

San Antonio
Sept. 17-18



2012 Veteran Access to Housing Summit





welcome

Welcome to the 2012 Veteran Access to Housing Summit. The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) is pleased to return to the Hyatt Regency of San Antonio for this two-day training event. In partnership with The Home Depot Foundation and Citi, and in coordination with our federal partners at the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, we have organized a curriculum to rapidly increase access to safe, affordable housing for formerly homeless and at-risk veterans.

The Summit agenda features two types of work sessions. Informational sessions will be offered to provide service providers instruction on how to increase housing opportunities in the short term. You will hear ideas about how to work more closely with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and local Continuum of Care (CoC) committees, the allies you need to improve program outcomes. You will learn how to locate, secure and renovate abandoned and foreclosed properties to increase veteran lease and low-income ownership opportunities. You will hear the business case for

converting underutilized Grant and Per Diem units to transition-in-place (TIP) housing, and how to incorporate that change into your financial plans.

Policy sessions will be conducted allowing service providers to discuss specific issues, and to make recommendations on ways to improve program performance and collaboration between the VA and its community-based organization (CBO) partners. This process began at the NCHV Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., last June, the two-year mark of the VA Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness.

This is an exciting opportunity for CBOs and our government allies to work together to ensure the success of the Five-Year Plan. Providing access to safe, affordable housing may be the greatest challenge we will face during the remaining three years of this campaign.

We are honored to have you with us.



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2011 summit report



On July 27, 2011, The Home Depot Foundation and the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV), in coordination with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), hosted a historic conference focused exclusively on veterans' access to housing. The intensive strategic work sessions in San Antonio were designed to explore and identify opportunities – and challenges – for increasing the availability of housing for low-income veteran families and formerly homeless veterans graduating from assistance programs.

The opening plenary session included remarks by Peter Dougherty, Associate Executive Director of the VA Homeless Veteran Initiative Office; Fred Wacker, Director and Chief Operations Officer of The Home Depot Foundation; and John Driscoll, NCHV President and CEO.

As part of VA Secretary Eric Shinseki's Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness by 2015, VA officials estimated there was a critical need for about 90,000 units of permanent housing for homeless and low-income veterans. Two years into the Five-Year Plan, that critical need estimate was still as high as 60,000 to 70,000 housing units nationally.

More than 125 nonprofit homeless veteran service providers, contract service providers, builders, financial experts, representatives of the VA and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and leaders of national charitable organizations were

invited to the San Antonio summit.

Their charge was to share innovative and replicable practices, ideas and recommendations that could have an immediate impact on the availability of permanent, affordable housing for homeless veterans and those at high risk of homelessness due to health and economic hardships.

The Summit plenary included an overview of the work session breakout topics, and afforded participants the opportunity to identify their organizations' priority issues and to choose one of the four groups for discussion based on their expertise. Organizers tended to be fairly liberal on the rules of engagement for the work sessions, preferring to encourage a free-flow, rapid-fire format. The four primary focus areas included:

- Multifamily housing – Both renovation projects and new construction.
- Single family housing – Converting foreclosed and abandoned properties to nonprofit-owned housing for rental units; shared living arrangements; and rent-to-own opportunities for formerly homeless and low-income veteran families.
- Transition in Place initiatives – To help organizations with underutilized Grant and Per Diem beds convert part of their capacity to long-term (permanent) housing.
- Public-Private Partnerships – The role of philanthropy and the business community in helping organizations increase veteran access to housing as quickly as possible.

The three-volume report that resulted from the summit provides an overview of each work session discussion, followed by profiles of organizations and programs that have been effective in creating and expanding housing opportunities for homeless and low-income veterans and their families.

For more information on the 2011 summit, and to view the full Veteran Access to Housing Summit report, visit <http://tinyurl.com/8o2tab5>.

