

VA Services for Homeless Veterans

CAN WE GET OUR VETERANS HOUSED BY DECEMBER 2015?

The VA Medical Center in White River Junction, Vermont State Housing Authority and Vermont Council on Homelessness are committed to the national goal of ending homelessness among Veterans by 2015. We are fortunate to have new federal resources to support this goal and want to connect homeless Veterans with the rental assistance and housing they need to be successful. Our top priority at this time is connecting with Veterans who may be outdoors or staying in emergency homeless shelters and motels. We need your help, especially in identifying Veterans who may not have had contact with the VA or government services for an extended period of time and may not be aware of the benefits they are entitled to.

If you encounter a homeless person who may be a Veteran (served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, deployed with the National Guard or Reserve), please advise them that there are many housing resources & supports through the VA. Please feel free to contact any of the people listed below for more information.

For information regarding eligibility status for VA care please call (802) 295-9363 x6281 (or ask the operator for the eligibility office).

The Health Care for Homeless Veterans team (HCHV) mission is to help homeless Veterans access the full range of medical, mental health, and substance abuse treatment at the VA Medical Center and Community Based Outpatient Clinics and to provide homeless Veterans with assistance in accessing community resources, transitional housing, and permanent housing in order to facilitate opportunities for Veterans to improve their well-being.

The following table displays the names, contact information, roles, and responsibilities for each HCHV team member. Please note they work primarily in the community (shelters, GPD programs etc.) so they may not be immediately available, but will respond in a timely manner. Walk in/call in needs can be directed to Linda Neily 802-295-9363 x5760 or Meghan Snitkin at 802-295-9363 x6939 who can assist and refer to the team members listed on this table as needed.

Name/Location	Contact Information	Geographical Area & Programs of Coverage
Leigh Smith Bennington CBOC, Bennington, VT	802-595-9023	- provides case management and VA liaison services in southwestern Vermont.
Jason Brill Burlington CBOC, Burlington, VT	802-657-7082	-provides case management and VA liaison services in northwestern and central Vermont.
Tracy Sweeney Burlington CBOC, Burlington, VT	802-657-7081	- provides case management and VA liaison services in northwestern and central Vermont
Robert Norris Littleton CBOC, Littleton, NH	603-444-1323 Cell: 802-359 - 2072	- provides case management and VA liaison services in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont and North Country of NH.
Stephen Kelliher VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT	802-295-9363 x6932	-Director of recovery services/Homeless Team Coordinator and provides hospital based Psychology services.
Dana Gove VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT	802-295-9363 x5449 Cell: 802-299-5027	-provides nursing service and medical inter-facing for all homeless Veterans.
Debra Howard VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT	802-295-9363 x4653	-provides employment support and developing community based employment opportunities for Homeless Veterans.
Linda Neily VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT	802-295-9363 x5769	-provides case management and referral services for homeless veterans engaged in substance abuse treatment.
Michael Owens VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT	802-295-9363 x5681	-provides Veteran Justice Outreach and Re-Entry Specialist Services throughout VT, the North Country of NH and Southwestern NH.
Michael Reid VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT	802-295-9363 x5763	- provides case management and VA liaison services in the Upper Valley area and throughout Central Vermont.
Keith Shelton VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT	802-295-9363 x6095 Cell: 802-356-9922	-provides peer support services to homeless Veterans.
Meghan Snitkin VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT	802-295-9363 x6939	-provides hospital based case management and referral services for homeless veterans.
Dennis Wilder VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT	802-295-9363 x5758	-provides peer support services to homeless Veterans.
Elise Garrity VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT	802-295-9363 x6959	-Program Support Assistant with the Health Care for Homeless Veterans team.