

New England Regional Forum to End Veterans Homelessness
April 14, 2015
9:30am-12:30pm

Welcome - Opening Remarks

Kristine Foye, HUD New England Acting Regional Administrator

(Invited) The Honorable Mayor Martin Walsh

Your leadership role in ending veteran homelessness

(Tentative) Jennifer Ho, Senior Advisor for Housing and Services, HUD
Elisha Harig-Blaine, Principle Housing Associate (Veterans and Special Needs), NLC

Regional Overview on Veteran Homelessness

(Tentative) Bob Pulster, Regional Coordinator, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, USICH

Panel: Federal Resource Partners

Moderator: Bob Pulster, USICH

Bob Shumeyko, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development (HUD)

Maura O'Brien, Office of Public and Indian Housing (HUD)

Shara Katsos, Deputy Network Homeless Coordinator VISN (VA)

Kathryn Power, SAMHSA Regional Administrator (HHS)

Dana Bourne, Regional Administrator for Veterans' Employment and Training Services (DOL)

Panel: Cultivating a meaningful partnership, HUD, VA & CT Partners

Moderator: Suzanne Piacentini, Connecticut Field Office Director, HUD

Dr. Laurie Harkness, Director, Errera Community Care Center, VA

Maureen Pasko, LCSW, Director, VA CT Homeless Programs

TBD, CT Department of Housing (DOH)

John Counter, Executive Director, West Haven Housing Authority

Elizabeth McManus, Director of Leased Housing, West Haven Housing Authority

Lisa Tepper Bates, CT Coalition to End Homelessness

Panel: Local Examples of Coordination & Best Practices

Moderator: TBD

Secretary Francisco Urena, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Elizabeth Doyle, Director of Supportive Housing - Department of Neighborhood Dev, Boston

Andrew McCawley, President & CEO New England Center for Homeless Veterans

Brenda Cassidy, Pine Street Inn

Innovative Housing Solutions

Thomas Pilhcik, Massachusetts New Lease Program

Looking Ahead, Zero:2016

Jim Ryczek, Executive Director, Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless