



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



HOMELESS VETERANS ACTION PLAN UPDATE

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Veterans Incarcerated Project (VIP)
2. WA State Ten-year Homeless Plan – WDVA’s contributions
3. Homeless Veteran Count data
4. Top 10 Homeless Veteran Priorities (based upon need and location)
5. WDVA Homeless Success Story

SUMMARY:

- **556 veterans enrolled in programs managed by WDVA**
- **551 veterans placed into housing – Target was 300**
- **286 employed**
- **Average wage at placement \$10.75**

WDVA utilizes the VA CHALENG Report Homeless count of 7,283 rather than the 2006 WA State Homeless Veteran Count of 1,309 (see attachment 2)

WDVA ACTION PLAN

OBJECTIVE	OWNER	DATE DUE	STATUS	COMMENTS
1. Develop a coalition of key agency staff for coordination and information collection on existing homeless strategies and initiatives	Alfie Alvarado	Nov 05	Completed	Ric Price - HVRP; Ray Switzer - Transitional Housing; Jerry Towne - VIP; Jim Rising; Barbara Logan
2. Pursue the establishment of the State's Interagency Council on Homelessness and secure a relevant role for WDVA	Alfie Alvarado	Jan 06	Completed	Alfie Alvarado is a Designated Senior Staff member for ICH; Ric Price serving on HMIS subcommittee
3. Establish an operational lead to coordinate services with statewide homeless providers	Alfie Alvarado	Nov 05	Completed	Jim Rising Designated Lead
4. Align WDVA with the Statewide 10-year plan	Jim Rising	Apr 06	Completed	See Attachment 1
5. Develop a veteran-specific resource network and a homeless veterans services scorecard	Jim Rising	Mar 06		Under development
6. Establish homeless veterans baseline data based on the statewide homeless count	Jim Rising	Mar 06	Completed	* WDVA uses the data from the 2005 VA CHALENG report (see Attachment 2)
7. Identify and prioritize the needs of homeless veterans with a focus on federal benefits, housing, employment and mental health in partnership with state and local governments, appropriate federal agencies and community organizations that serve the homeless population	Jim Rising	Jul 06	Completed	WDVA utilized the Federal VA CHALENG report, which prioritizes based upon needs, by location (see Attachment 3)
8. Establish a community transition program at the Veterans Home in Retsil	Ray Switzer	Jan 07	Ongoing	1. Renovation will be complete June 2007. Program will begin serving veterans in September 2007 2. Completed Draft of Resident Policies
9. Utilize WDVA's veterans benefits services network to connect and track eligible homeless veterans and family members to the benefits for which they are eligible	Jim Rising	Ongoing	Ongoing	Homeless Veteran Reintegration Project – Women, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project – Rural, King County Veterans Reintegration Services and Federal VA Health Care for Homeless Veterans

HOMELESS VETERAN PROFILE

- ◆ 33% of adult homeless are veterans
- ◆ Single, male, age 56
- ◆ Unemployed
- ◆ Honorably discharged
- ◆ High School Graduate
- ◆ 10% still married
- ◆ 40% never married
- ◆ No Family Support
- ◆ No transportation
- ◆ Need medical and dental care



- 286 veterans placed into employment through WDVA-managed programs
- Average wage at placement \$10.75 x 2,080 hours/year = \$21,091.20 income/year
- \$21,091.20 income x 286 veterans = \$6,032,083.20 per year back into WA economy



