

**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

**February 27, 2024**

Slide Share:

Note Taker: Mary Ann Priester

Facilitator:

Attendees: <check teams participant list.

HoH Agenda Flow	Notes
<p><b>Welcome/Intros/Icebreaker</b></p>	<p><b>Introductions from any first-time participants:</b> None</p> <p><b>Icebreaker:</b> Breakfast</p>
<p><b>Provider Updates</b></p>	<p><b>VA:</b> No info about the 2024 goal yet; has typically been released in March if they are going to release a 2024 goal. Currently interviewing for Brittany's former position (HUD-VASH supervisor). The VA has initiated the 2024 VA Standdown planning committee. Standdown will be 9/13/24.</p> <p><b>SSVF:</b> VSC submitted app for 2025 funding; also, is in full audit prep; recent housing specialist training which is posted on the SSVF. website.</p> <p><b>GPD/Contract:</b> No updates.</p> <p><b>CoC:</b> Had first peer to peer sharing group which is focused staffing challenging clients. SPMs are due 3/13. We are scored on progress on these for our CoC NOFO applications. Please be responsive to requests to address DQ.</p>

	<p><b>ARPA:</b> 145 veterans and families so far; working to spend funds by end of calendar year. Spent 90,000 in February.</p> <p><b>Other Updates:</b> VSC had a visit from Gordon Foxx. They are visiting their grantees, and you can follow them on social media to learn more about their journeys.</p> <p>VSC is also looking at landlords they have made payments to in the past 3 years and will follow up with them to see if they have any interest or units available.</p> <p>Granite Falls is accepting applications and will accept subsidies.</p> <p>Harper presented on the newly passed ordinances that criminalized homelessness. Drinking or carrying an open container, urination and defecation outside, leaning or sitting on someone else's vehicle, panhandling in a median, laying prone on a park bench, public masturbation is now arrestable offenses.</p> <p>Good convo about how we could better partner with and/or educated public defenders and CJ social workers about the resources available to homeless veterans and/or persons arrested for these ordinances. Maybe a ½ day training?</p>
<p><b>Discussion on Current Projects / Previous Proposals</b></p>	<p><b>Updates on Current Projects:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Outflow:</b> Case Management Resource tool still in progress</li> <li>2. <b>Inflow:</b></li> <li>3. <b>General Systems Improvement:</b></li> <li>4. <b>Street Outreach:</b> Dana will share more info about the PsychArmor military cultural competence training which VBH can provide free access too. She will also find out if we could disseminate more broadly. This may be an opportunity for some CEUs. The VA is also willing to do a presentation at HCHV at the unsheltered workgroup on 3/13. Brittany will follow up with her team to determine if they have any feedback on the street outreach referral forms.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Wrap Up/Next Steps Summary</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next Case Conferencing is 3/7/24</li> <li>● Next HoH 3/12/24</li> <li>● Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training 3/6/23-3/7/23 8am-5pm VCW Building Side A</li> </ul>

3205 Freedom Dr. Charlotte, NC 28208

- Salisbury VA Medical Center Summit 2024 Q1 call

Hosted by VBH on Teams 3/5/24 1:30pm-2:30pm