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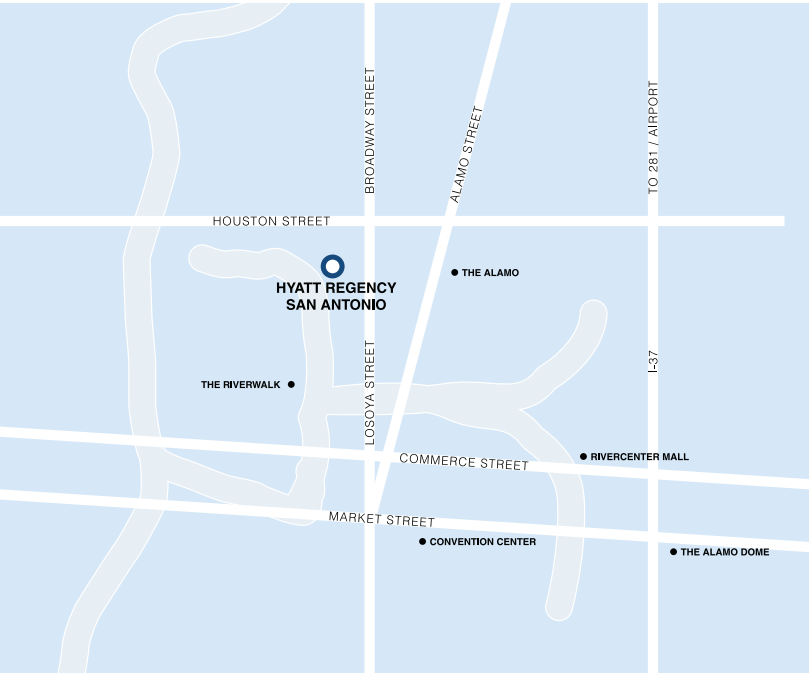
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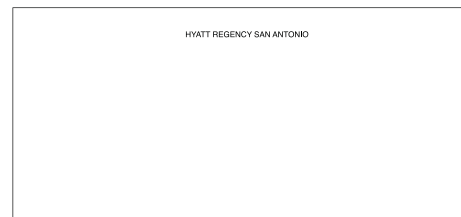
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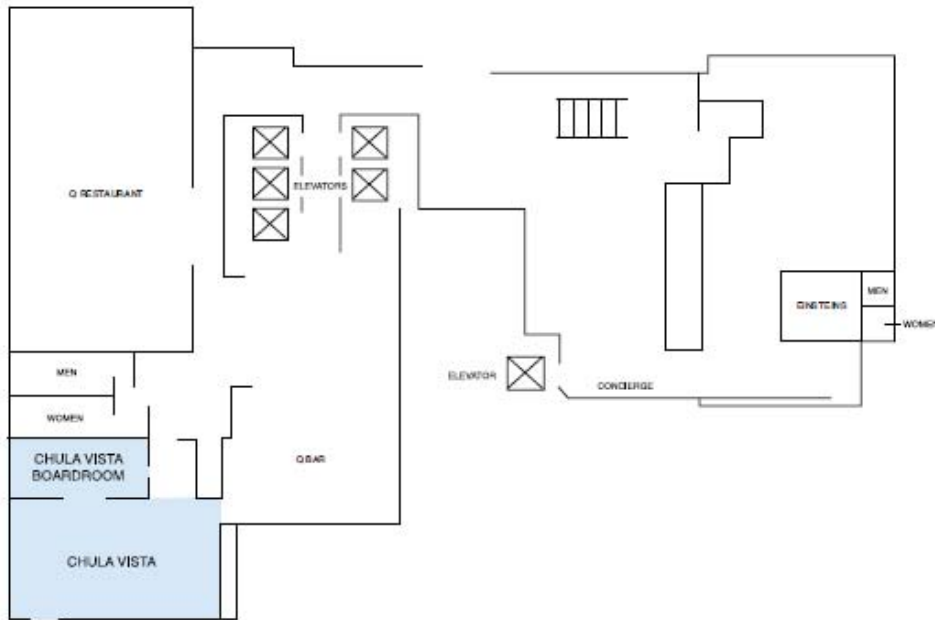


