



**Orange County Homeless Veterans Working Group**  
Meeting Notes, December 16, 2016, 9-10:00 a.m.  
Southern Human Services Center, Room C

Present: Jonathan Crooms, Jess Marsden, Tara May, Corey Root, Brian Sangutei

- Welcome & Updates
  - Introductions
  - Agency updates
    - VOA-Grant renewed; **add Jonathan to PIT Planning Committee**
    - UNC School of Law-Veterans clinic is looking to assist veterans who need discharge upgrades and potentially help with child support
      - Call Jess to make a referral-919 962 2672
      - There is a need for leniency with folks who have some cognitive issues and may be struggling to adjust to daily living/paying bills and rent on time - this would fall under Fair Housing
        - In Durham the Housing Authority hosts Landlord education forums, could be useful in Orange County
    - Durham VA-at full capacity; all vouchers issued, but veterans still looking for more
      - Eligibility for vouchers
        - VA health care
        - Homeless
        - Can't be on lifetime sexual offender registry
        - Meet income requirement for 30% AMI
- 2017 Planning
  - Review of Strategic Planning Objectives: Ending Veteran Homelessness from 2016 CoC Application
    - Increase in unsheltered veterans was attributed to IFC changing from ES to TH
      - Numbers are also so low in Orange County that one or two folks can sway the percentage
    - CoC application goals: collaborate with Durham and Wake, to create a by-name list to discuss at Vet monthly meeting, public information sessions to educate public about veteran homelessness especially among Vietnam vets (encouraging people to participate in events honoring veterans)
      - Additional goals: measuring exits from the system, working on landlord Fair Housing education and recruitment
      - DVA & VFW, Vietnam veterans of America, American Legion-get more involved and learn more about their roles
    - Collaboration
      - Especially with Durham; combined by-name list?
  - Meeting day-time/place/frequency
    - Monthly, third Friday 9-10am
  - USICH certification?
    - Realistic goal to end veteran homelessness in 2017

- Update on consent & confidentiality forms
  - Being reviewed by several lawyers; **Jess will also take a look**
  - Hope to have them ready to pass out by next month
- Other business & adjourn