Stand Down: Meeting Service Needs in Local Communities

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Agenda

- Stand Down Basics
  - Background and philosophy
  - Matching needs to services
  - Classification system

- Stand Down Organization
  - Process and planning
  - Support and funding
  - Applying for funding

- Resources
Background and Philosophy

Dr. Jon Nachison
Background and Philosophy

- Rest and recovery for combat units
- Robert Van Keuren and Dr. Jon Nachison
- “Hand up, not a handout” philosophy
- 1-3 day events hosted locally
- Provides services to homeless veterans and their families at one location
## Unmet Needs of Homeless Veterans

### Table 6. Top Ten Highest Unmet Needs Identified by Consumers, FY 2008 - 2010.

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Services at and after Stand Down

- Secure housing (permanent, transitional, emergency)
- Nutritional meals
- Essential health care
- Essential sanitation
- Substance abuse aftercare and mental health counseling
- Personal development and empowerment
- Job assessment, training, and placement assistance
- Child care services
- Legal assistance
Classifying Stand Downs

- Stand Down
- Homeless Veterans Resource Fair (Modified Stand Down model)
- Homeless Veteran Health Fair
- Homeless Veteran Job Fair
Stand Downs Classifications

Classic Stand Down

- **Time period:** 3-day event (minimum)
- **Participants:** Homeless veterans and their families/significant others only
- **Services provided:** Shelter provided throughout event; food; personal care (haircuts, personal care supplies, clothing); picture ID services; health care screening (HIV/AIDS, TB, Hepatitis C, etc.); health care services (actual health care professionals will provide services); eye care; dental care; VA benefits counseling; general benefits counseling (Social Security, Food Stamps, local health and human services); substance abuse counseling/recovery groups; mental health counseling; legal services; employment services (job referrals, employment counseling); housing services (referrals to programs); spiritual services; activities to empower homeless veterans and create a “community” (town meetings, tent leaders, open mike, entertainment, graduation)
Homeless Veterans Resource Fair (Modified Stand Down model)

- **Time period:** 1- or 2-day events
- **Participants:** Homeless veterans and their families/significant others only
- **Services provided:** Shelter provided throughout event; food; personal care (haircuts, personal care supplies, clothing); picture ID services; health care screening (HIV/AIDS, TB, Hepatitis C, etc.); health care services (actual health care professionals will provide services); eye care; dental care; VA benefits counseling; general benefits counseling (Social Security, Food Stamps, local health and human services); substance abuse counseling/recovery groups; mental health counseling; legal services; employment services (job referrals, employment counseling); housing services (referrals to programs)
Stand Downs Classifications (cont.)

Homeless Veteran Health Fair

- **Time period:** 1-day events
- **Participants:** Homeless veterans
- **Services provided:** Health care screening (HIV/AIDS, TB, Hepatitis C, etc.); health care services (actual health care professionals will provide services); eye care services or referral; dental care services or referral; VA benefits counseling or referral; general benefits counseling or referral (Social Security, Food Stamps, local health and human services); substance abuse counseling/recovery groups; mental health counseling or referral; housing services (referrals to programs)
Homeless Veteran Job Fair

- **Time period:** 1-day events
- **Participants:** Homeless veterans
- **Services provided:** VA benefits counseling; general benefits counseling (Social Security, Food Stamps, local health and human services); employment services (job referrals, employment counseling); housing services (referrals to programs)
Ten Steps for a Successful Event

- Step 1: Choose planning leadership
- Step 2: Assess need
- Step 3: Assess community support
- Step 4: Create an advisory body from major service providers and community leaders
- Step 5: Begin determining logistics
- Step 6: Designate a “lead agency”
- Step 7: Choose a site
- Step 8: Develop a budget
- Step 9: Design program with logistics
- Step 10: Raise awareness
Support: Funding and Donations

- DOL-VETS funding
- VA Medical Center funding/support
- In-kind good donations and financial support
DOL-VETS Funding: General Information

