

**Mecklenburg County
Housing Our Heroes**

Housing Our Heroes will work to end homelessness for veterans and their families by recommending strategic policy changes and maintaining a by-name list.

Aim: To reach Functional Zero for Veterans by the end of June 2026

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Attendees: Jaderian Ackerman, Kally Canfield, Megan Coffey, Curry Cromer, David McLaughlin, Dr. Tam, Jessica Bryant, Tonya Lawrence, Branden Lewis, Malia Suhren, Matthew Smead, LaTonya Pearson, Karen Pelletier, Nate Pratt, MaryAnn Priester, Sally Lott, Shawn Grady, Stephanie Jackson, Ty Peak, Shamika Agbeviade, Latisha Draper-Sessoms, Crystal Miller

HoH Agenda Flow	Notes
<p>Welcome/Intros/Icebreaker</p>	<p>Introductions from any first-time participants</p> <p>Ty Peak: Started a new nonprofit called Nadine's Haven helping with seniors. Also provides in home health care for Pruitt Health. Passionate about the aging population.</p> <p>Tyesha Peak Nadines Haven INC Housing for Seniors Pruitt Health Rep- HomeHealth for Veterans Tyeshapeakspeaks@gmail.com 470-701-0176</p> <p>Stephanie Jackson: Owner of a Better Day Home Care. Looking to support more veterans. In the process of acquiring a hotel in the next few weeks and would like to support w/ housing veterans.</p> <p>David McLaughlin: Recovery Living at Charlotte Rescue Mission</p> <p>Jessica Bryant: VSC -Director of Employment and Training Veterans Services of the Carolinas (HVRP)</p>

	<p>Icebreaker: Do you prefer one space or two spaces after a period? - One is the clear winner ;)</p>
<p>Provider Updates</p>	<p>VA: No major updates – scheduling intakes for VASH in CLT. Don't have a lot of vouchers available. Continuing to assist vets with searching for housing. Check email for note from Brittany regarding VAMCs outreach.</p> <p>SSVF: No updates from CC – on pause, prevention is case by case. CC are hiring – Case Aid, and Shallow Subsidy and Housing Navigator. VSC – working through waitlist</p> <p>GPD/Contract: Dr. Tamara Neely – Home Care for the Carolinas Contract beds. Normally sees patients on Tuesdays so isn't usually able to join HoH. Have 12 contract beds – 6 medical and 6 non-medical. Almost everyone graduated and moved into housing recently. Have 3 open beds for medical and have 2 beds for non-medical.</p> <p>CoC: PIT was last week – thank you to everyone. HUD announcements came out yesterday. 1 new provider and everyone else was renewed. Curry is attending the 2024 VA Homeless Program National Conference in April. Community planning section on the agenda.</p> <p>ARPA: Halfway through the grant cycle. As of today, there are 133 veteran households that have been assisted.</p> <p>Other Updates:</p> <p>VBH is participating in a program with Crisis Assistance to provide new appliances for veterans in need. Washers/dryers, dishwasher, fridge or a stove. They have 5 slots available for this. Need to have measurements to ensure it will fit. Need to find a different method for transportation – it's on the veteran/referral agency.</p> <p>Feb 6th Red Cross will start delivering Elks Lodge Welcome Home Baskets again! Reach out to Matt or Dwayne Wells: dwells@veteransbridgehome.org</p> <p>Matt Smead, LCMHC Housing Navigation Manager 5260 Parkway Plaza Blvd, Suite 110 Charlotte, NC 28217 Office: 704-940-8098 Fax: 704-940-7498 msmead@veteransbridgehome.org www.VeteransBridgeHome.org</p>

	<p>Habitat has some employment opportunity to share https://www.habitatcltregion.org/who-we-are/careers/ Careers at Habitat for Humanity in Charlotte, NC Join our growing community of volunteers and donors in Charlotte, NC. Contact our experts to explore options by Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte Region Partners and Pathways Program https://www.habitatcltregion.org/services/money-matters-partners-and-pathways/ Financial Literacy Program by Habitat Charlotte Region Learn more on how our Financial Literacy Program helps people at Charlotte Region. Contact our team to derive more details on our program. Serving 500 families with this pilot. Need to have been in housing for a year, stable income</p>
<p>Discussion on Current Projects / Previous Proposals / Getting Baseline Data and Setting New Priorities</p>	<p>Updates on Current Projects: Curry is paring the lists provided from Unite Us down to just be focused on the local resources and to find resources that are not in Unite Us. This should be a good resource guide to provide to veterans to support their housing stability.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outflow: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. SSVF: Think it's still a priority to get SSVF to get referrals from the CE process/from the BNL. 50% of referrals should come from BNL. Some veterans are getting overlooked. b. Voucher Utilization: Could we consider lower barrier PSH especially for sex offenses? Might now be in a place to request additional vouchers since the VA is staffed up. c. New priority to consider: Landlord Engagement/Partnership - Home for All plan will be working on this more broadly. Includes risk mitigation, bonuses for landlords 2. Inflow: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Service Providers (VASH/SSVF): The VA has moved away from no longer allowing vets to be rehoused in VASH if they were evicted/voucher expires. VASH team now is continuing to work with these vets.

	<p>b. Research/Data: How many vets are at risk of homelessness presenting to services</p> <p>3. General Systems Improvement:</p> <p>a. CoC: Using CE process/closing side doors, landlord engagement needs (highlighted earlier)</p> <p>b. Research Data: VASH HMIS Data Import is in process</p>
Wrap Up/Next Steps Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Case Conferencing is 2/8/24• Next HoH 2/13/24