

Maine Homeless Veteran Action Committee

The Veteran Committee of the Maine Continuum of Care

Community Planning Proposal

Date: November 7, 2017

RE: Rapid Rehousing interventions for GPD program participants.

Background: On October 1, 2017, the Veterans Administration Grant and Per Diem programs in Maine adopted new modalities of service, service intensive, bridge housing, hospital to home and clinical treatment. As a result, stayers that preceded may be required to vacate their GPD program no later than December 31, 2017. The Maine Homeless Veteran Action Committee (ME HVAC) adopts the follow Community Plan to address this change in service models.

Community Plan Proposal: ME HVAC is committed to the principle of progressive engagement and strives to help households end their homelessness as rapidly as possible, despite barriers, with the appropriate level of assistance based on assessment and reassessment of need. ME HVAC adopts here a community coordination plan to ensure that homeless veterans who are in grant per diem programs are successfully exited to permanent housing. As a community, ME HVAC commits to:

1. Reassessment of vulnerability of all GPD stayers who do not have an identified accepted permanent housing offer as of October 1, 2017. Veterans reassessed will be prioritized for HUD VASH or SSVF in accordance with ME HVAC policy and procedures for coordinated entry and assessment regardless of their entry date into GPD.
2. If after this reassessment a veteran is identified for a SSVF permanent housing plan, the change in Grant and Per Diem criteria, establishes a sufficient extenuating circumstance as allowed under Section XII of the Department of Veterans Affairs, *Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program Guide*, that would allow for enrollment into SSVF outside of the first 30 days staying in a Grant and Per Diem Program.

A motion was made to adopt this community plan on November 7, 2017 during the ME HVAC Steering Meeting.

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Chair, Maine Homeless Veterans Action Committee

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