- **Funding Opportunity Number:** 17-805
- **Noncompetitive grant awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until available funding is exhausted.**
- **ONLY homeless veterans**

**Total funding:**
- Up to $600,000 for 70 events
- Calendar year: October 1 – September 30

**Event funding:**
- $10,000 per multi-day event
- $7,000 for a one-day event
DOL-VETS Funding: Eligibility

Eligible entities:
- State Workforce Agencies,
- State and local Workforce Investment Boards, Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs),
- local public agencies, and non-profit organizations including community and faith-based organizations
- Need a DUNS Number
- Need to register with the Central Contractor Registration

Not eligible:
- registered with the IRS as a 501 (c) (4) organization
DOL-VETS Funding: Minimum services

- Employment services
  - HVRP grantees
  - DVOPs/LVERs
- VA Medical Center services
- Food
- Clothing
- Housing referrals
DOL-VETS Funding: Allowable expenses

- Goods and food for homeless veterans:
  - food, bottled water, backpacks filled with non-perishable foods
  - clothing
  - sleeping bags
  - one-person tents
  - hygiene care kits
  - nonprescription reading glasses

- Gift cards for:
  - food
  - minor time-limited legal services
  - consumer credit services
  - gasoline gift cards

- Security personnel

- Employment supports:
  - job search media

- Facilities support:
  - facilities and/or tents rental
  - electricity
  - equipment
  - portable toilets
  - communications or internet access
  - janitorial supplies
  - kitchen supplies
  - advertising materials

- Transportation:
  - bus, van, car, taxi, etc. rental
  - gasoline to provide transportation of homeless Veterans to and from the Stand Down event

- The purchase or rental of other pertinent items and services for homeless Veteran participants and their families as deemed appropriate by VETS.
DOL-VETS Funding: UNallowable expenses

- Administrative costs
- Programmatic staff
- Give aways:
  - t-shirts, hats, or clothing items for volunteers,
  - pen sets,
  - patches/medals,
  - memento gifts for staff members, visitors, or volunteers
- Health care related expenses
  - prescription eye wear and dental work
- Anything not specifically approved by the DVET
  - “other” or “miscellaneous” categories require clarification
DOL-VETS Funding: Application Process

- DOL releases SGA
  - Be sure to contact your DVET with questions
- Applicant downloads instructions and application forms
- Applicant completes and sends in application to appropriate DVET
  - Must be 90 days before the event
  - DUNS and CCR registration
- Grant Officer notifies grantee of approval through an award letter
- Grantee completes a financial form for Office of Financial Management Operations to set-up an account in the Health and Human Services, Payment Management System (HHS/PMS)
- Grantee uses program funds
  - MUST draw down funds within 90 days of Stand Down event.
  - Must be used before December 31st of the grant year
VA Medical Center Funding/Support

- VAMC Stand Down events
- Homeless Veteran Program Coordinators
- Critical medical services
- Benefits and pension services
- Contact early!
Donations and Financial Support

- **Service delivery partners**
  - Medical care
  - Dental care
  - Employment services
  - Transportation services
  - Disability benefits
  - Communications services

- **Goods donations**
  - Good 360
  - Meals
  - “Sponsor a XXXX”

- **Volunteers**
  - Entertainers
  - Military personnel
  - Security
Resources

- DVOP/LVER Locator: http://dvoplverlocator.nvti.ucdenver.edu/
- HVRP grantee contacts: http://www.nchv.org/employment_assistance.cfm
- Stand Down 2012: http://www.nchv.org/standdownevents.cfm
- SF 424 instructions: http://www.grants.gov/agencies/forms_instruction_information.jsp
- Obtaining a DUNS Number: www.dnb.com or by phone at 1-866-705-5711.
- Registering at the Central Contractor Registration (CCR): www.ccr.gov or by phone at 1-888-227-2423