

Initial Finding from Planning Session on Homeless Veterans Issues

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Planning Session Goals

- Provide Opportunity for a facilitated discussion amongst community partners serving homeless veterans
- Identify areas to improve service coordination and integration
- Identify specific resource gaps and emerging needs/areas of focus
- Identify potential action steps to improve integration and access to services



Environmental Scan Initial Findings

Strengths

- VASH Utilization and Targeting
- Engaged VA and State (DVS) Leadership
- Capable Non-Profit Partners

Challenges

- Emerging Veterans Sub-Populations – Women Veterans, OIF/OEF Veterans
- Recidivism/Cycling of Veterans Through Programs



Environmental Scan Initial Findings

Opportunities

- Development and implementation of the VA's Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC)
- Improve targeting of prevention assistance
- Acceptance of Transition In Place Model
- Analysis of data to measure program performance and inform service planning
- Integration of VA and CoC coordination beyond the referral of clients



Initial Findings from Session

- Opportunity to assess current array of veterans programs insure proper mix and relevance to evolving veteran population
- Identified gap of prevention/rapid re-housing services for individual veterans
- Opportunity to align CoC's Coordinated Intake efforts with the establishment of the VA's Community Resource and Referral Center
- Consensus to build on the progress made in the session by establishing a formalized CoC Workgroup on homeless veterans issues



Next Steps

- Establishment of Veterans Workgroup within the CoC chaired by Sean Price to coordinate future planning efforts
- Follow-on Report with Recommendations as a follow up to the Planning Session
- Assessment/Recommendations regarding the VA's Community Resource & Referral Center