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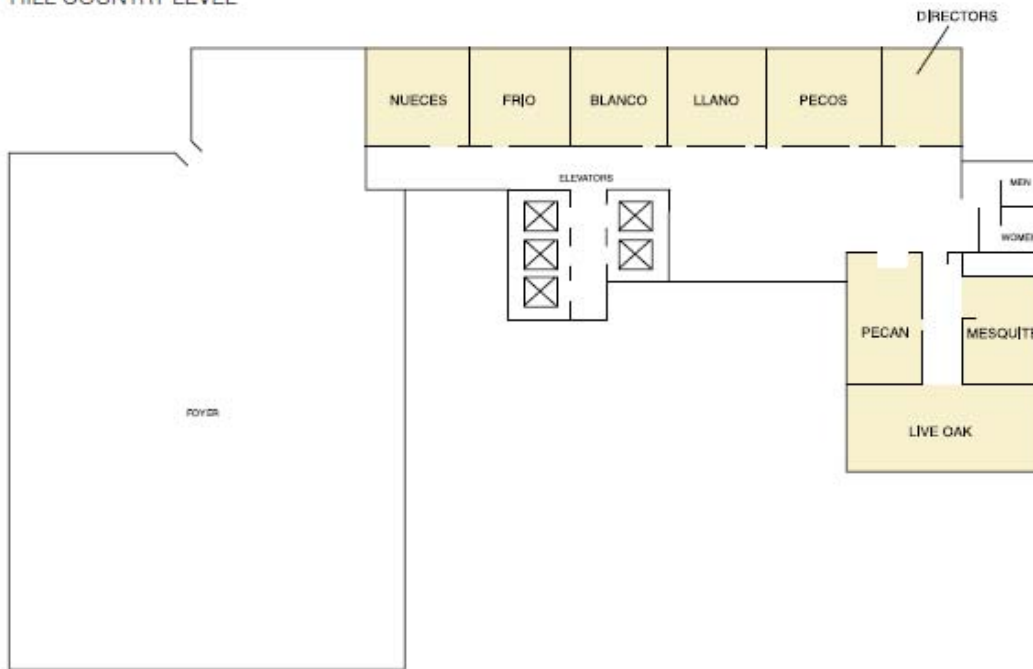


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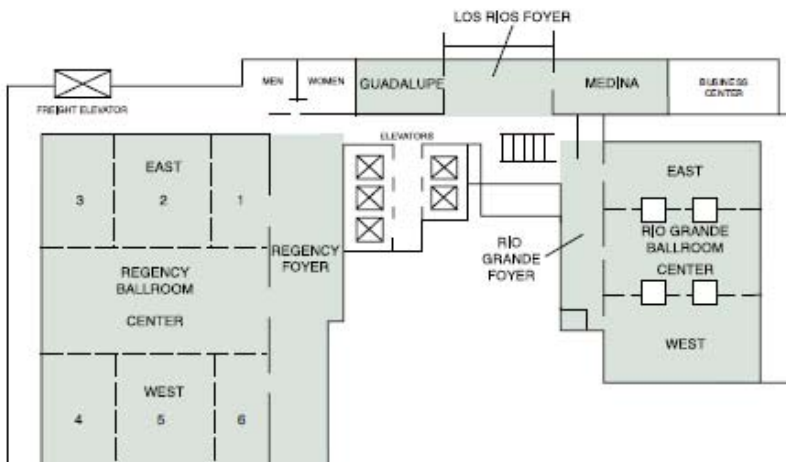
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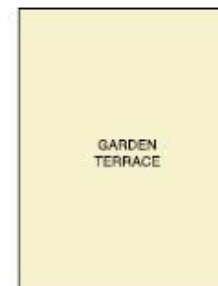
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FIRST FLOOR – GUEST ROOM LEVEL



Rio Grande

8:30-10:30 a.m.
Opening Session

10:45 - 12:15 p.m.

1:15 - 2:45 p.m.

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Bowie A/B

The Role of SSVF in
Rapidly Re-housing
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Successful Models for
Transition in Place
(repeated session)

Bowie C

Conversion of
Foreclosed Properties:
Process, Tools, and
Resources I

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Foreclosed Properties:
Process, Tools, and
Resources II

Nevarro (Public Policy Sessions)

Changes to the Grant
and Per Diem Program

Assessing Collaboration
between VA and CBOs

Breakfast will be available 7:30-8:30 a.m. both mornings. Lunch will be available 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Monday, and 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

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of events

Rio Grande

8:00-9:00 a.m.
Opening Session

9:00-10:30 a.m.

11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

1:30-3:00 p.m.

