

State of Florida VA Homeless Services



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Ending Veteran Homelessness by 2015



“Those who have served this nation as veterans should never find themselves on the streets, living without care and without hope.” Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki

- Started November 2010
- High Profile Priority
- Increased resources
- Formalized evaluation tools
- Joint partnerships

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Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Transformation Model



Point-in-Time Homeless Estimates

Source: The 2011 Point-in-Time Estimates of Homelessness: Supplement to the Annual Homeless Assessment Report December 2011



- Point-in-Time (PIT) estimates are a snapshot of homelessness (both sheltered and unsheltered) on a single night in late January
- HUD oversees the survey and in 2011 required the counting of Veterans. Continuums of Care (CoC) are local planning bodies responsible for coordinating the survey
- CoC cover geographic areas which sometimes cross medical facility service areas
- The PIT estimates includes sheltered persons (individuals staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs or safe havens) and unsheltered persons (individuals living in places not meant for human habitation cars, streets abandoned buildings etc)
- Data is self reported and resource dissemination is often based on the reporting of higher needs

VISN 8 Florida Data – Bay Pines VA Service Area



	# Homeless Counted	# Homeless Veterans Counted	% of Homeless whom are Veterans
Sarasota, Bradenton, Manatee, Sarasota	1152	64	6%
St. Pete, Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas	3890	431	11%
Punta Gorda, Charlotte County	828	100	12%
Ft. Myers, Cape Coral, Lee County	969	88	9%
Naples, Colliers County	390	17	4%
BAY PINES SERVICE AREA TOTAL	7229	700	10%

VISN 8 Florida Data – Tampa VA Service Area

Area

	# Homeless Counted	# Homeless Veterans Counted	% of Homeless whom are Veterans
Tampa, Hillsborough County	7336	792	11%
Lakeland	524	56	11%
Pasco County	4502	140	3%
TAMPA SERVICE AREA TOTAL	12362	988	8%

VISN 8 Florida Data – West Palm Beach VA Service Area

	# Homeless Counted	# Homeless Veterans Counted	% of Homeless whom are Veterans
Fort Pierce, St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin County	1683	95	6%
West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County	2148	181	8%
WEST PALM BEACH SERVICE AREA TOTAL	3831	276	7%

VISN 8 Florida Data – North Florida South Georgia VA Service Area

	# Homeless Counted	# Homeless Veterans Counted	% of Homeless whom are Veterans
Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee Counties	1179	244	21%
Tallahassee, Leon Counties	787	63	8%
Jacksonville, Duval, Clay Counties	3025	345	11%
Saint Johns County	1391	41	3%
Ocala/Marion County	1032	144	14%
Gainesville, Alachua, Putnam Counties	1179	331	28%
NORTH FLORIDA SOUTH GEORGIA SERVICE AREA TOTAL	8593	1168	14%

VISN 8 Florida Data – Miami VA Service Area



	# Homeless Counted	# Homeless Veterans Counted	% of Homeless whom are Veterans
Miami, Dade County	3817	308	8%
Ft. Lauderdale, Broward County	3801	393	10%
Monroe County	904	96	11%
MIAMI SERVICE AREA TOTAL	8522	797	11%

VISN 8 Florida Data – Orlando VA Service Area



	# Homeless Counted	# Homeless Veterans Counted	% of Homeless whom are Veterans
Orlando, Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties	4515	690	15%
Palm Bay, Melbourne, Brevard Counties	1907	355	19%
ORLANDO SERVICE AREA TOTAL	6422	1045	16%

VISN 8 Florida Data – Joint VA Facility Service Area



	# Homeless Counted	# Homeless Veterans Counted	% of Homeless whom are Veterans
Daytona Beach, Daytona, Volusia, Flagler County (Orlando and North Florida VA)	2210	153	7%
Winter haven, Polk County (Tampa and North Florida VA)	576	22	4%
Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties (Tampa and North Florida VA)	1715	35	2%
Hendry, Hardee, Highlands County (Bay Pines and West Palm Beach VA)	1319	10	1%

Homeless Programs in VISN 8



- Health Care for Homeless Veterans Outreach Teams (HCHV)
- Grant and Per Diem Programs (GPD)
- Contract Emergency and Transitional Housing
- Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)
- Health Care for Re-Entry Veterans (HCRV)
- Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF)
- Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (HUD-VASH)
- Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (MHR RTP)
- Homeless Program Coordinators

VISN 8 Pilot Programs

The National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans



Tampa-Veterans Homeless Prevention Project (VHPD)

- 1 of 5 sites Nationally
- Joint collaboration VA, DOD, HUD, local agencies
- Services to prevent homelessness
- VA provides oversight and case management

VISN 8 Pilot Programs

The National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans



Tampa-Veterans Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT)

- Homeless PACT model includes a Nurse, Social Worker, Shared Clerk and Primary Care Physician
- Provides a setting for engaging homeless Veterans while reducing emergency department and other acute care use.
- “One-stop shopping” integrate health services with homeless programming in a way that should promote greater efficiency and reduce recidivism back to homelessness
- One of 32 Pilots nationwide; the only one in Florida

VISN 8 Pilot Programs

The National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans



Bay Pines-Safe Haven

- Housing First
- 24hr staff
- Target population: hard to reach persons (low demand)
- Non-intrusive environment to re-engage
- VA provides oversight and case management
- ***Model in Tampa coming soon

Partner Engagement



- Active members of Homeless Coalitions
- CHALENG : Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education, and Networking Groups
- Stand Downs
- Housing Registries
- National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
- Homeless Veteran National Campaign
- Homeless Summits
- 100K HOMES
- Rapid Housing Initiatives

Facility Identified FY12 Goals



- **Bay Pines VA**-Detoxification from substances, Financial assistance to prevent eviction/foreclosure, Long-term Permanent housing
- **Miami VA**- Credit Counseling, Long-term, permanent housing, Emergency Housing
- **West Palm Beach VA**-Emergency Immediate Shelter, Help with transportation, SSI/SSD Process
- **North Florida VA**- Legal assistance for child support issues, Financial assistance to prevent eviction/foreclosure, Help developing social network
- **Tampa VA**- Legal assistance for outstanding warrants/fine, Housing for Registered Sexual Offenders, Legal assistance for child support issues
- **Orlando VA**- Long-term Permanent housing, Medical Services, Emergency Immediate Shelter

Facility Homeless Program Staff



- **West Palm Beach VA**-Meredith Powers-Lupo, LCSW (Homeless Program Supervisor) and Maria Cabrera, LCSW (Homeless Coordinator)
- **Bay Pines VA**-Carrie Meo-Omens, LCSW (Homeless Program Section Chief) and Gail Davis, LCSW (Homeless Program Social Worker)
- **Orlando VA**-Heather Gallagher, LCSW (Assistant Chief of Social Work Service) and Ken Mueller, LCSW (Homeless Program Coordinator)
- **Miami VA**-Lashon Black, LCSW (Senior HUD-VASH Case Manager)
- **Tampa VA**-Matt McGahran, LCSW (Homeless Program Coordinator/Supervisor) and Michelle Keaton, LCSW (VHPD Coordinator)
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Questions??



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