

NCHV eNewsletter

April 2015



Tracks and Sessions Announced for 2015 Annual Conference, Register Today!

May 27-29 in Washington, D.C.



[Register online for the 2015 NCHV Annual Conference](#), or [download a registration form to return by fax or mail](#).

[View the tracks and sessions for the 2015 NCHV Annual Conference.](#)

The 2015 NCHV Annual Conference will feature six session tracks, each with a strategic focus to help you end veteran homelessness in your community. With over three dozen sessions scheduled, this year's Conference presents vital training and planning opportunities as we enter the home stretch of the Five-Year Plan.

In addition to the cutting edge training available, the NCHV Annual Conference is your single best opportunity to network with experts from around the country who all share our mission of ending veteran homelessness.

At this year's Conference, you will have several official and unofficial opportunities to engage with the over 500 participants coming to D.C. from nearly every state in the country. Whether you are in your organization's leadership, a program manager, or a case manager, you are likely to find a peer at your level from a similar location. Be sure to pick up a participant list when you pick up your registration materials (note: a participant list will not be available prior to the Conference, but will be available upon request at the registration desk during the Conference).

Official networking opportunities include the catered Networking Lunch on May 27 at approximately 12:00 p.m. in the large plenary room and the NCHV Awards Ceremony on May 28 at 6:00 p.m. (note: times are subject to change; please see the Conference program for final dates and times for these and other events). Bring your business cards!

This year, the NCHV Awards Ceremony will look a bit different! Instead of a sit-down banquet, after a short awards ceremony, we will keep the room open so you can see some of NCHV's history. Get to know some amazing providers changing the landscape of homeless veteran services! To highlight our 25th Anniversary, we are highlighting NCHV Member agency contributions through this special event.

The 2015 NCHV Annual Conference will be held May 27-29, 2015, at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C. This year is NCHV's 25th anniversary and we want to thank you, the NCHV members and partner agencies, for your work over the last 25 years.

The discounted hotel block has already sold out! [Contact the Grand Hyatt directly](#) to reserve a room at their regular rate while rooms are still available.

Stay tuned to the [NCHV Annual Conference page](#) for the latest updates!

Last Call for Nominations, Deadline April 20: Annual NCHV Awards

To be presented at the Annual NCHV Awards Ceremony, May 28 in Washington, D.C.

Each year, NCHV honors the commitment and service of a few of the many deserving organizations and individuals helping homeless veterans across the nation. We are now accepting nominations for the following awards:

- **Outstanding Member** - to an NCHV member organization whose programs, partnerships, and people combine to create extraordinary results
- **Partnership Award** - to an organization or individual whose work building effective partnerships exemplifies creativity and collaboration
- **Public Policy Award** - to an elected official whose record shows strong commitment and action in measures to help homeless veterans
- **Unsung Hero Award** - to an individual whose efforts go above and beyond expectations, who expects nothing in return and demonstrates a hero's heart for homeless veterans
- **Department of Veterans Affairs Staff Award** - to a Department of Veterans Affairs staff member who exhibits extraordinary commitment to homeless veterans and service providers
- **Department of Labor Staff Award** - to a Department of Labor staff member who exhibits extraordinary commitment to homeless veterans and service providers

Please submit a one- to two-page letter of nomination including the nominee's name, title, and which award you are nominating for by email to rbrown@nchv.org no later than April 20, 2015.

NCHV TA Center Offers Trainings on HVRP SGA

April 16 & 27 (New Applicants), April 17 & 20 (Returning Applicants and HVRP Staff)

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) TA Center will hold four webinars to provide information on the HVRP Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA). These training webinars are intended as a supplemental resource for potential applicants and interested partners; all potential applicants are strongly encouraged to review the HVRP SGA and associated documents.

On April 13, 2015, the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS) announced the availability of up to \$4 million to fund approximately 19 Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) grants. Approximately 2,000 veterans will receive job training and related services to help them succeed in civilian careers. HVRP is the only federal program that focuses exclusively on the employment of veterans who are homeless. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to state and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies, tribal governments, for-profit/commercial entities, and nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community organizations. HVRP applications are due **May 12, 2015**.

Please see below for webinar descriptions and registration information — each training is targeted to a different audience.

1. "HVRP Program and Application: New Applicants"

- Monday, April 20, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. ET ([click here to register](#))
- Monday, April 27, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. ET ([click here to register](#))

2. "HVRP Program and Application: Returning Applicants and HVRP Staff"

- Friday, April 17, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. ET ([click here to register](#))
- Monday, April 20, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. ET ([click here to register](#))

For additional questions or if you have any issues registering via the above forms, please email hvrp@nchv.org. Participants in these trainings are encouraged to review materials prior to the call, including:

- [HVRP SGA and associated documents](#)
- [Best Practices Profiles of Promising Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Grantees](#)
- ["At Your Service" Best Practices Video Series](#)

1. HVRP Program and Application: New Applicants

NCHV will host a webinar on the HVRP program and application process for new applicants. This introductory webinar will focus on the objectives of HVRP, critical components of successful programs, and application requirements. Baylee Crone, NCHV Executive Director, will lead this discussion.

Participants in this training are seeking an introduction to HVRP and to the application process and will likely include:

- Applicants that have not previously been awarded HVRP funds
- New applicants that have not previously applied for HVRP funds
- New staff members of current HVRP grantees
- Partners of HVRP programs, including SSVF, GPD, CoC grantees, and others

2. HVRP Program and Application: Returning Applicants and HVRP Staff

NCHV will host a webinar on the HVRP program and application process, focusing primarily on the changes to the SGA, for returning applicants and current grantees. This webinar will give an overview of the necessary program components and application requirements. Baylee Crone, NCHV Executive Director, will lead this discussion.

Participants in this training are seeking clarification on changes and program requirements and will include:

- Organizations with previous HVRP experience seeking updates on the program
- Current grantees that are re-applying as first year programs
- Current grantees that will be re-applying as first year programs in the next 2 years
- HVRP community partners interested in learning about changes that can impact services
- American Job Center staff members interested in learning about possible service impacts

Matthew Doherty Named Executive Director of U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

Washington – U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez announced on April 15 that Matthew Doherty has been named Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH).

"The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness is a valued partner to NCHV," said Baylee Crone, NCHV Executive Director. "As the nation strives to meet our goal to end veteran homelessness by the end of this year, we are excited to have Matthew's leadership at USICH. We look forward to continuing to work together to make change in the lives of veterans."

"With over 22 years of experience working to prevent and end homelessness with local communities across the country and across a wide variety of sectors, Matthew brings a unique background to the position that will serve USICH, the Council, and all people experiencing homelessness well," said Secretary Perez, who serves as the Chair of the Council. "His ability to ensure the efforts happening at the Federal level are supporting progress in the field will enable us to continue to make strong gains as we strive to provide everyone with a safe, stable place to call home."

Doherty was unanimously appointed to the role permanently during the April 14 Council meeting and had been serving as the interim Executive Director since Laura Green Zeilinger stepped down from the role in January of this year. Doherty joined USICH in 2012, previously serving as the agency's Director of National Initiatives.

"I've had the opportunity to see firsthand the passion, knowledge and dedication Matthew brings to his work at USICH," said U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro. "I'm confident that under Matthew's stewardship, USICH will continue its track record of strong leadership and bring our nation closer to the goal of ending homelessness."

As the Executive Director of USICH, Doherty is responsible for the implementation of Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, an effort that includes the coordination of Federal homelessness policies and strategies among 19 Federal departments and agencies, as well as partnerships with state and local communities, nonprofits, and the private sector. Under his

leadership, USICH provides technical assistance and support to communities across the country, building systems of care that ensure individuals, families, youth, and veterans are able to obtain or regain permanent housing as quickly as possible and access services to remain stably housed.

"It is truly an honor to have this opportunity to carry forward the work of my predecessors and to work with the fantastic team of staff we have at USICH, both the team working here in D.C. and our Regional Coordinators working out in the field," said Doherty. "USICH's work is successful because of our strong partnerships with other Federal agencies and their incredibly committed leaders and staff, and because of the collaborative efforts of dedicated people working in states and local communities."

Doherty brings to his role more than 22 years of experience in both the private and public sectors, focused on the creation of housing, services programs, and economic opportunities for disadvantaged communities and households. Prior to joining USICH, Doherty worked as a consultant and also held positions at the Corporation for Supportive Housing, the San Diego Housing Commission, and the King County Housing Authority in Washington State. Doherty has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oberlin College and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Washington. He and his husband Dean will be relocating to Washington D.C. from San Diego, California.

Funding Opportunities

The Norfolk Southern Foundation invests in educational, cultural, environmental and human service organizations within Norfolk Southern's service territory to enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves. Grant requests are accepted between July 15 and Sept. 30 for funding in the following calendar year. For more information, [click here](#).

The Oak Foundation exists to promote economic self-sufficiency, increase the availability and supply of affordable housing, and prevent homelessness. Geographic focus for grant funding in these areas is currently on Boston, Philadelphia and New York. There are no deadlines for applications. For more information on how to apply, [click here](#).

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For the latest news, resources and grant information, visit our website at www.nchv.org.

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