WA STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAMS

	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	RESULTS	FUTURE PLANS / NOTES															
<p>Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project – Women (HVRP-W)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150,000 grant from US Dept of Labor (US DOL) • Employment and training services for homeless women • King, Snohomish, Pierce, Kitsap, and Thurston counties 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>FY 05-06 Results *</th> <th>FY 06-07 Projected **</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Enrolled</td> <td>248</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housed</td> <td>197</td> <td>68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Job Placement</td> <td>187</td> <td>76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wage at Placement</td> <td>\$11.08</td> <td>\$9.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		FY 05-06 Results *	FY 06-07 Projected **	Enrolled	248	100	Housed	197	68	Job Placement	187	76	Wage at Placement	\$11.08	\$9.00	<p>* Results include HVRP-Urban which terminated in June, 2006</p> <p>** HVRP-Women only. Projected numbers are goals written into the grant</p>
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<p>Veterans Incarcerated Project (VIP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project addresses the unique needs of veterans incarcerated in county jail systems by means of intervention, advocacy, and case-management services • Project utilizes county, state, and federal resources to assist veterans incarcerated for nonviolent offenses 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2006 Results</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Veterans Served</td> <td>888</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enrolled</td> <td>243</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housed</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Job Placements</td> <td>49</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2006 Results	Veterans Served	888	Enrolled	243	Housed	100	Job Placements	49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded services to Pierce County • Goal is to have programs initiated in Whatcom, Thurston, Snohomish, Kitsap, Clark, Yakima, and Spokane counties within the next year 					
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<p>King County Veterans Reintegration Services (KCVRS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program staff assists veterans with complex needs such as chronic homelessness, addiction issues, marginal job skills and mental illness • Annual budget is approximately \$2,000,000 (King County funds) 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2006 Results</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Veterans Served</td> <td>3,140</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Financial Assistance</td> <td>1,274</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Homeless Housed</td> <td>200*</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2006 Results	Veterans Served	3,140	Financial Assistance	1,274	Homeless Housed	200*	<p>* There were actually 501 veterans housed, however, of that amount, approximately 40% were homeless. The remaining 301 are to be considered under “homeless prevention” - had they not received assistance, they would have become homeless.</p>							
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OTHER HOMELESS VETERAN PROGRAMS

~VA GRANT & PER DIEM PROGRAMS~

- 531 veterans enrolled in VA Grant & Per Diem Programs in FY 2005
- 189 claims were filed for homeless veterans in the first 3 quarters of 2006

VA ACTION PLAN CHALENG Report FY 2005	WDVA CONTRIBUTION
Long-term housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds VA Puget Sound Health Care System with thirty-six (36) Section 8 housing vouchers per year
Transitional living facility or halfway house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant & per diem award for the Retsil Transitional Housing Project • VA has hired a new position to work directly with the project • Facility will house up to forty (40) veterans • \$18k/yr for 10 beds in a Phase II House managed by Valley Residential in Walla Walla • Purchased a sprinkler system for the 12-bed homeless veteran's house in Yakima
Help finding a job or getting employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HVRP-Women and HVRP-Rural programs • 9k/yr to Walla Walla and Yakima Health Care for Homeless Veterans (includes dental, eye care services)
Dental Care and Eyeglasses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HVRP-Women and HVRP-Rural programs • \$9k/yr to Walla Walla and Yakima Health Care for Homeless Veterans (includes employment)
Help getting needed documents or identification (ie, birth certificates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDVA will look into an agreement with Vital Records to expedite requests for documents from homeless veterans
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HVRP-Women and HVRP-Rural programs can assist with bus tickets, minor vehicle repair, petroleum products • Purchased a van for Comprehensive Mental Health

HOMELESS VETERAN PREVENTION PROGRAMS

~ WDVA PROGRAMS~

- **Veterans Innovation Program – Defenders Fund**
 - \$10,635.84 in rental assistance to 23 Guard and Reserve personnel July – December 2006
- **Veterans Estate Management Program**
 - Over 30% of caseload or 174 veterans would be homeless if not for VEMP

~OTHER PARTNERSHIPS~

- **Veterans Assistance Fund**
 - Approximately \$1.2 million/yr in rental assistance
- **King County Homeless Prevention Program**
 - 91 Housing Placements
 - 74 Employment Placements

WDVA VETERANS SERVICES BUDGET

SUMMARY	FY 06-07
GF-S Regular	\$5,234,000
GF-S Proviso	\$95,000
GF-State Total	\$5,329,000
GF-F HVRP	\$0
GF-F HVRP Women	\$173,000
GF-F HVRP Rural	\$200,000
GF-Federal Total	\$373,000
GF-L King Co	\$682,956
GF-L VEMP	\$531,000
GF-Local Total	\$1,213,956
Program 20 Total	\$6,915,956