

# Southern Nevada

Phase III:

Focusing on Ending Veteran Homelessness



# 25 Cities Convening

- Los Angeles, CA                      September 23 & 24, 2015
- Local Team

## Purpose:

1. To generate and document key insights from communities that have successfully address key issues, such as creating and using by-name lists; mobilizing landlords, and strengthening their systems
2. To collectively find creative solutions to challenges identified by communities
3. To strengthen relationships among and between community teams
4. Reflect on the collective leadership challenges

# Plan: Build a Landlord Collaboration

Engagement of landlords towards accessing more affordable housing units

## Key Leadership

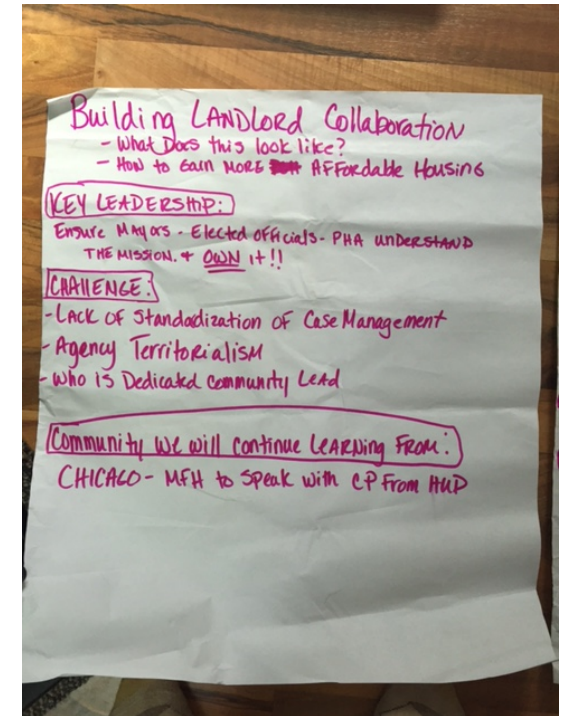
- Elected Officials
- Public Housing Authority
- Housing Service Providers

## Challenges

- Lack of standardized case management
- Agency territorialism
- Lack of dedicated community lead

## Community to Engage as Best Practice

- Chicago, IL
  - Michele commits to following up with contact at local HUD Field Office



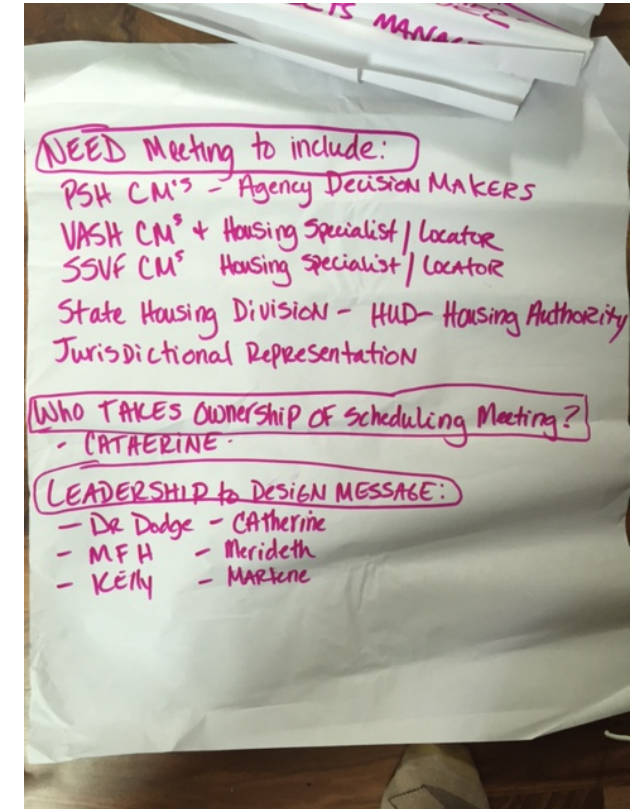
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## Need Collaboration and Convening of