3:00-3:30 p.m.
Reporting Back and
Lessons Learned

Bowie A/B

HUD-VASH: Targeting
Chronically Homeless
Veterans for Rapid
Lease-Up

Forging Stronger
Relationships
with PHAs

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(repeated session)

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Foreclosed Properties:
Process, Tools, and
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Housing Development
in Non-Urban Areas

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Assessing Collaboration
between VA and CBOs
(repeated session)

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HUD-VASH

Housing Development
in Non-Urban Areas
(repeated session)

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session descriptions

The Role of SSVF in Rapidly Re-Housing Veterans

This session will cover the methods that service providers can employ to leverage Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant funds to rapidly re-house veterans in transitional housing programs. With a projected build out to \$300 million, the SSVF program will be a critical tool for successfully expediting placement of homeless veterans into permanent housing over the next 2.5 years. This “but for” assistance can often provide the critical gap funding (i.e. security deposits, utility payments and deposits) to successfully connect homeless veterans within SSVF’s three categories of homeless eligibility to

permanent housing options that might otherwise be unsustainable or unobtainable.

John Kuhn, Department of Veterans Affairs

Successful Models for Transition in Place

Many community providers have utilized “transition in place” models within their overall program plans to move homeless veterans from transitional to permanent housing. The Grant and Per Diem’s Transition in Place program is an outgrowth of this trend in the community, which focuses on rapidly stabilizing homeless veterans in GPD programs in preparation for a natural reduction in intensive services to meet the need of the veteran. This session will discuss successful transition in place models from the field and discuss the GPD TIP model’s role in facilitating this process. Participants will have the opportunity to share their



experiences with TIP models and offer concrete methods for how the GPD TIP program can be a more effective tool to rapidly house homeless veterans in GPD programs.

Jon Dieter, Longview Housing Authority; Jeffery Quarles, Department of Veterans Affairs

Changes to the Grant and Per Diem Program

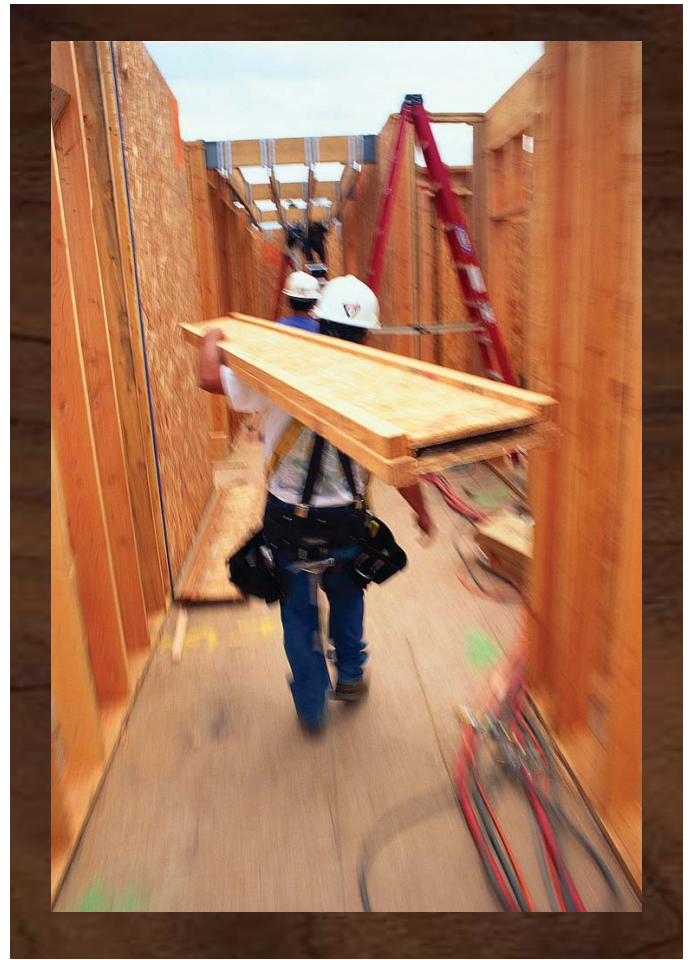
This session will target strategies for making the GPD program more effective in preparing homeless veterans for rapid placement in permanent housing. Panelists will discuss the role of the AHAR and the Homeless Registry in providing access to real-time data to facilitate rapid outreach, assessment, and placement. This session will discuss the need to update the data systems to adequately capture housing stock data, including how many GPD units are single units that have the potential for conversion.

