

NCHV eNewsletter

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Call for Nominations: Annual NCHV Awards

To be presented at the Annual NCHV Awards Ceremony, June 2 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
- **Federal Agency Staff Award** - to a Department of Veterans Affairs, Labor, or Housing and Urban Development staff member on the local, state, regional, or national level 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 18, 2016**.

Register Today: 2016 NCHV Annual Conference

June 1-3, 2016 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C.

[Register online](#) | [Download a registration form to return by fax](#) | [Reserve your discounted room](#)

Register today! Join service providers, government agency representatives, nonprofit partners, VSOs, and other stakeholders from around the country on **June 1-3, 2016** when the 2016 NCHV Annual Conference will take place at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C.

You will want to be in attendance for three days of training sessions, plenary sessions featuring distinguished speakers, policy updates from Federal agencies and Congress, the Annual NCHV Awards, and more!

Have you renewed your NCHV membership? Interested in becoming a member? NCHV members receive discounted rates for the Annual Conference. [Click here to renew or become a member today](#) ! For more information about NCHV membership, email Anna Kaminski at akaminski@nchv.org. Your NCHV membership must be current to receive the discounted rate.

Stay tuned to www.nchv.org for updates as they become available.

Hill Watch: Public Policy Engagement Opportunities at NCHV Annual Conference

Join the NCHV Advocacy Team!

The Public Policy Session at this year's Annual Conference will be a chance to get attendees up to speed on what is happening on Capitol Hill, and to prepare them for meetings with Congress. Will you help yourself and fellow providers across the country to better serve homeless veterans, by walking the halls of Congress? Even if you have never spoken to your congressional offices before, NCHV will be able to prepare you for your first meeting. Are you already planning on taking these meetings? Let us know!

For more information, or to express your interest in setting a "Hill Meeting", email our Director of Policy, Joshua Stewart, at jstewart@nchv.org.

Women Veterans and Homelessness Roundtable

May 4, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. EST

The VA National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans will be hosting its third Homeless Evidence and Research Synthesis (HERS) Roundtable virtual research symposium on **May 4, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST**. This HERS Roundtable symposium will focus on Women Veterans and Homelessness and is being co-sponsored by the Office of Women's Health. The symposium will consist of presentations from researchers and subject matter experts on women's issues and the impact of homeless for this cohort. A roundtable discussion will be held upon completion of the presentations, and virtual attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the research presented and strategies for the delivery of services to homeless women Veterans. A document summarizing the information provided in presentations and the round table discussions will follow the symposium.

For more information, [click here](#).

FCC Chairman Proposes Rules to Modernize Lifeline Program to Provide Affordable Broadband for Low-Income Americans

Focused on ensuring Lifeline meets 21st century users' needs

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, working closely with fellow Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, is circulating for consideration by the full Commission an Order to modernize the FCC's Lifeline program to efficiently and effectively meet a critical 21st Century need: making broadband more affordable for low-income consumers.

Congress directed the FCC to ensure that all Americans have access to advanced telecommunications and information services. Since 1985, Lifeline subsidies have helped make phone service affordable for low-income Americans.

Now, Lifeline must evolve to meet today's most pressing communications need: access to broadband.

With affordability still the largest single barrier to broadband adoption in low-income households, the draft Order would reboot Lifeline to enable all Americans to share in the opportunities broadband connectivity provides, while building on recent reforms to the program. The proposed Order will be voted on by the full Commission at the March 31 Open Meeting.

To view a blog post on the proposed rules from Chairman Wheeler and Commissioner Clyburn, [click here](#). To view a fact sheet on the proposed rules, [click here](#).

Understanding the Criteria and Benchmarks for Ending Veteran Homelessness Q&A

From the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness recently posted a Q&A document from their webinar "Understanding the Criteria and Benchmarks for Ending Veteran Homelessness". The document clarifies various details and definitions from the Federal criteria and benchmarks, to help communities stay on target to reach functional zero.

To view the document, [click here](#).

Service Provider Survey on Food Insecurity

Responses requested by March 26

Service providers working with homeless veterans know that access to food is essential for stability. Veteran food insecurity within the homeless population is unfortunately under-reported and under-researched. Responses to these surveys from providers and homeless veterans will assist in developing an understanding on the issues from both perspectives.

For service providers: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HVFI-SP>

For veterans: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HVFI2015>

Funding Opportunities

The Moody's Foundation focuses its giving on education, mathematics, economics and finance, health and human services, economic development, arts and culture, and civic categories. The Foundation accepts letters of inquiry through its online platform at all times. Please allow eight weeks for your submission to be reviewed. For more information, [click here](#).

The Richard and Mary Morrison Foundation provides grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, as well as municipalities and educational institutions. Focus is placed on providing

help, hope, guidance and empowerment to those in need. Applications are accepted online throughout the year. For more information, [click here](#).

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