

October 9, 2015

Dear CoC Chairperson,

As you are aware, the national five-year plan to end Veteran Homelessness is coming to an end. As the Chairperson of the Regional Interagency Council on Homelessness, I would like to extend the Council’s gratitude for your hard work, and for the dedication that your team has shown in making a difference in the lives of our Nation’s homeless Veterans.

As we approach the end of the year, the Regional ICH would like to offer our support to further your efforts in ending Veterans’ homelessness. To help us identify the barriers/challenges that you may be facing, and to assist us in developing strategies to address those issues, a questionnaire is enclosed. I am requesting that your team complete and return it by Friday, October 30th. The questionnaire can be sent to Regional ICH members Shara Katsos (shara.katsos@va.gov) or Stephanie Harrington (Stephanie.J.Harrington@hud.gov).

Stephanie and Shara have set up conference calls to provide consultation on the questionnaire and to respond to any questions or concerns you may have. Should you not be able to make the scheduled day and time, please notify Ms. Katsos via email, and alternative arrangements can be made.

**Call Schedule:**

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| **State** | **Date** | **Time** | **Phone Number and Access Code** |
| MA | Wednesday, October 14th | 10am-10:50am | 1-800-767-1750, access code 23059 |
| NH | Wednesday, October 14th | 11am-11:50am | 1-800-767-1750, access code 23059 |
| ME | Wednesday, October 14th | 1pm-1:50pm | 1-800-767-1750, access code 23059 |
| VT | Wednesday, October 14th | 2pm-2:50pm | 1-800-767-1750, access code 23059 |
| RI | Wednesday, October 14th | 3pm-3:50pm | 1-800-767-1750, access code 23059 |

I very much look forward to hearing about the progress your community’s has made, and look forward to supporting your efforts over the last few months of the five-year plan.

I would also like to add that we have a number of best-practice documents related to creating a Veteran registry as well as sample interagency information-sharing agreements. Council members are also available to participate in your upcoming meetings either via phone or in person.

Sincerely,

Robert Shumeyko

Chair, Regional Interagency Council on Homelessness