

## Process for Entering Veteran into VA Transitional Housing and GPD Housing

**There are two types of housing:**

1. VA Transitional Housing
2. Section 8 VASH: Independent housing for individuals in need of case management (GPD- Grant Per Diem)

### How to Get Veteran Enrolled in Program

1. Get Veteran registered at the Business Office (1<sup>st</sup> floor) if never seen before at the Nashville/Murfreesboro VA

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Once Veteran has been registered, he/she will need to go to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Nashville VA Hospital Room A-444. Veteran will check in with clerk and will fill out brief questionnaire and Release of Information given to them by the clerk.

### VA Transitional Housing (GPD) Eligibility

1. Must have had at least 1 day of Active Duty
2. Cannot have a Dishonorable discharge but all other discharges are acceptable
3. Veteran must be homeless or at risk for losing their own place.
4. Veteran does not have to have a history of substance abuse.
5. Must be willing to work or disabled (waiting for disability or collecting)
6. If able to work, they don't have to have a job going into the program.

### Priority Considerations: People without income or low income

Homeless Program social workers will complete an intake on the Veteran, schedule them to receive a History and Physical from Homeless Program Nurses Practitioner. Veterans with mental health issues will be sent to the mental health clinic for an assessment. Veterans with substance abuse problems will be scheduled an appointment with an addiction therapist.

Veterans will be required to have a Chest X-ray if they have not had one within the last 6 months. Veterans will be given a UDS(urine drug screen) and will not be allowed into housing until they are clean. However, if Veteran has marijuana in their system, they will be allowed to enter the program but will have follow-up urine drug screens to ensure that the marijuana is leaving their system. If a Veteran fails the urine drug screen, he/she can take it as many times as it takes to pass. However, it may mean that they need 28 day intensive substance abuse treatment in which case they would need to call the Substance Use Disorder(SUD) clinic at 615-225-6820. Veterans needing 28 day treatment need to enter treatment prior to GPD housing. However, Veteran's may be able to get into Welcome Home Ministries (VA emergency housing) and stay there until treatment begins. After the finish substance abuse treatment, they may be considered for GPD housing.

Once all screenings are complete, the social worker who completed the intake presents the Veteran's case to the Homeless Program treatment team. The team meets on Tuesday mornings and Thursday mornings. The Veteran is not present at these meetings. If the Veteran is approved for GPD housing, they will be informed and will need to have a brief interview with the GPD facility(OSD, Matthew 25, Room In The Inn,etc). The approval by the Homeless Program treatment team simply means that the VA will "sponsor" the Veteran and pay for a portion of his stay in the GPD facility.

The GPD facility does reserve the right to deny the Veteran admission into their program(Matthew 25, OSD, etc) and the Veteran would need to interview at another GPD facility for possible admission.

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### **General Rules for GPD housing**

1. No drugs or alcohol are allowed while in the GPD program-zero tolerance and Veteran will be asked to leave.
2. Veteran will be required to remain sober, attend all VA appointments, and take all medications as prescribed.

**Timeframe for Both Types of Housing:** Veterans are allowed to stay in GPD housing up to 2 years and a minimum of 90 days.

**Additional Benefits:** Dental benefits after 60 days.

**Living Conditions:** roommates

### **VASH- Section 8 Services Provided**

VASH Social Workers provide case management and housing assistance to Veterans in the HUD-VASH program. Veterans who are assessed and do not qualify for HUD-VASH program are assisted with community resources (public housing, urban housing solutions, private landlords, etc.). Veterans may also apply for GPD housing.

### **VASH- Section 8 Eligibility**

1. Veteran must be eligible for VA Medical Care- if not enrolled they must come to the Business Office on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the VA and enroll.
2. Must be honorably discharged and have at least 2 years of service after 1980.
3. Cannot be a registered sex offender.

**Priority Considerations:** chronically homeless Veterans and families

### **Special Considerations:**

1. **Veteran Leaving Prison System** A re-entry specialist will assist Veterans leaving the prison system and will discuss housing, food, clothing, and medical issues. **Please refer Veteran to Susanne Jenkins 873-7619**
2. **Veteran Needing Help with Legal Issues** Veterans Justice Outreach works with law enforcement and courts to get eligible Veterans the treatment they need. **Please refer to Glen Wilbur 873-7458**

**Community Partnership Program:**

*Improving Access to Services and Benefits for Rural and Homeless Veterans*

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**VA Contracted Programs in the Community**

<b>Type of Homeless Program/Service</b>	<b>Point of Contact/ Name and Title</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
<i>VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans Hotline</i>	<i>Hotline intended to assist homeless Veterans, their family, VA, service providers, and community.</i>	<b>877-4 Aid Vet 877-424-3838</b>	<i>24/7 access to trained counselors</i>
Homeless Coordinator	Daniel A. Heim LCSW	615-873-6037	<a href="mailto:Daniel.heim@va.gov">Daniel.heim@va.gov</a>
Homeless (HCHV) Outreach	<b>Brian Grant LMSW</b> Arlene Hunter Griffin LMSW Rhonda Harris LCSW Suzanne Jenkins LCSW	<b>615-873-8413</b> 615-873-6828 615-873-6487 615-873-7619	<a href="mailto:Brian.grant@va.gov">Brian.grant@va.gov</a> <a href="mailto:Arlene.hunter-griffin@va.gov">Arlene.hunter-griffin@va.gov</a> <a href="mailto:Rhonda.harris@va.gov">Rhonda.harris@va.gov</a> <a href="mailto:Suzanne.jenkins@va.gov">Suzanne.jenkins@va.gov</a>
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Grant and Per Diem Provider with the # of Beds	OSD 42 beds Matthew 25 25 beds Campus Human Development 32 beds Buffalo Valley 30 beds  Next Stage 4 beds Welcome Home Ministries 8 beds	615-248-1981 615-383-9577 615-251-9791 800-695-6573  615-593-9923	2 to room, 5 female beds 2 to room, Male only 4 to room, Male only Clarksville: 6 male beds Lewisberg: 18 Male and 6 female  8 Emergency Housing beds at Welcome Home Ministries
HUD-VASH Case Managers	<b>Dianna Washington LMSW</b> Jamie Smith LMSW Kay Haley LMSW Rand Rhorer Beth Ratledge Teresa Worthington	<b>615-873-8478</b> 615-873-7924 615-873-8555	<a href="mailto:Dianna.washington@va.gov">Dianna.washington@va.gov</a> <a href="mailto:Jamie.smith@va.gov">Jamie.smith@va.gov</a> <a href="mailto:Kay.haley@va.gov">Kay.haley@va.gov</a> <a href="mailto:Rand.rhorer@va.gov">Rand.rhorer@va.gov</a> <a href="mailto:Beth.ratledge@va.gov">Beth.ratledge@va.gov</a> <a href="mailto:Teresa.Worthington@va.gov">Teresa.Worthington@va.gov</a>
MH RRTP Coordinator	N/A		
PTSD with. # of Beds			
Substance Abuse # of Beds	N/A		
Dom - with # of Beds	N/A		
HealthCare for Re-Entry Specialist	Recruiting		
VJO Specialist	Glenn Wilbur- 8 hrs daily	615-873-6458	<a href="mailto:Glen.wilbur@va.gov">Glen.wilbur@va.gov</a>
Women Veteran Coordinator	Whitney Simmons (Interim)	615-873-8000	<a href="mailto:Whitney.simmons@va.gov">Whitney.simmons@va.gov</a>
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