Opening Doors in North West Ohio: Aligning VA and Homeless Service Systems to End Homelessness for Veterans

April 30, 2013

United Way of Greater Toledo
Toledo, OH

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs, VISN11
WELCOME TO THE 2013 NORTH WEST OHIO VETERAN SUMMIT

• Susan Rowe, Rep. Marcy Kaptur’s Office
• Ann Longsworth Orr, Sen. Sherrod Brown’s Office
• Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton
Who Is CSH?

How We Drive Impact

CSH makes a measureable difference using six key strategies.

- Innovate measure and evaluate smart solutions
- Lead and expand the supportive housing industry
- Engage and influence policy and decision makers
- Educate and empower industry players
- Reform and improve government systems
- Fund new projects and programs
Summit Purpose

- Invitation-only event coordinated on behalf of VISN 11 leadership to dialogue, plan and align efforts to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in North West Ohio
- Celebrate 2012 accomplishments, revise and update current work
- Identify and prioritize action items within the 6 Pillar framework for implementation in 2013
Summit Logistics

- Please silent cell phone
- Restrooms
- Rapid Introductions
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Questions for Reflection

1. What successes have occurred that I or my organization can build upon to prevent and end homeless Veterans in North West Ohio?

2. What are specific tasks that I can do to prevent and end homelessness for Veterans?

3. What are specific tasks my organization and community can do to prevent and end homelessness for Veterans?
Federal VA Framework and Updates
Phillip Thomas, VISN 11
Opening Doors in NW Ohio

Aligning VA and Homeless Service Systems to End Homelessness among Veterans in VISN 11

30/April 2013
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

VISN 11 Footprint

- Square Miles: 90,100
- Veteran Enrollees: 373,668
- States: 4
- Senators: 8
- Congressional Districts: 31
- VAMCs: 8 (1 dual campus)
- CBOCs: 30 by EOY
- Vet Centers: 14
- State Veterans Homes: 2
- VBA Regional Offices: 2
- National Cemeteries: 6
- State Veteran Cemeteries: 2

**Phase 1: Build Capacity**
- Secretary Announces 5 Year Goal/Plan
- HUD VASH 20K
- Stand Up VACO
- Enhance GPD
- 5 New Doms
- Enhance VJO
- VBA Expedited Claims
- National/Local Homeless Summits

**Phase 2: Assessment & Adjustment**
- Federal Strategic Plan “Opening Doors”
- HUD VASH 30K
- HUD VASH 47K
- Budget Requests Decision
- Military Draw Down

**Phase 3: Sustainment**
- HUD VASH 57K
- Reallocate Funding?
- Extend Mission Timeline?

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

- HOMES/Registry
- SSVF
- HVSEP
- Vet Courts
- CRRCs
- Safe Havens
- Sub Abuse Enhancement
- Housing 1st Pilots
- BURR
- Outreach Campaign

- Homeless 24/7 Call Center
- Clinical Reminder
- National Housing First Initiative
- CRRC Enhance
- Safe Haven Enhance
- GPD TIP
- HCHV Enhancement
# 24/7 Homeless Hotline

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<td>Maumee Valley Guidance Center, Inc.</td>
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65% of Veterans admitted to HUD-VASH in FY13 are Chronically Homeless (FY13 Aim)

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## FY12 % HUD-VASH Lease (goal 88%)

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<td>N. Indiana</td>
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<td>120</td>
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<td>1,367</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>1,450</td>
<td>92.36%</td>
<td>97.97%</td>
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# HUD-VASH Lease Up Rates (goal 75 days)

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<th>Facility</th>
<th># of Cases Admitted in FY12</th>
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60% of GPD/DCHV Veterans Discharge to Independent Housing

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<td>60%</td>
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<td>VISN 11</td>
<td>60%</td>
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## FY 13 Data (1-31-13)

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<td>63.83%</td>
<td>78.34%</td>
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<td>82.64%</td>
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<td>86.67%</td>
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Veteran Point in Time Counts (PIT)

2009 5 Year Plan Unveiled

2009: 76,329
2010: 67,495
2011: 62,619
2012: 45,797
2013: 30,532
2014: 15,266
2015: 0

Actual Count
Decrease Needed
Looking Ahead

• On track but need to pick up the pace to meet the 2015 goal.
  – Veteran homelessness fell by 7.2 percent (or 4,876 persons) since January 2011
  – Veteran homelessness fell by 17.2 percent since January 2009
  – On a single night in January 2012, 62,619 Veterans were homeless
  – In VISN 11 Ohio catchment 71 homeless Veterans (2012 PIT)
  – Target Chronic Street homeless (unsheltered) which was unchanged since January 2011 yet declined 13.1 percent (or 36,860 people) since 2007

• Housing First (HUD-VASH) emphasis
• Prevention (SSVF, Outreach) emphasis
• Local/State/10 Year Plans need to specifically focus on Veterans & leverage VA
• Interagency Collaboration
Looking Ahead: HUD VASH