Dennis Culhane, Department of Veterans Affairs; Vince Kane, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carlos Martinez, American GI Forum; Jeffery Quarles, Department of Veterans Affairs

Conversion of Foreclosed Properties and Rehabilitation Resources I

The recent economic and foreclosure crisis has had a devastating impact on many neighborhoods due to volumes of vacant and abandoned properties. In response, the Department of Housing and Urban Development created the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), driven by \$7 billion in federal funds. NSP has re-invigorated the Community Development movement, resulting in thousands of nonprofit organizations that are using sources of public, private and philanthropic capital to remediate foreclosed properties. This introductory panel will focus on the background of the National Community Stabilization Trust and general process behind accessing and securing these resources. Service providers will share how they have learned to access and rehabilitate homes and how their infrastructures might be leveraged to provide affordable homes for veterans.

Natalie Abatemarco, Citi; Danny Gardner, National Community Stabilization Trust; Marie Lopez, American GI Forum; Mike Myer, Bridgebilt; Fred Wacker, The Home Depot Foundation



Conversion of Foreclosed Properties and Rehabilitation Resources II

The second session in this series, this session will focus specifically on proven strategies for facilitating property acquisition and resources from the community that can be leveraged to facilitate, support, and maintain permanent housing placement for homeless veterans. Panelists will discuss methods for accessing properties from many of the nation's largest financial institutions, many of whom are now donating homes to support neighborhood and veterans initiatives. This panel will discuss strategies for using philanthropy to increase speed of placement and volume of housing opportunities for low-income, homeless, and disabled veterans, as well as perspectives from service providers on how to leverage community assets both within the veteran community and from mainstream providers.

Danny Gardner, National Community Stabilization Trust; Marie Lopez, American GI Forum; Mike Myer, Bridgebilt; Fred Wacker, The Home Depot Foundation

Assessing Collaboration between VA and CBOs

In a ground breaking session at the NCHV Annual Conference, members of the VA Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans and several prominent service providers from around the country met to discuss emerging issues and primary concerns for VA at this stage in the Five-Year Plan. Following this session, NCHV distributed a survey to all NCHV members to obtain a more comprehensive assessment of the local and national collaboration and information dissemination between VA and its partners in the community. The feedback from the NCHV Conference session and the Member Survey have informed a report distributed to participants at the 2012 Veterans Access to Housing Summit. This session will discuss major findings from both exercises, with the opportunity for participant feedback, input, and reflections.

Pete Dougherty, Department of Veterans Affairs; John Driscoll, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans; Matt Gornick, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans; Anthony Love, Department of Veterans Affairs; Andy McCawley, New England Center for Homeless Veterans

HUD-VASH: Targeting Chronically Homeless Veterans for Rapid Lease-Up

This session will cover strategies for ensuring that HUD-VASH vouchers are not only leased up rapidly, but are also being directed to the chronically homeless veterans for whom the vouchers are intended. With a goal of 65% utilization of HUD-VASH vouchers by chronically homeless veterans, partners within the local VAMCs, PHAs and GPD programs providing input on voucher recommendations must balance the pressure of rapid lease-up with the necessity of targeting those homeless veterans who are most in need. This session will include a discussion of the role that SSVF funds can play in speeding up the lease-up process for veterans eligible under SSVF's Categories 2 and 3.

Deborah Alemon, San Antonio Housing Authority; Will Dawson, HUD Community Planning and Development; Vince Kane, Department of Veterans Affairs

Forging Stronger Relationships with PHAs

This session will cover strategies for effectively engaging local Public Housing Authorities to make the case for veteran representation within mainstream

housing programs. GPD programs and VAMC staff members can work more closely with their local PHAs to connect homeless veterans to low-income housing vouchers beyond HUD-VASH and to property managers and landlords who accept vouchers and are likely to accept veterans exiting GPD programs once they are stabilized and prepared for independent living in their communities.

Deborah Alemon, San Antonio Housing Authority; Norma Jean Huerta, SAMMinistries; Greg Hraus, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Cecil King, The Center for Health Care Services; Jacquelyn Smith, San Antonio Housing Authority

Housing Development in Non-Urban Areas

Creating new housing options for homeless veterans presents unique challenges in rural areas. With high numbers of low-income OIF/OEF veterans returning to rural areas, organizations must prepare for the impact this will have on demand for low-income housing and the need to prevent homelessness and rapidly re-house homeless veterans. This session will cover existing resources that specifically target development in non-urban areas and discuss methods for appropriately leveraging these resources to rapidly create housing options in the next 2.5 years.

