

# County of San Mateo Veterans Commission

---

## Veteran Homelessness Sub-Committee

Edmund Bridges

Lisa King

Ron Dickson

## Resource Agency Representatives

County: Tephiny Jones, MSW, SM County Center on Homelessness

Federal: Allison Ulrich, JD, VA Housing Development Coordinator

Community: Winfred Jew, Peninsula Multi-Church Veterans Ministry

VHSCRPT1

## Veterans Needs Assessment 2014

### Conclusions:

Housing was one of the most commonly listed needs

There is a need for more affordable housing and landlords willing to accept

HUD-VASH vouchers

### Status Update

#### County Homeless Veterans

2013	245
2015	136
October 2016	84*

\*Note: Since June, 63 formerly homeless veterans have been moved into permanent housing.

## Progress 2016

### Dedicated Veteran Housing

Menlo Park facility opened in February: 60 units full with waiting list

Other Potential Projects:

Daly City

Millbrae

South San Francisco

### VASH Voucher Subsidized Housing Incentive Programs

#### County and VA Resources

Financial Incentives (Bonuses)

Case Worker Support

#### Community Resources

Multi Church Ministry will provide:

Mentoring Program Support

Move-in Necessities Support and Help

## Proactive Landlord Outreach Program

Foster City Contact

Trial Run Presentation to Foster City BMR Property Managers, October 27

Tephiny Jones 5 minute presentation of incentives and asked for participation

Result: 2 Property managers signing up

Because we asked

## Conclusions

### Results to date are encouraging

Menlo Park is a great success

Proactive approach to property managers in other cities within the county should result in more HUD-VASH subsidized housing unit availability (If we ask)

### We can do more

## Santa Clara County

### Bigger Problem

Currently reporting: 703 Homeless Veterans

### Bigger Program

#### All the Way Campaign

Santa Clara County	\$1.5MM/Annual
City of San Jose	\$6MM
County Housing Authority	\$7.5MM (thru VA_VASH)

#### Destination Home

#### Corporations

#### Community Resources/Faith Based Groups

### Bigger Progress

Veterans Housed	403
Landlords	105
Faith Based Organizations	24
Funds Committed	(Above)

## Recommendations

### It's time to ask

County            for Budget  
Landlords        for Units  
Community       for Outreach  
Corporations    for Sponsorships

There has never been a better time for veterans

From landlords to churches

From county supervisors to the new president

People want to help

### Plan Big and Ask