

VSACT 18 December 2019 Meeting Goodwill Belton Job Connection 2601 Commerce St.
Belton, TX 76513

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The VSACT Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Maureen Jouett with Bring Everyone In The Zone

Presented the survey results to VSACT detailing the needs concerns for Veterans services;

- Links to other services
- Additional resources
- Housing
- Shelter
- Permanent housing
- Finances
- Crisis housing
- Utilities, housing and transportation are the highest among the needs.

The Guest Presenters

Sarah Beaty Case Manager with Endeavors Killeen, Texas & DD Freeby Case Manager with
Waco, Texas.

•Endeavors services, the counties they cover and the referral procedures

- Endeavors assists veterans with supportive services that include housing and employment needs also individuals in crisis that are experiencing homelessness. The assistance is based upon the individual's income. Endeavors support them in becoming more stable and secure of the 90-day process. Case managers take a holistic approach with establishing what is causing their instability with housing or any additional obstacle. The individuals are enrolled in a program to determine how to meet their housing or financial needs. They contact outside agencies to find temporary shelter if they are in an immediate homelessness situation.
 - Endeavors cover a large area between the two offices. The Killeen offices covers these counties Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, Burnet, Washington, Lee and Hamilton.
 - The Waco office covers these counties McLennan, Bosque, Erath, Hill, and Ellis. Sometime they are able to services counties between the coverage areas.
 - The referral process is to simply, refer the individuals to contact the nearest Endeavors office and speak with the Intake Specialist after completing the intake process, they are placed on list.
 - The income criteria requirements are one household can make \$1800 and two household can make \$2800 a month. If you currently have no income, they will complete the intake process.*You may have made over the income amount last month but no longer have income you will be seen.*They work with the VA to assist veterans that are need of housing.

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Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor

Domiciliary Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program Local Recovery Counselor

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- The Licensed Local Recovery Coordinator primary role is to, reach out the veteran that has been lost to care for six to twenty- four months from the VA. Trying to ensure that if assistance is needed if it is mental health or medical care; (lost to care means they have utilized the VA health care system in the six to twenty-four month time frame).
- The VA try and locate the Veterans by calling, sending an email and reaching out to the next of kin.
- The VA has Recovery Coordinators all of the United States. Mrs. LaMencia Hill receives a list of Veterans that have not been seen in the above time frame mentioned. The assist Veteran patients' that have been diagnosed with serious mental conditions.

The VA offers Residential Programs through several different programs options for the Veteran can live there for at least sixty days and could be longer. The programs are all residential and also are offered in an outpatient setting.

- **Domiciliary Program:** is a residential component that emphasizes on clinical treatment for a lifestyle of self-care and personal responsibility. *The Domiciliary at the Temple VA is no longer has a co-ed. The Waco VA now has Domiciliary for the Women Veterans. At this time the VA campus does not offer a Residential Vocational Rehabilitation for women.
- **Vocational Rehabilitation Program:** assist Veterans that are seeking employment opportunities setting.
- **Mental Program:** assist the Veteran with anxiety, to depression, to posttraumatic stress, there is a wide range of conditions that can affect your mental health.
- **Substance Abuse Program:** this program allows Veterans to live at a treatment facility, usually for sixty days, while undergoing intensive treatment. This treatment environment provides support and structure to help the Veteran achieve long-term recovery.
- **Combat Related Trauma Program:** a residential or inpatient care program help Veterans with severe PTSD symptoms who have trouble doing normal daily activities (like going to work).
- There is a unique service they offered, it is a Veteran can come in the Domiciliary and utilize the Residential Program if they do not have housing. The VA has six to eight duplexes away from the VA campus that house men and women. The women units are not meant for family dwelling and therefore they are not utilized as much. The units include two to a duplex the Veteran is responsible for utilities and furniture rental. If the Veteran is transiting through the program, they can stay in the units for up to 18 months.

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- The VA has Chaplain services meet with the Veteran and their family. The non-Veteran can utilize the Chaplain services. The Chief of Chaplain Services is Chaplain Singleton.
- There are also couple re-treats offered on a yearly basis.
- The VA also have The Last Call every other month. Any Veteran that died within that time frame. The Last Call last about 45 minutes and the Veterans' family member comes up maybe read something or play the Veterans favorite song.
- Make the Connection service is an online resource anytime you make a connection with a Veteran you give them this card. You can go the interactive website and put in era that Veteran served, branch, gender and topics related to the era and videos will come up they can watch and listen to someone else story.
- **Mission Act Booklet;** great resources
- **Federal Benefits Guide;** great resources
- **VA How Can I Help;** great resources
- **Whole Health;** looks at the many different parts to ensure pain management and the Veteran is active a part in their health ex; Warrior Fitness Park, Yoga, Acupuncture, Tai Chi and Tens Unit and Alpha Stims.