Stand Down: Development and Innovative Practices

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Federal Programs to Fulfill Needs of Homeless Veterans

- Department of Veterans Affairs Grant and Per Diem Program (GPD)
- HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
- Department of Labor Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP)
- Stand Down
Stand Down Overview:

- What is Stand Down?
  - Background and philosophy
  - Classifications of Stand Downs
  - Location of Stand Down

- How do you organize a Stand Down?
  - Needs of homeless veterans
  - 6 Goals
  - 10 Steps
  - Applying for funding
  - After the event
Stand Down: What it is

- 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
Classifications of Stand Downs

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)
Classifications of Stand Downs

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)
Classifications of Stand Downs

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)
Classifications of Stand Downs

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)
Stand Downs: Where they are
Stand Down: How to Organize

2011 Stand Downs

To have your Stand Down information listed on our website, send us the date, location, and contact information. E-mail: khoag@nchv.org or fax to 202-546-2063 or 888-233-8582, or download the 2011 Stand Down Information Form here.

Class Key
A - Stand Down (3- or 4-day event with shelter)
B - Homeless Veterans Resource Fair (2-day event)
C - Homeless Veterans Resource Fair (1-day event)
D - Homeless Veteran Health Fair
E - Homeless Veterans Job Fair
F - Other Events

More events will be added for 2011 as information is received.

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Services Needed by Homeless Veterans

- 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
Goals of Stand Down

Goal 1: Provide immediate relief
Goals of Stand Down

Goal 2: Provide access to short-term resources
Goals of Stand Down

Goal 3: Provide access to long-term resources and providers.
Goals of Stand Down

Goal 4: Raise community awareness
Goals of Stand Down

Goal 5: Make the Stand Down replicable
Goals of Stand Down

Goal 6: Develop long term solutions
Steps to Organize a Stand Down

- Step 1: Choose planning leadership
- Step 2: Assess need (number and needs of homeless veterans; contact VA and CBOs; homeless outreach)
- Step 3: Assess community support (presentations; roundtables)
- Step 4: Create an advisory body from major service providers and community leaders
Steps to Organize a Stand Down (cont)

- Step 5: Begin determining logistics (set the date, number of days, number of volunteers needed)
- Step 6: Designate a “lead agency”
- Step 7: Choose a site
- Step 8: Develop a budget (fundraising, donated money, services, and items, security)
Steps to Organize a Stand Down (cont)

- Step 9: Design program with logistics (Program Coordinator; Logistics Coordinator)
- Step 10: Raise awareness
Applying for Funding

- Important new components, updates, and focal points of the Department of Labor Solicitation for Grant Agreements (SGA):
  - $600,000 = approximately 70 grants
  - Receipt of application 90 days before event
  - Veteran and non-veteran participants
  - Allowable expenses: Gift cards; job search media
  - Unallowable expenses: “other/misc.” expenses; health care expenses
  - Printed materials/Intellectual property
  - Public reference to grant
For More Information....

- Detailed Stand Down Manual, event planning guide, and complete list of events and coordinators is available at [www.nchv.org](http://www.nchv.org).

- Department of Labor information at [www.dol.gov/vets](http://www.dol.gov/vets).

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