VETERAN HOUSING RESOURCES & BY NAME LIST

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VA ELIGIBILITY

- Veterans need to have their VA eligibility verified by VA staff before they can access homeless or VA healthcare services.
- By providing a veteran's full name and full social security number to VA staff some veteran's eligibility can be determined without a copy of their DD-214.
- In some cases, veterans will need to provide a copy of their DD-214 to VA staff to prove active-duty status.
- VA Eligibility can most often be found by reading notes/public alerts section in veteran's HMIS profile.
- VA eligibility is very complicated and unique to each veteran.

GETTING REGISTERED WITH THE VA & VERIFYING ELIGIBILITY

- A lot of times VA staff can verify a veteran's VA eligibility by obtaining their name and full social security number by calling CRRC (Community Resource & Referral Center) or sending encrypted email to Lauren Lapinski, LCSW. <u>Lauren.Lapinski@va.gov</u>
- Once a veteran is verified as fully eligible or humanitarian, then veteran need to complete a 10-10 enrollment form, then they will be registered with our local VA system.
- DD-214 can be ordered by anyone going to; <u>https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html</u> or mailing faxing a paper DD-214 request, which could take several weeks to get back.
- Once DD-214 is received a copy can be sent to VA staff with completed 10-10 form to get registered with local VA.
- Veterans can also call 877-222-8387 to get registered with the VA over the phone.

CRRC – COMMUNITY RESOURCE & REFERRAL CENTER

Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC)

303-294-5600

3836 York St. Denver, CO 80205

- Hours Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri 6:30am to 3pm, Wednesday's 6:30pm to 2pm.
- Showers are available until 12pm Mon-Fri.
- Veteran's can obtain referrals to HUD VASH/GPD/HPACT.
- Limited storage space available for veterans to keep bags there on a monthly basis.

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HCHV – HEALTHCARE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS CLINIC

1700 North Wheeling Street Building A Denver, CO 80045 (303) 399-8020 ext. 5037 720-857-5037

•Walk-in Clinic hours:
• Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
•8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
•Wednesday Closed

• Veterans can obtain referrals to HUD VASH, GPD, HPACT at this clinic.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT-VA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (HUD – VASH)

- Collaborative program between HUD and VA combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help Veterans who are homeless, and their families find and sustain permanent housing.
- Targets chronically homeless veterans and veterans with highest vulnerability.
- Intensive case management provided.
- Must be literally homeless to be considered for this program.
- Veterans must be fully eligible or GPD/SSVF eligible and score an 8 or above on VI-SPDAT to qualify.
- HUD VASH cannot accommodate veterans who must register as a sex offender or have a conviction for manufacturing methamphetamines.
- Veterans must have some type of disabling condition where they would benefit from intensive case management services (Medical/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Issues)

GRANT & PER DIEM (GPD)

- Veterans can be referred to these sites by contacting the Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC) and requesting a housing screening.
- Veterans can be referred to selected GPD sites through VOA or RMHS providers as well, either by direct referral or via case conferencing with VA staff weekly.
- Veterans can stay in a GPD program for up to 2 years.
- Different sites located in Metro Denver with different levels of programming all include case management services. Veterans must be fully eligible or GPD/SSVF eligible to qualify.
- Veterans do not have to be literally homeless to access these programs.
- GPD programs cannot accommodate veterans who have to register as a sex offender.
- Few GPD programs can accommodate Emotional Support Animals (CCH) all can accommodate Service Animals, with proof.

HPACT – HOMELESS PATIENT ALIGNED CARE TEAM

- HPACT is designed to assist medically vulnerable homeless veterans in the community to link them to healthcare and possibly Assisted Living Facilities or Skilled Nursing Facilities when veteran is deemed to need a higher level of care.
- Veterans must be Fully Eligible for VA healthcare in order to utilize HPACT.
- HPACT team consists of a social worker, registered nurse, occupational therapist, primary care provider, and psychiatrist.
- Veteran's enrolled in HPACT can utilize all members of HPACT or just one depending on their situation.
- HPACT providers can assist veterans with Long Term Medicaid applications and work on a path to ALF/Nursing home level of care.
- HPACT is not a housing program and works in conjunction with GPD/HUD VASH/SSVF programs.
- VA staff can place HPACT consults for veterans you may be working with as long as veteran agrees with this plan.
- If you have questions regarding the HPACT program, please email <u>Tarryn.Baune@va.gov</u>