Joe Belden, Housing Assistance Council; Jon Dieter, Longview Housing Authority

Project Basing HUD-VASH

This session will discuss the role of Project Based HUD-VASH vouchers in creating housing units for homeless veterans. The discussion will lead to the development of a policy recommendation paper on this issue.

Deb Burkhart, National Equity Fund

presenter bios

Deborah Aleman, Director of Assisted Housing Programs, San Antonio Housing Authority

Deborah Aleman currently manages the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) and other special voucher programs. Since joining San Antonio Housing Authority 23 years ago, Aleman has held numerous leadership positions. She is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University, and is a licensed Texas realtor, certified senior professional housing manager, certified apartment manager, public housing manager and Section 8 manager. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Women, Texas Association of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors, the San Antonio Board of Realtors, the San Antonio Apartment Association and NAHRO.

Joe Belden, Deputy Executive Director, Housing Assistance Council

Joe Belden is Deputy Executive Director of the Housing Assistance Council (HAC), a national non-profit provider of loans, grants, research, information, training and technical assistance for affordable rural housing. Previously a research associate at HAC, he has also worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Capitol Hill, and for several policy-oriented research organizations in Washington, D.C. Belden is the co-author of *Housing in Rural America: Building Affordable and Inclusive Communities* (Sage 1998) and *Dirt Rich, Dirt Poor: America's Food and Farm Crisis* (Routledge 1986). He is a graduate of the University of Texas-Austin and the Baylor University Law School, and also served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1970.

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 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.

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.

**Dennis Culhane, PhD, Director of Research,
National Center on Homelessness
Among Veterans**

Dr. Dennis Culhane's primary areas of research are homelessness, assisted housing policy, and policy analysis research methods. His current work includes studies of the dynamics of homelessness among families and adults and the impact of homelessness on the utilization of health, education, and social services. In addition to serving as the Director of Research for the National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans, Dr. Culhane is also working with several states and cities to develop preventative approaches to homelessness, including "rapid exit" and community-based housing stabilization programs.

**Jon Dieter, Program Development Manager,
Longview Housing Authority**

Jon Dieter is Program Development Manager for Longview Housing Authority which covers four counties in rural southwest Washington. His education and experience in affordable housing and social work has spanned 17 years. As veteran program manager, Jon and his team of veteran staff have developed numerous housing programs along with extensive supportive services to meet the diverse needs of homeless veterans and their families. Their innovative approach to meeting the needs of homeless veterans is becoming widely recognized and has received national awards which include the 2010 National Association of Housing And Redevelopment Officials' Award of Excellence and the Secretary of the VA's 2011 Secretary Award for Outstanding Achievement in Service to Homeless Veterans.

**John Driscoll, President and CEO,
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans**

John Driscoll joined the staff of NCHV in January 2002. He served in the U.S. Army from 1970-1980, including a tour as an air-evac medic and platoon sergeant with the 575th Medical Detachment during the Vietnam War. After returning from Vietnam, he served as the senior clinical specialist on the Surgical Intensive Care Unit of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., from 1973-1980, and remained a certified medevac specialist for both fixed-wing and helicopter aircraft until his discharge from the service.

Driscoll graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism in 1988, and spent 13 years as a group newspaper editor for the Chesapeake Publishing Corporation. He is responsible for the development of the NCHV website (www.nchv.org) into the most comprehensive homeless veteran assistance on-line resource in the nation, providing information and service referrals to more than 85,000 visitors each month. Driscoll has testified before Congress on a number of landmark homeless veteran assistance initiatives since 2005. He meets regularly with the leadership of Federal agencies invested in homeless veteran services, and is frequently invited to speak as a subject matter expert on homeless veterans issues and assistance programs at conferences and symposia nationwide.

**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.

**Danny Gardner, Chief Operating Officer,
National Community Stabilization Trust**

Danny Gardner serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the National Community Stabilization Trust. In this capacity, he is responsible for the management of all program resources, including the Trust's innovative First Look REO transfer program, which assists municipal and nonprofit buyers of distressed real estate in support of their local community stabilization initiatives. In addition, he leads the Trust's business development efforts including recent formations of the Mortgage Resolution Fund and Community Restoration Corporation, focusing on the preservation of homeownership through the remediation

of delinquent mortgage loans. Gardner has 20 years' experience in mortgage banking with direct management experience in residential servicing, capital markets and lending operations, with emphasis on special lending programs.

