

NCHV eNewsletter

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: Your Opportunity to Present at the 2017 NCHV Annual Conference

Share your expertise with individuals from around the country working to end veteran homelessness

Abstracts must be submitted by Feb. 28, 2017

Every year, NCHV gathers the top experts and presenters to lead sessions at the NCHV Annual Conference. Submit your presentation abstract to be among those guiding services as we embark into the new Administration by sharing your best practices, creative solutions, unique programs, and more with 700 attendees.

[Click here to fill out an abstract submission form to present at the 2017 NCHV Annual Conference.](#)

Hill Watch: New Cabinet Secretaries Progress through Hearings and Confirmations

Secretaries of HHS, HUD, VA, and DOL advance their nominations

Since taking office in January, President Trump has named nominees for the Cabinet posts of the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Veterans Affairs (VA), and Labor (DOL), among many other positions of leadership in government. These four Secretaries are the ones who will have the most impact on our work to end veteran homelessness.

Each of these nominations is at a different point in the process of confirmation. Only one of the nominees has so far been sworn in to office: Secretary Tom Price of HHS. Last week the Senate voted 52-47 to confirm him, and he was sworn in to office soon after. To watch the video of his confirmation hearing in the Senate, [click here](#).

At HUD, Dr. Ben Carson has been nominated for the Secretary position, and has had his confirmation hearing in front of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee ([view here](#)). The committee voted in his favor, and he is waiting his turn for a vote in the full Senate. Dr. Carson spoke very favorably of the Department's work on veteran homelessness, specifically citing HUD-VASH as a stand-out program he supported.

Last week the President's nominee for Secretary of the VA, Dr. David Shulkin had his confirmation hearing before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, where he was recommended positively to the larger body. [View his confirmation hearing here](#). Dr. Shulkin currently serves as the VA's Undersecretary for Health, and cited the VA's work on ending veteran homelessness as one of his three priorities going forward.

The President's nominee for the Secretary of DOL is the only of these nominees to not yet receive his confirmation hearing. The hearings for the nominee -Anthony Puzder, the CEO of a fast food company – have been delayed several times. At the moment, his hearing is scheduled for this Thursday.

Updated Criteria and Benchmarks for Achieving the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness

From the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

These criteria and benchmarks, updated in February 2017, will help you build lasting solutions to veteran homelessness in your community.

If you are ready to begin the process of submitting your own community for federal confirmation, [contact your local HUD, VA, or USICH representative](#).

NOTE: If your community has begun preparing a submission using the previous version of the criteria and benchmarks, please [reach out to USICH to discuss](#) as soon as you can.

To download the new Criteria and Benchmarks for Achieving the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness, [click here](#).

Webinar - Outreach Strategies: Veteran Treatment Courts and Employment Services

Free webinar on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. ET

The National Veterans Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC) is hosting the webinar "Outreach Strategies: Veteran Treatment Courts and Employment Services" on **Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. ET**.

Founded in 2008 by a judge in Buffalo, New York, the Veteran Treatment Court (VTC) program model includes regular court appearances, treatment sessions, and drug testing with the support of an interdisciplinary team. The program connects veterans to a variety of resources, including employment services, and structured accountability to prevent them from reoffending. Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) grantees can play a critical role in meeting the employment needs of these veterans. This webinar will provide an overview of the VTC model, including the key partners required and outcomes achieved, and examine the partnership between an HVRP grantee and the local VTC.

The webinar will feature David Pelletier J.D., Program Director at Justice For Vets, Ronald Hill, Program Coordinator, and Paul Kutniewski, Intake Specialist, both from the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, Inc. (MCVET) as guest speakers.

TO REGISTER FOR "Outreach Strategies: Veteran Treatment Courts and Employment Services" go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8370933146898011905> and complete the registration form.

You will receive instructions for joining the training when you register. For additional questions, please contact Maddie Goldstein at mgoldstein@nchv.org.

Funding Opportunities

The Birmingham Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations serving Pittsburgh, PA. The Foundation's focus areas are improving youth outcomes, safety nets, and strategy for neighborhood development. The next deadline for applications is Feb. 28. For more information, [click here](#).

The Reinberger Foundation's mission is to help underserved individuals move toward self-sufficiency and to provide opportunities for enrichment for communities in northeast Ohio. The Foundation's giving areas are education, human service, and the arts. The next deadline for human service grants is July 14. For more information, [click here](#).

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