VA OUTREACH

- VA outreach team go out to the shelters or programs veterans are active within HMIS or alerted by a
 community provider to try and connect those veterans to veteran housing resources.
- Our outreach team can make direct referrals to GPD/HUD-VASH/SSVF/HPACT.
- Outreach team cover the 7-metro county region, 3 social workers and 2 peer support specialists.
- VA outreach team have good relationships with shelter staff and management to gain access to shelters certain times during the week and to pass on messages to veterans residing at specific shelters.
- VA Outreach Coordinator is Marc Eschler, LCSW (720) 362-0023 marc.eschler@va.gov
- Veteran outreach huddle every Wednesday from 8:45am to 9am to coordinate where outreach teams are going that week to reduce duplication of efforts.

VALOR POINT DOMICILIARY

Valor Point is a 40-bed residential facility for homeless veterans who have significant barriers to maintaining permanent housing. Veterans remain at Valor Point for 4 to 6 months working on their housing plan and addressing obstacles which have interfered with housing in the past.

- Veterans must be fully eligible to be considered for a referral to Valor Point.
- Only VA housing program that can accommodate registered sex offenders.
- Veterans must agree to 4 hours of programming per week and at least one week blackout period.

3 Tracks for Valor Point

•HUD VASH, eligible and referred to HUD VASH program.

•SAVE, for veterans who have high incomes, cannot be working for this track, point is to save up enough money to become stably housed. •VOC, this track is for veterans who want to get back into the work force.

• Veterans' self refer to this program by calling *Laura Baer, LCSW 303-349-2907*, Laura will conduct phone screening with the veteran and go over the program guidelines, if veteran still wants to be referred, she will stay connected with veteran until they are enrolled into the program.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)

SSVF Program is a rapid rehousing & homeless prevention program designed to deliver case management, temporary financial assistance, and other support services (such as employment/education assistance) to Veterans and Veteran families experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness.

Volunteers of America Contact Information:

Contact for Providers:Molly Gamez, mgamez@voacolorado.org, 720-503-4064For general inquiries, contact:ssvfintake@gmail.comor call 720-501-3367To make a referral, contact:voassvfreferral@voacolorado.orgor call 720-501-3367

Rocky Mountain Human Services (RMHS) Contact Information;

For Intakes for clients:

Call (855) VETS-HAV (838-7428) or email <u>apadilla@rmhumanservices.org</u> or <u>HAVreferrals@rmhumanservices.org</u>

Contact Person for providers:

Alicia Padilla: (720)391-0151 or email apadilla@rmhumanservices.org

BFZ (BUILT FOR ZERO) CASE CONFERENCING

- Veteran case conferencing in Jefferson County occurs every other <u>Thursday from 2pm to 3pm</u> virtually.
- Case conferencing is an action-oriented meeting designed to link homeless veterans to viable housing paths, help various providers feel part of a community team, see a reduction in overall BNL (By Name List) data and celebrate victories.
- If you would like to attend this meeting to discuss veterans you are working with and help offer housing solutions to our homeless veterans please reach out to Kelli Barker, <u>kbarker@co.jefferson.co.us</u> to receive meeting invite.
- Initiating referrals to GPD/HPACT/Valor Point/HUD VASH/SSVF/other community housing solutions often happen within this meeting.

BFZ VETERAN BY NAME LIST (VBNL)

- The VBNL is housed within the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- Program name is ONH_Veteran By Name List_CES'
- All Veterans who are literally homeless (excluding homeless prevention) should be on the VBNL as early as possible in their engagement. Veterans who do not have verified eligibility or documented Veteran service will be marked as 'Needs DD214' and not counted in VBNL totals.
- The Needs DD-214 population of veterans are not entered onto the BNL and should be enrolled in ONH_CES so they have a housing path and do not get stuck in a gap in the system.
- We now have sub regional toggles within the BNL enrollment so veterans who are experiencing homelessness in specific county/city can now be identified.
- VA BNL is a separate program from the general ONH CES in HMIS because veteran housing resources are largely matched outside of the HMIS system, veterans have more housing resources in general and are vetted before being added to BNL for a more direct path to housing.
- A veteran must be literally homeless and have served at least one day of active duty to be added to the VA By Name List.
- If a community provider does not have access to HMIS and need to get a veteran onto the VBNL please email <u>Lauren.Lapinski@va.gov</u> with veteran's name and full social security number if possible so the veteran can be added to the VBNL and accounted for.