocate for veterans by spearheading projects such as the Athena House, one of the first programs for homeless women veterans. Her vision to create clean eco-friendly, affordable housing for lower-income residents has also been realized, as Tampa Crossroads recently opened Eco-Oaks: a new housing development in Tampa with a focus on using solar energy to make residential costs more affordable.

**Nathaniel Saltz, Program Director,
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans**

Nathaniel Saltz has been serving veterans experiencing homelessness as a Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) staff member since 2003. He has served as an HVRP Case Manager, Grant & Per Diem Program Coordinator, and Regional Manager. His duties within the organization have included operations and case management for veterans in a 13-bed VA Grant & Per Diem program, coordinating the annual Minneapolis Metro Stand Down event, statewide rollout of SSVF, and piloting a Civil Legal Clinic for Veterans program in Minnesota.

Vincent Schillaci, MSW, Department of Veterans Affairs

Vincent Schillaci began working with U.S. military veterans in 2009 at the Veterans Crisis Line at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center in Upstate New York. Over the past three years, he has worked with many veterans facing mental health, substance use, legal and homeless issues. Currently Schillaci is a Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Specialist for the Greater Rochester area in Upstate New York. He is active in the community providing training and consultation to law enforcement and corrections officers, acting as a primary contact for veterans identified within

the legal system and persistently advocating for the appropriate care of justice-involved veterans. In addition to representing VA at the Veterans Treatment Court in Rochester, NY, he is active in identifying and linking justice-involved veterans to VA services, with an emphasis on rural outreach.

Terésa Schram, Veterans Homelessness Prevention Demonstration Project Director, CNY Veterans Outreach Center

Terésa Schram began her career with the CNY Veterans Outreach Center in October 2010 as a Project Director for the Veterans Homelessness Prevention Demonstration Project (VHPD), a collaborative initiative between the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Affairs and Labor. The goal of the project is to offer early intervention in an effort to help prevent veteran homelessness, and it is targeted to assist service members returning from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Courtney Slade, LCSW, Social Worker, Albany VA Medical Center

Courtney Slade is a Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator, providing direct outreach services and care coordination for justice-involved veterans in and around the Albany VA Medical Center. Slade has been in the field of social work since 2007, after graduating from the University of Buffalo. She began her career working in the community mental health setting and as of 2009 has worked at the Albany VAMC assisting veterans in northeastern New York. In addition to her work in the field, Slade is a part of community committees and planning groups, where the goal is to better meet the needs of veterans and address veterans issues.

Joseph Sluszka, Executive Director, Albany Housing Coalition, Inc.

Joe Sluszka has 30 years experience promoting social and economic justice as a community advocate and CEO of nonprofit community-based organizations. In his current role as Executive Director of the Albany Housing Coalition, Inc. for the last eight years he has implemented a coordinated series of innovative and successful programs for homeless and at-risk veterans. In 2009 VA Secretary Shinseki honored the organization with his Secretary's Award for its outstanding service on behalf of homeless veterans. In response to the growing needs of returning veterans, Sluszka developed a Veterans Treatment Court throughout seven upstate New York counties in 2010. He has spoken about this program as a panelist at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals annual conference and at a recent New York State Bar Association training.

Bethany M. Stewart, LMSW, Social Worker, Department of Veterans Affairs

Bethany M. Stewart, LMSW, is a HUD-VASH Social Worker with the Department of Veterans Affairs. She earned her MSW from Syracuse University in 2008, and immediately began working with people who are homeless as a case manager supervisor for The Salvation Army's Emergency Family Shelter in Syracuse, NY. Currently Stewart provides HUD-VASH social work services to veterans who are in need of intensive case management in order to successfully maintain their housing

within the community and meet their other goals. She covers three rural counties in New York: Oneida, Herkimer and Madison.

Tammye H. Treviño, Administrator for Housing and Community Facilities Programs, Department of Agriculture

Tammye H. Treviño was appointed as Administrator for Housing and Community Facilities Programs in the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency in June 2009. Treviño currently serves on the President's Task Force on the Status of Puerto Rico and is Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's representative on the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. She serves on several Federal working groups, including one on rental policy and another on Single Family Housing. The groups study issues such as rehabilitating Rural Development's aging Multi-Family Housing portfolio and the effects of housing foreclosures on the mortgage industry. Treviño works closely with groups that address narrowbanding issues in rural America, health information technology requirements, and ways to improve the accessibility and quality of medical services in rural America. Treviño is certified as an Economic Development Finance Professional and a Housing Development Finance Professional.

Michael Ullman, Ph.D., National Development and Program Evaluation Specialist and D.C. Project Director, US VETS

Dr. Michael Ullman serves as the National Development and Program Evaluation Specialist and D.C. Project Director for US VETS. Ullman is an experienced researcher, grant writer and nonprofit administrator. He is published in peer-reviewed journals in fields of homeless services, mental health, disability and law. Ullman is currently working to refine the HMIS system in Hawaii to improve its ability to track and monitor veteran homelessness in concert with the Five-Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness.

Darryl Vincent, Vice President of Programs and Hawaii State Director, US VETS

Darryl Vincent has over 15 years experience in the fields of homeless services and substance abuse. He currently supervises the delivery of clinically-based supportive housing services to over 2,500 veterans daily at 11 sites throughout the country. Vincent is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. He currently serves as the Chair of the Oahu Continuum of Care. Vincent received an Unsung Hero Award from the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans in 2008, and has been recognized multiple times in Hawaii for his work in the community.

Jeffrey Yungman, MSW, MPH, Legal Director, Crisis Ministries Homeless Justice Project

Jeffrey Yungman is the Legal Director of the Crisis Ministries Homeless Justice Project in Charleston, SC. He is also a member of the American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness & Poverty. In 1980, after leaving the New Orleans Police Department, Yungman obtained a Masters in Social Work and a Masters in Public Health from Tulane University. After a variety of social work jobs, in 1999 he became Clinical Director of Crisis Ministries, the largest homeless shelter in South Carolina.

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- Immediate notification of government, corporate and foundation grants for homeless service providers
- Bi-monthly newsletter with resources from private and government sources
- Dynamic website - www.nchv.org - updated daily, this is the nation's most comprehensive website on homeless veteran issues and programs
- Legislative alerts and analysis of legislation affecting homeless veterans and service organizations
- Annual conference in Washington, D.C., and regional conferences on a wide range of topics for service providers
- National toll-free Homeless Veteran Help Line 1-800-VET-HELP

The need for comprehensive federal and local supportive, veteran-specific programs for homeless veterans is well-documented.

These men and women answered the call to serve their country in a way increasingly few Americans ever will.

They deserve nothing less than the full measure of our support in their greatest hour of need.



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