**HAMPDEN COUNTY HOMELESS VETERAN MEETING 4/3/2015**

**Campaign to end veteran homelessness**

 Federal goal; Zero 2016 Campaign

 What it takes in Hampden County: House 10 per month; we are at 5-6 per month

**Data re homeless veterans in Hampden County**

In 2014, we had 60 veterans come through emergency shelter

Point-in-time Count on 1/29/2015: 33 Homeless Veterans, 6 Chronically Homeless

 Where the Veterans were staying:

 *Emergency Shelter*

Friends of the Homeless – 10 (on 4/1/2015 there were 11)

Springfield Rescue Mission – 5

Samaritan Inn Shelter – 1

 *Transitional Housing*

 52 Maple St. – 9

 Springfield Rescue Mission Bliss St – 3

Annie’s House – 2 [neither are VA-eligible]

 Loreto House – 1

 Samaritan Inn TH – 1

 My Father’s Place – 1

**Veteran-specific housing resources**

VASH (must be VA-eligible, cannot have dishonorable discharge)

 SSVF (Cannot have dishonorable discharge)

 Vikings Landing (Easthampton)

 Bi-Lingual Veterans Cass Street – 19 units, open 12/2015 (cannot have dishonorable)

 Soldier On – Chicopee, Agawam

**Housing for veterans with dishonorable discharge or who do not want veteran-specific housing**

Hampden County CoC centralized waitlist

 Alternate Rapid Rehousing programs: Catholic Charities, HAP

**Matching veterans to housing**

Zero 2016: creation of by-name list, assignment of people to work with each veteran

**Sharing of information/adequate releases**

**Distribution and review of veterans outreach materials**