

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans – Citi Community Development Housing Institute

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Second Session

HUD-VASH Case Management

- Need to take a collaborative approach and work with coordinated entry systems to identify Veterans in need
- Since the implementation of Housing First began, VA medical centers have been working to diversify their case management teams
 - Smaller programs may have more difficulty
- Assertive Community Treatment: evidence-based service-rich team approach designed to provide comprehensive, community based mental health treatment, rehabilitation, and support to individuals with serious and persistent mental illness, who have not responded well to traditional treatment program approaches.
- Intensive Case Management: team-based approach that offers a coordinated and brokered approach delivering therapeutic services utilizing a strengths-based model of care
 - Collaborative approach to case management

FTE v. Contracting Staff

- Currently, HUD-VASH funds over 4,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and approximately 25 contracts
- Each VA medical center makes the determination to hire or contract for staff
 - Time to contract v. hire
 - Contract oversight and management
 - Overall costs
- Contracted staff have to provide care consistent with VA standards
- There is no national contract for HUD-VASH staffing

HUD-VASH Continuum

- A program with HUD to allow designated service providers to utilize HUD-VASH vouchers to serve homeless Veterans who do not meet eligibility requirements for VA
- Allows for up to 15% of a total HUD-VASH allocation to be made available for veterans ineligible for VHA care
- No funding made available for the service provider who needs to provide care consistent with that of the VA for the standard HUD-VASH program
- Must follow the same prioritization that is required by VA and HUD, targeting chronically homeless
- Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) must apply to HUD to be considered with local support from the VA medical center

HUD-VASH Continuum Application Materials

- Letter of support from the appropriate partnering VA medical center detailing the specific number of vouchers to be dedicated to Continuum
- Provide an application package with:
 - Description of the jurisdictional boundaries
 - Memorandum of Understanding between the PH A and the identified local supportive service provider(s) documenting how they will provide housing assistance and care for these service members
- Submitted completed packet to HUD at VASH@hud.gov for interagency review

The Path Forward

- There will be approximately 5,500 new HUD-VASH vouchers allocated from HUD's FY 2019 budget
- Need to address national rental housing shortage
 - Safe
 - Affordable
 - Accessible
- How are the needs of Veterans being served in HUD-VASH changing
 - Housing needs
 - Staffing needs
- Need to have dedicated housing
 - Project Based HUD-VASH
 - Housing for Veteran populations
 - Income sensitive housing