



# VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD WI BOS QUARTERLY MEETING

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Presenter:

Angela Friend – Co-Chair

Keith Johnathan – Co-Chair

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# Veterans Advisory Board:

- **Currently consists of members from:** Center for Veterans Issues (CVI), HUD VASH ( from 6 VHMCs), Indianhead Community Action (SSVF program), Lutheran Social Services (LSS), Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs (WDVA), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Community Action Coalition of South Central Wisconsin (CACSCW), Institute for Community Alliances (ICA), Newcap, Rock Valley Community Programs (RVCP), Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), and the WI BOS COC.
- **Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 11-noon.**
- **Currently has 2 work groups:**
  - By name list and Case conferencing work group
  - Landlord engagement workgroup
- **Purpose & Mission:**
  - The Veteran Advisory Committee's purpose is to review policies and procedures that are related to veteran homelessness, in order to provide information and ideas to end veteran homelessness in the State of Wisconsin.
  - The Veteran Advisory Committee's mission is to use the committee's membership expertise to educate the Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care membership on the needs and issues regarding veterans' homelessness.
  - Committee Charter: [https://www.wiboscoc.org/uploads/3/7/2/4/37244219/veteran\\_advisory\\_committee.pdf](https://www.wiboscoc.org/uploads/3/7/2/4/37244219/veteran_advisory_committee.pdf)

# By Name List & Case Conferencing Workgroup:



- Met with Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs to learn about how they are using their systems they created in their effort to End Veteran Homelessness.
- Established Veterans Case Conferencing for the counties covering the MN VA Catchment area (Coulee, Dairyland, Northwest, Rural North, & West Central coalitions) and Northern IL Catchment area (Kenosha coalition).
- Working on common structure, release of information, etc for the case conferencing meetings.
- Working on developing a by name list to track homeless veterans and meet the metrics for the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) criteria for ending veteran homelessness.

## Landlord Engagement Workgroup:

- Developed “Air B&B” type of program for veterans. Program allows Landlords friendly to housing veterans to connect easily via this app.
- Working on issues and barriers homeless veterans have in finding and maintaining housing.

## Veterans Advisory board – Other Tasks:



- Assessing the WI BOSCOC Coordinated Entry System and how it is working for homeless veterans.
- Working on NAEH metrics for Ending Veteran Homelessness.

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