- FY13: national allocation of 10,000 vouchers
- VISN 11: anticipates 410 vouchers
- VISN 11 to receive 23 HUD-VASH case managers for FY13
- Vouchers to be allocated incrementally
- PHA funding to be obligated based on leasing schedule (not automatic)
- Must be in line with 2013 Implementation Plans (PHA/VA) and Housing First Plans
  - Better targeting of chronically homeless
  - Improving retention
  - Expediting leasing process
- Sequestration (r)
  - VA exempt HUD is not
  - 125,000 could lose subsidy (2008-2012 vouchers turned over)
  - FY13 vouchers not in jeopardy
Federal Perspective – Update from U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness
Beverley Ebersold, USICH, Regional Coordinator
U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

Toledo, OH
April 30, 2013
Mission:

Coordinate the federal response to homelessness and create a national partnership at every level of government and with the private sector to reduce and end homelessness in the nation while maximizing the effectiveness of the federal government in contributing to the end of homelessness.

*HEARTH Act of 2009*
Council Members

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

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

**Member Agencies**
Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of the Interior, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of Transportation, Department of Veterans Affairs, Corporation for National and Community Service, General Services Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Social Security Administration, United States Postal Service, White House Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives
Goals of Opening Doors

1. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness by 2015
2. Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2015
3. Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children by 2020
4. Set a path to ending all types of homelessness
Five Themes: Opening Doors

1. Increase leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement
2. Increase access to stable and affordable housing
3. Increase economic security
4. Improve health and stability
5. Retool the homeless crisis response system
Targeted, solutions-driven goals

- Cost-effective/strategic use of government expenditures

Roadmap for joint action by 19 Council agencies

- Guides development of programs and budget proposals

Set of priorities the federal agencies will pursue over the 5-year period: FY 2010 - FY 2014
The Administration’s Commitment: The plan outlines steps at the federal, state and local level to carry out President Obama’s commitment that “nobody who serves, nobody who fights for this country should have to fight for a job or a roof over their heads when they come back home.”
Trends in Veterans Homelessness

- Progress
- Federal Leadership
- Supportive Housing
- Using What Works
- Investing in Prevention
- Sharing Data
Primary Target Programs for Veterans

- HUD-VA Supportive Housing (VASH)
- Supportive Services for Families (SSVF)
- Grant Per Diem (GPD) and adoption of Transition in Place (TIP) model
- Rapid Assessment and Progressive Engagement: VA and community providers working together to link Veterans to the appropriate program
Four states account for 31,117 or 49.7% of all homeless Veterans: California, Florida, New York and Texas.

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Total Homeless Veterans: 62,619

Percentage of Total: 49.7%
Data

Annual Point-in-Time Count Trends
Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
2008-2012*

- 75,609
- 76,329
- 67,495
- 62,619

- 43,409
- 43,437
- 40,033
- 35,143

- 32,200
- 32,892
- 27,462
- 27,476

Year:
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011
- 2012

Legend:
- Total Veterans
- Sheltered Veterans
- Unsheltered Veterans

Notes:
- Baseline of Opening Doors
- 1st Year of Impact of Opening Doors
Positive Outliers: Communities on Track to End Homelessness by 2015

- Communication and integration of services across the community
- Commitment to Housing First
- Targeting
- Use of Data
- Use of Mainstream Benefits
Collaborative Planning and Accountability

- Solving Veterans Homelessness as One
- Joint Agency Priority Goals
- Questions for consideration in collaborative planning and accountability.
The Path Forward

- How could VA outreach to Veterans who aren’t connecting to Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMCs) be improved? How could community organizations help VAMCs make these connections?

- How could VAMCs improve targeting of programs to ensure that Veterans are receiving the right intervention for their needs? How could community organizations help?
The Path Forward

How does VA increase effectiveness of VA’s Grant and per Diem-funded programs to increase successful discharges to permanent housing, make stronger program connections to unsheltered Veterans, and to reduce the length of stay for Veterans in their transitional housing programs? What lessons have been learned by other transitional housing providers that might be helpful? How us access coordinated with the community?
The Path Forward

- How could VAMCs better integrate with mainstream and community resources? How could community organizations help VAMCs make these connections?

- How could VAMCs accelerate adoption of Housing First practices? How could community organizations help?
Finishing the Job of Ending Veterans Homelessness

- Continued investment in Veteran-centric housing and health programs
- Widespread adoption of evidence based practices such as Housing First and Critical Time Intervention
- Targeting: Right intervention at the right time
- Collaboration across all Council agencies
Preventing and ending homelessness is achievable.
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The Source for Housing Solutions
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF) PANEL DISCUSSION

• Jennifer Hoeffel, Maumee Valley Guidance Center
• Kimberly Cooke, Monroe County Opportunities Program
SSVF Panel Discussion

- SSVF Project Description:
  1. Number of households to be served and target population
  2. Prevention / rapid re-housing split
  3. Housing and services provided
  4. Outreach and referral process with VA, CoC members, and other community partners
Panel Discussion Questions:
1. Early successes? challenges?
2. Targeting and triaging strategies?
3. Creative strategies serving and housing individuals returning from prison, jail or other institutions?
4. Top 3 lessons learned? Changes?
TOLEDO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TEAM PRESENTATION
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Community Partnership (Pillar 1) Discussion

CREATING NORTH WEST OHIO VETERANS COUNCIL
Community Partnership Discussion

- 2012 Action Item – Pillar 1 Community Partnership:
  - Create North West Ohio Homeless Veterans Council to coordinate VA and community efforts, specifically:
    - Leveraging resources
    - Identifying areas of duplication
    - Creating cross-system referrals
    - Operationalizing “no wrong door” approach
  - Council should:
    - Meet quarterly and rotate meeting location to lessen travel
    - Encourage creation of PHA subgroup to meet with the VA
    - Identify best practices from local HPRP programs and OH Dept. of Development – family homeless prevention pilot and integrate best practices into local services
North West Ohio Veteran Council Table Discussion:

- Identify someone to take notes and report-out
- 20 Minute discussion at your table addressing following questions:
  1. What’s the value of creating a Veteran Council to meet regularly to discuss the needs of Veterans, plan and coordinate housing and services?
  2. What are there training needs that could be provided through the Council?
  3. Who should be on the Council?
  4. How often should the Council meet and what are creative meetings strategies (reduce travel)?
NORTH WEST OHIO UPDATE AND DATA OVERVIEW
HEARTH Act signed May 20, 2009
Issues for consideration:

- Centralized/coordinated assessment system
- Performance measurements and evaluation
- Homeless definition changes
- Continuum of Care Board Structure and Governance
HEARTH Core Measures

Reduce new episodes of homelessness

Reduce returns to homelessness

Reduce lengths of homeless episodes
62,619 – Total Number of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

- Veterans account for about 13% of adults experiencing homelessness
- **Decrease from 76,000** in January 2010
- 56% were residing in temporary shelters
- Sheltered Veterans declined – 59% in 2011 to 56% in 2012
- 44% unsheltered – living outside, cars, campgrounds, or other places not meant for human habitation
- Unsheltered Veterans remained the same between 2011 and 2012 (but declined by 15.5% since 2009)
Veterans

- 48.8% located in major cities
- 38.8% located in smaller cities
- 12.6% located in BOS or statewide CoC
Demographics and Characteristics of Veteran experiencing Homelessness:

- 61% are between the ages of 35 and 54
- 96% are male
- Approximately 50% have serious mental illness
- 70% have substance abuse addictions
- Significant percentage have had involvement with the legal system
- More likely to live outdoors, unsheltered and experience long-term, chronic homelessness when compared to non-Veteran homeless population
VISN 11 Catchment Area in North West Ohio by CoC body:

- Toledo/Lucas CoC
- Balance of State CoC counties - Williams, Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, Fulton, Henry, Putnam, Lucas, Wood, Hancock, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca
VISN 11 North West Ohio Catchment Area:

- Toledo/Lucas County CoC
- Ohio Balance of State CoC – Counties include: Williams, Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, Fulton, Henry, Putman, Lucas, Wood, Hancock, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca
## North West Ohio Data Review

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## Ohio Balance of State 2012 PIT Count Data

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2013 STRATEGIC PLANNING
2013 Strategic Planning

- **Community Partnership Pillar Discussion:**
  - Separate into Silos
  - Identify someone to take notes and report-out

- **Silo Discussion Questions:**
  1. What is your silo doing to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans? What are your successes?
  2. What is working well? What should expand?
  3. What does your silo need from the other silos?
Pillar Break-Out Discussion based on 2012 Action Items:

- Break into 1 of 5 pillar break-out discussions (excluding community partnerships)
- Identify someone to take notes and report-out
- Briefly review and revise 2012 Action Item related to specific Pillar
- Discuss and identify implementation steps, timeline and prioritization for 2013
Strategic Planning

- **Pillar 2 – Income/Employment/Benefits**
  - Participate in VISN 10’s forum on employment for veteran’s

- **Pillar 3 – Housing/Supportive Services**
  - Engage community providers to apply for GPD ‘transition in place’
  - Expand housing partnerships with PHAs
  - Reach out to CoCs to develop PSH opportunities

- **Pillar 4 – Outreach and Engagement Services**
  - Services /housing options to Veterans re-entering from Ohio jails/prison
  - Create statewide on-line anonymous assessment tool by 2014

- **Pillar 5 – Prevention Services**
  - Identify rapid re-housing/prevention best practices

- **Pillar 6 – Treatment Services**
  - Reduce homelessness among Veteran who are sex offenders
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THANK YOU!

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