

VA Long Beach HUD-VASH

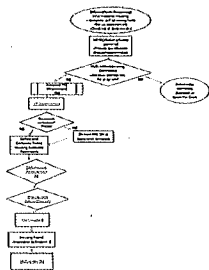
› Overview

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VA Long Beach HUD-VASH History

- › HUD-VASH Program was originally started as a nation-wide, limited-scale program in 1992 with a total of 1750 vouchers issued
- › VA Long Beach HUD-VASH Program started FY 2008 (April) with 70 vouchers issued
- › FY2009, VA Long Beach HUD-VASH Program were Issued 175 vouchers
 - 105 vouchers awarded to PHA Long Beach
 - 70 vouchers awarded to PHA Orange County
- › FY2010, VA Long Beach projected to receive 250 vouchers
 - 100 vouchers awarded to PHA Long Beach
 - 150 vouchers awarded to PHA Orange County

HUD-VASH Process



Referral/Initial Screening:
Informational meeting
- complete self screening form
-Set up appointment
-Check list of docs needed

NEPEC/Referral forms gathered
-Provide sex offender disqualification notice

HUD-VASH Screening Committee
-Are they appropriate for program?

Referred to Homeless Outreach or Grant Per Diem

Assigned PRE (Preliminary) CM

2nd Appointment

Documents completed?
PRE CM

On hold PRE CM to assist until complete

Collect and Complete Public Housing Authority Paperwork

PHA Housing Appointment #1

PHA Housing Appointment #2

CM (voucher)

Housing Found
-Inspection by Section 8

HUD-VASH CM

HUD-VASH Criteria

- › Homeless (transitional housing, shelter, acute treatment program)
- › Eligible for VA Healthcare
- › Mental stability and sobriety
- › Discharge: honorable or general under honorable conditions
- › Not a lifetime registered sex offender under a state offender registration program
- › Stable income to sustain an apartment unit
- › Meets income levels under the "very low income 50% of median" guidelines set by LBHA
- › Agree to intensive case management services for length of treatment plan
- › Strong commitment to participate in treatment, lifestyle changes

HUD-VASH Challenges

- › Staffing
 - Assigned 5 Social Work Cases Managers
 - Case load of 50 Veterans
- › Housing
 - Shortages in adequate housing
- › Establishing Community Partnerships
 - Some Veterans have significant negative credit history - thus some landlords are less incline to rent
- › Veterans unwillingness to comply with program requirements
 - HUD-VASH is not a housing program; we are a case managed program with a housing component

HUD-VASH Challenges

- › PHA Staffing shortages that impact voucher processing
- › Decreased or Inadequate number of special needs housing
 - Service to Spinal Cord Injured Veterans
 - Disabled Veterans with varying degrees of physical limitations
- › Chronic homeless Veterans that do not have any income or qualify for disability or Non-Service Connection
- › Chronic homeless Veteran with significant history of alcohol, substance abuse, mental illness, incarceration, and combat Veterans with PTSD, TBI and MST
- › Difficulty accessing funds for rent deposit, utilities, etc.

HUD-VASH Successes

- › **Housed in Long Beach -**
 - Leased - 80 Veterans
 - Voucher and looking for apt/house - 9 Veterans
 - Waiting to be processed - 9 Veterans
- › **Housed in Orange County**
 - Currently have 19 Veterans leased
 - Voucher and looking for apt/house - 21
- › **Financial Donations to purchase household supplies**
 - Recently purchased over \$1000 of household items to include pots/pans, dishes, silverware, etc.
- › **Number of Veterans that have become stable financially, emotionally and have asked to leave program (3)**

HUD-VASH Successes

- › **Cont.**
- › **Community Partnerships**
 - Multiservice Center
 - Illumination Foundation
 - Salvation Army