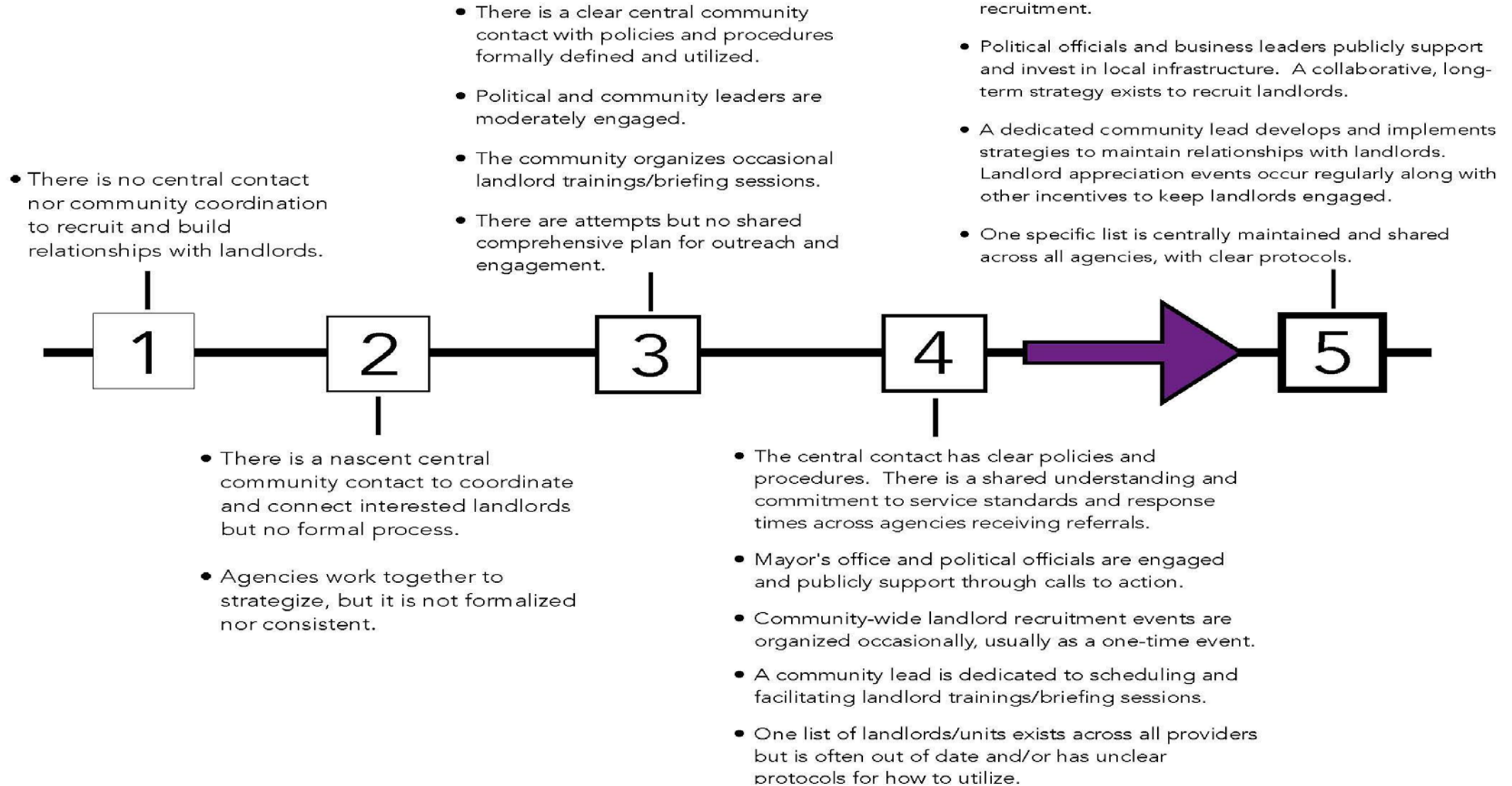
- Agency Decision Makers
- Case Managers from Permanent Supportive Housing, VASH, SSVF
- Housing Specialist Locators from VASH/SSVF
- Nevada Housing Division
- HUD
- Housing Authority
- Jurisdictions

## Leadership to Design the Message

- VA: Dr. Cynthia Dodge
- Clark County: Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Catherine Huang Hara
- The Shade Tree: Marlene Richter
- HELP of Southern Nevada: Kelly Robson
- Caridad: Merideth Spriggs



