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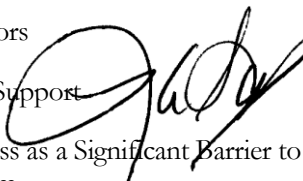


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 12, 2015

TO: Local Workforce Development Area - Executive Directors

FROM: Lois A. Scott, Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support 

SUBJECT: Expansion and Clarification of the definition of Homeless as a Significant Barrier to Employment in the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide career center staff with an update to guidance on populations eligible to receive services from the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP). DVOP staff may only serve Veterans who have been identified as having a Significant Barrier to Employment and homelessness is one of those identified barriers.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) released additional guidance on the Jobs for Veterans' State Grants (JVSG) Program to inform the public workforce system of an expansion in the definition of "Homeless". The definition of homeless is updated to include paragraph (b) of Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, which considers homeless to be any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized, and who have no other residence and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

The Department of Economic Opportunity has updated the attached Veterans Intake form to reflect the expanded definition of "homeless". While local areas are not required to use the attached form, the expanded definition must be included in any locally developed intake form. Local Workforce Development Boards must ensure that DVOP specialists and LWDA management and staff are aware of the contents and application of this change.

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Attachments: [VPL 03-14, Change 2](#)
[Revised Initial Intake Memorandum](#)
[Vet Intake Process 2015, Change 2](#)

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