

Goal: Provide Services Specific to Needs of Homeless Veterans 2009-10

Objective: Provide supportive services to optimize effectiveness of mainstream benefits

Strategies	Responsible Person/ Agency	Target Date	Status 6/15/08
Maximize accessibility for existing resources. Set up call stations for to homeless veterans so that they can phone Pensacola offices to schedule services offered locally. Promote community awareness of service availability.	Executive Director Opportunity, Inc.	9/1/2009	Planning; one call station established
Increase numbers of access points where veterans can be briefed on available benefits, make applications for those benefits for which they qualify, and follow-through on application status	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	12/1/2009	On-going
Apply for Stand-Down Funding through Department of Labor HVRP grant	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	7/30/2009	Accomplished
Host Stand-Down Event October 16, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church	Homeless Vet Liaison, DAV	10/16/2009	Planning
Focus efforts on expanding number of locally offered services through coordination and collaboration with local Congressmen, state legislators, and VA clinic	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	6/1/2010	On-going
Deepen relationship with VA clinic, in order to bring new services, including Stand Down for Veterans, and to ensure clinic accessibility for homeless veterans, including transportation issues, on-call service	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	9/1/2009	On-going
Establish relationship with base to determine what programs offered to active duty might be available to veterans and dependents	Resource and Referral Manager, Opportunity, Inc.	12/1/2009	On-going
Maintain current post-traumatic stress disorder groups; continue on-going assessment to determine need for additional groups	Executive Director, Mental Health Association	6/1/2010	On-going
Coordinate with local leadership, political officials, and area veterans to complete application for veteran's store-front center	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	6/1/2010	On-going
Explore possibility of setting up legal assistance for homeless veterans	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	6/1/2010	Planning
Explore possibility of dedicated case manager to attend to veteran's affairs, providing linkage to benefits, jobs, training opportunities, housing	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	6/1/2010	Planning

Objective: Increase Beds Available to Veterans; Establish veteran’s shelter by 2014

Strategies	Person/ Agency Responsible	Target Date	Status
Open five additional beds for veterans at FRESH Start/ Okaloosa Coalition on the Homeless	Executive Director, Fresh Start	8/31/2009	Near completion
Expand beds available to disabled veterans at Crestview Manor from six to nine	Executive Director, Crestview Manor	6/15/2009	Accomplished
Initiate capital campaign to fund land acquisition and local match for homeless veterans center	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	6/1/2012	Planning
Organize contracting, architectural, civil engineering teams to lay groundwork for shelter construction	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	1/30/2013	Contingent upon land acquisition and grant availability
Present proposals to relevant governmental entities to secure zoning, permits necessary for shelter construction	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	2/15/2013	Contingent upon land acquisition and grant availability
Prepare applications for grants relevant to veteran shelters	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	4/15/2013	Contingent upon land acquisition and grant availability
Initiate shelter construction upon receipt of grant funds	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	9/1/2013	Contingent upon land acquisition and grant availability
Prepare requests for proposal to operate shelter	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	4/1/2013	Contingent upon land acquisition and grant availability
Award grant for shelter operation and maintenance	Board of Directors, Opportunity, Inc.	6/1/2013	Contingent upon land acquisition and grant availability
Shelter Opens	Shelter grant recipient	7/1/2014	Contingent upon land acquisition and grant availability