**Matt Gornick, Policy Director,
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans**

Matt Gornick works as the Policy Director for the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, where he has served since 2009. He has been instrumental in helping congressional staffs and leadership understand the investments necessary to ensure the success of the VA's Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness, and has worked to safeguard historic funding increases in the President's budget proposals for virtually every homeless veteran assistance program in existence today. He has a BA degree from NYU and has studied the legislative process at Georgetown University.

**Norma Jean Huerta, Vice President of Programs,
SAMMinistries**

Norma Jean Huerta joined the staff at SAMMinistries in September 2010 as Vice President of Programs. In this position, Huerta is responsible for the clinical and administrative oversight over all programmatic components of the Agency. Prior to joining SAMMinistries, Huerta served as Clinical Data Program Manager with First Nations Community Healthsource in Albuquerque, NM. While with First Nations, she provided management and direction to programs and operations to include budget preparation, staffing, strategic planning and marketing, information technology, program development, and quality assurance. In addition, Huerta served as a behavior health clinician providing mental health and substance abuse counselling. Her work history has encompassed experience with military families and in community health clinics, with under served and at-risk populations.

**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.

**Cecil F. King, Supervisor for Supported Housing,
The Center for Health Care Services**

Cecil F. King earned a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science from Southwest Texas State University in 1999. King has been employed with The Center for Health Care Services (CHCS) since May 15, 1995. King worked with the project assistance transitional homelessness (PATH) team from May 1995 to February 1997. King was responsible for going out in the community (homeless shelters, bridges and camp sites) to identify mentally ill individuals and get them connected to services including housing. In February 1997, King joined CHCS Supported Housing Team as a Placement Specialist. In November 1997, he was promoted as the Supported Housing Interim supervisor. In December 1999, after completing his degree, King was promoted to supervisor for Supported Housing. King is a Board Member for Spectrum Housing Inc., a member of San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) Program Coordination Committee (PCC) and a member of the Bexar County Mental Health Task Force Housing Workgroup.

**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.

Anthony Love, Senior Advisor, National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans, Department of Veterans Affairs

Anthony Love serves as Senior Advisor for Veterans Healthcare Administration for Homeless Programs working out of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans. In this role, he provides advice to the National Director of VHA Homeless Programs on operational and strategic opportunities, as well as identifies and recommends best practices related to homeless solutions, community, state and local government engagement, as well as facilitates alignment of VHA Operations and Research functions.

Love previously served as Deputy Director for at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), where he was responsible for coordinating the state and local work of the Council and served as the lead on veterans issues for the Council.

Love has over 15 years of experience in homelessness and poverty issues.

Andy McCawley, President and CEO, New England Center for Homeless Veterans

Andy McCawley is the President and CEO of the New England Center for Homeless Veterans (NECHV). The Center, located in Boston, MA, is one of the nation's largest private service providers to veterans facing the challenges of, or who are at risk for, homelessness. He has led the NECHV since June 2011, and has directed the expansion of its service offerings to veterans while increasing the support provided to veterans of all eras.

Captain McCawley USN (Ret.) completed a 30 year career as a Naval Officer and Naval Aviator. He was

a test pilot, commanded a Navy fighter squadron and two ships including the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, CVN72. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, earned M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School. He completed the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School.

Lisa Pape, National Director, VHA Homeless Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs

Lisa Pape is the National Director of the VHA Homeless Programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs. In this capacity, she is the Veterans Health Administration's lead executive for Homeless Veteran Programs and Services and the Under Secretary for Health's "point person" for ending homelessness among veterans. Pape's 20 years of field and VA Central Office experience in working with homeless veterans programs has prepared her for this assignment. Her dedication to veterans and families along with her passion for excellence provide a strong foundation for carrying out the Secretary's mission to end homelessness among veterans.

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

Jeffery Quarles 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.

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These and NCHV's other corporate partners have played a vital role in reducing the number of homeless veterans by over 50% since 2009.

Generous donations from these and other partners provide funds for the following:

- Raising awareness and educating service organizations and communities about homeless veterans and the programs in place to help them
- Providing expert advice and assistance to Congress and the federal agencies involved with homeless veteran issues and service programs
- Leadership in building partnerships between service providers and government agencies
- 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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