



**Homeless Services Network of Central Florida:  
Veterans Committee Workgroup Meeting  
February 10, 2020**

**Attendees:** Daisy Corea, Annie Johnson, Frances Claudio, Fred Robinson, Lisa Portelli, Mary Jane Grant, Thomas Osowski, Daisy Gray, Quaneisha Scott

The Veterans Committee began meeting at 1:03pm with Committee Overview:

- Provide Data on veterans served, housed and Updates
- Focus on the benchmarks and ending Veteran homelessness
- Provide information about community resource to assist Veterans in our Community

The committee moved in to discussions regarding Updates from community partners.

- Career Source informed the committee of the referral process through Vocational Rehabilitation as well as walk in. Also would like to connect with Veterans for services
- Career Source to schedule a tour and orientation for SSVF CM/Providers
- Vitas Healthcare on Veterans services meet many Veterans not enrolled at the VA
- Homeless Veterans Stand Down concerns since Orange County has not had one in a couple of years and Florida is the second largest Veteran populations in the Nation
- Osceola County Stand Down 2 years ago
- Seminole County last year
- Grants Per Diem (GPD) NOFA in due on March 2, 2020
- GPD new case management grant additional case management for 6 months after housed and exited from program 36 maximum clients and two year trial period
- GPD- Transition House grant holder point of contact is Diana Knight referral form

Discussions moved to the focus of SSVF. The benchmarks being worked on and hoping to complete an application, once this community meets the requirements. SSVF will focus on literally homeless Veterans to help address the benchmark. Veterans will be assessed, referred and enrolled same day (24 hours). Rapid Resolution case manager will assess and provide necessary services. SSVF will have 3 Rapid Resolution specialist, two will be current case manager that program manager identify at sub grantee agencies and one will be hired. SSVF has two CES SSVF intake specialist (Spanish Speaking) positions available. Daisy, Veterans Services program manager will send the job posting to Daisy Gray at Career Source and VA employment specialist Jason Tisi. Also looking for a Diversion Coordinator. Upcoming training for CES/SSVF Intake Specialist. Finally, SSVF/VA program Return Home, SSVF will assist Veterans to relocate to another state to connect back with family.

Aspire is also hiring a SSVF case manager.

Osceola County Jail looking for volunteer services to educate and connect incarcerated Veterans to services. Aspire would like to host a HIV harm reduction group will follow up with email.

Next meeting to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every other month. April 13, 2020.

Daisy Corea, Veterans Services Program Manager, informed if a committee members have any request or updates please email her and she will forward it to all committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31pm

