

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans

3b. GSA Committee No.

13849

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/10/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

04/10/2026

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

38 U.S.C. 2066

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

38 U.S.C. 2066

13. Effective Date

12/21/2001

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the benefits and services to homeless Veterans provided by the Department. The challenges faced by homeless Veterans include matters that are related to the Secretary's current priorities and VA strategic goals. Many homeless Veterans experience an increased risk of death by suicide, adverse outcomes related to opiate usage; and face difficulty getting access to mental and physical healthcare. The recommendations of the Committee are framed within the context of providing greater choice, modernizing systems, increasing efficiency, improving timeliness, and preventing suicide. Efforts to improve delivery of

VA services along those identified priorities all organically serve to improve outcomes for homeless Veterans. The Committee is authorized to conduct analyses and develop additional reports or other materials. The Committee convenes a public meeting to vote on proposed recommendations and reviews deliberations of other community, state and federal entities including the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. The Committee shall submit a report to the Secretary on the programs and activities of the Department that relate to homeless Veterans, so the report can be submitted to Congress by the Secretary no later than March 31 of each year. Many of the issues that are brought to the attention of the Secretary and Congress have been addressed by VA based on their written response in previous annual reports. The Committee and the Department share a common mission to ensure all Veterans, regardless of gender, age, race, or disability, are provided with programs and services to aid their rehabilitation and reintegration into society as fully functioning citizens. The Committee and the Department continue the sacred duty to reach out and assist these Veterans in their immediate and long-term efforts to rejoin society. The Committee ensures the gains made to addressing homelessness among Veterans will continue, and the Department will advance the efforts to coordinate with its community partnerships to create new employment and housing initiatives.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members are Veterans Service Organizations, advocates of homeless Veterans and other homeless individuals, community-based providers of services to homeless individuals, previously

homeless Veterans, State Veterans Affairs officials, experts in the treatment of individuals with mental illness, experts in the treatment of substance use disorders, experts in the development of permanent housing alternatives for lower income populations, experts in vocational rehabilitation and other organizations or groups as the Secretary considers appropriate. Members are selected with equitable geographic, ethnic and gender representation. Members from other federal agencies (which included but were not limited to Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Department of Labor, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, Department of Education, Department of Defense, Department of Justice, and the United States Department of Agriculture) serve as Ex-Officio Members.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee meets in person at least two times per year. The meetings provide opportunities to closely review VA services for homeless Veterans, interagency coordination to provide additional services, and conduct site visits to allow members to personally assess the delivery of certain homeless services. In FY 2023, the Committee held three meetings: on December 13, 2022; April 11, 2023; and September 19-20, 2023.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Decreases in the number of homeless Veterans have been encouraging. This Committee provides input on investments in effective strategies that include but are not limited to rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing. Additionally, an

unprecedented collaboration between VA and other Federal partners and state and local communities, have yielded substantial reductions in Veteran homelessness. The committee realizes that finishing the job will require continued investment in Veteran-centric housing and health programs, the widespread adoption of evidence-based best practices, such as Housing First, and greater linkages to employment and other community-based resources.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee meetings are open to the public; however, when the Committee conducts site visits or tours a VA facility, the meeting is closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C Sec. 552b(c)(6) to protect Veterans’ privacy and personal information.

21. Remarks

The Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans supports Goal 2: Veterans receive timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their well-being and independence throughout their life journey.

Designated Federal Officer

Anthony Love Principal Advisor, Intra/Inter-Agency Collaboration and Director of Community Engagement, VHA Homeless Programs

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Accordino, Robert	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Black, Susan	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	VA	Ex Officio Member

Bryon, Jemine	11/30/2023	12/31/2024	Department of Housing and Urban Development	Ex Officio Member
Crawford, Gregory	10/01/2020	11/30/2023	Department of Justice	Ex Officio Member
Denny, Heather	08/15/2022	11/30/2023	Department of Education	Ex Officio Member
Denton, Ivan	03/01/2017	12/31/2024	Department of Labor	Ex Officio Member
Jackman, Toni	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Livingston, Patrice	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lyons, Thomas	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McClinton, Wendy	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McLaughlin, John	11/30/2023	12/31/2024	Department of Education	Ex Officio Member
Monet, Kathryn	03/25/2019	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Neaves, Yashika	03/09/2021	12/31/2024	DoD	Ex Officio Member
Oliva, Ann	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Olivet, Jeffrey	03/22/2022	12/31/2024	United States Council on Homelessness	Ex Officio Member
Ownens, Stacey	08/29/2022	12/31/2024	Department of Health and Human Services	Ex Officio Member
Parks, Dawanta	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Patterson, Quandrea	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Protas, Josh	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ramdass, Monshi	09/30/2022	12/31/2024	United States Department of Agriculture	Ex Officio Member
Reyes, DJ	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Suchar, Norm	09/30/2017	11/30/2023	Department of Housing and Urban Development	Ex Officio Member
Vincent, Darryl	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Whitehead, Donald	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Williams, Evonne	12/31/2022	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilson, Brandon	02/08/2021	12/31/2024	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 26

Narrative Description

The Committee provides recommendations to improve coordination of services to homeless Veterans and to enhance partnerships with other public and private service providers.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

199

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a total of recommendations for 2003 through 2023.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The recommendations partly implemented primarily involve work by agencies, such as Department of Labor, Department of Defense, Health and Human Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Department submits a formal response to each Committee recommendation, and Department officials brief the Committee on actions taken to implement recommendations. Published Annual Reports can be found online:
<https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/achv/annual-reports.asp>

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A