# LANDLORD STRATEGY



# 25 Cities and the US Conference of Mayors have a Combine Working Group to address Veterans Homelessness.

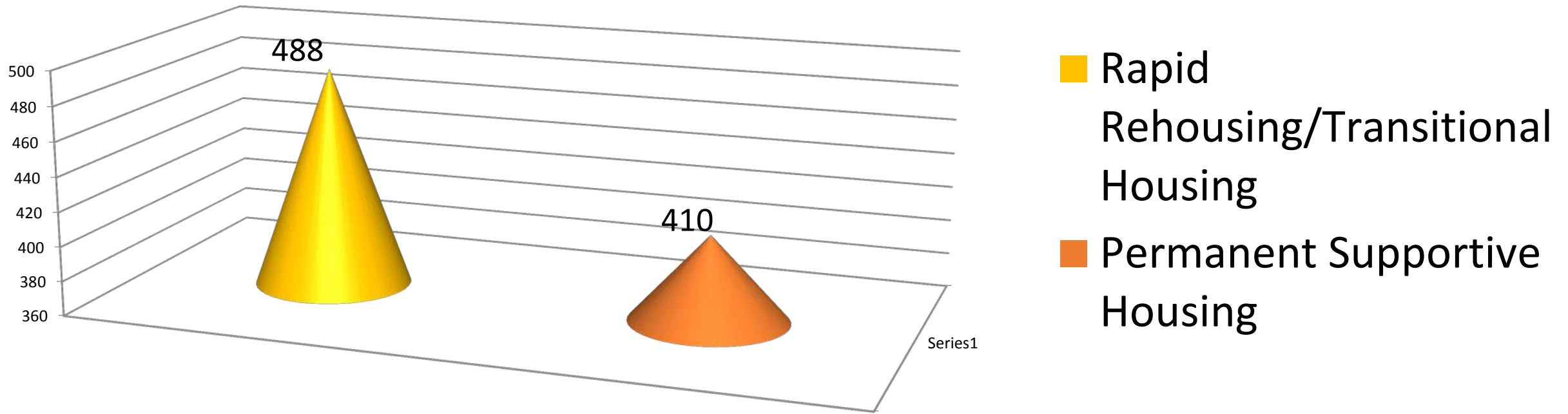
- Meetings are held on the **first Thursday** of each month at 10 am
- Conference calls are scheduled for the **Third Thursday** at 10 am
- The Conference Call number is 702/229-4717.

Standing Agenda includes:

- Fair Housing
- Forums
- National Initiatives
- State Domiciliary – tabled
- Supportive Employment
- Volunteerism

<https://youtu.be/ZzENs3OfGA>

# Community Queue



Community Queue Clean up started September 2015

- Client has had not contact within the homeless system in the last 60 days.



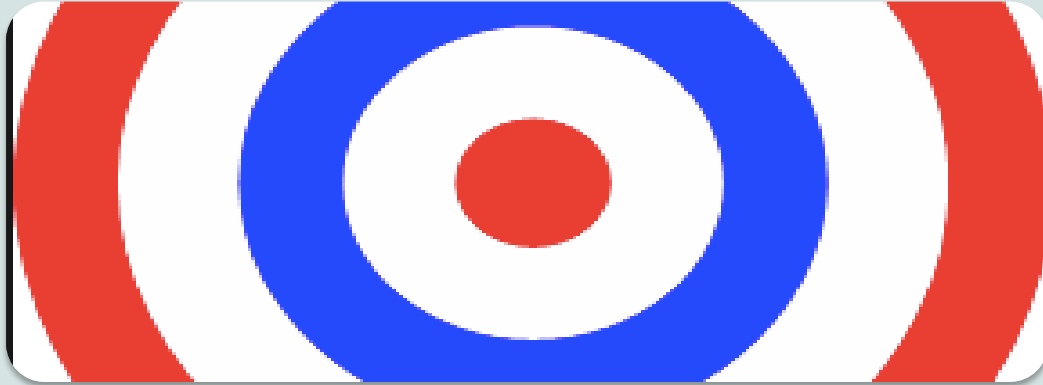
# Current Community Housing Vacancies as of October 7<sup>th</sup>

## Households without Children

- Permanent Supportive Housing 0
- Rapid Rehousing 10 (Henderson)
- Transitional Housing 47
- Safe Haven 0



# We will END Veterans Homelessness by 12/31/15



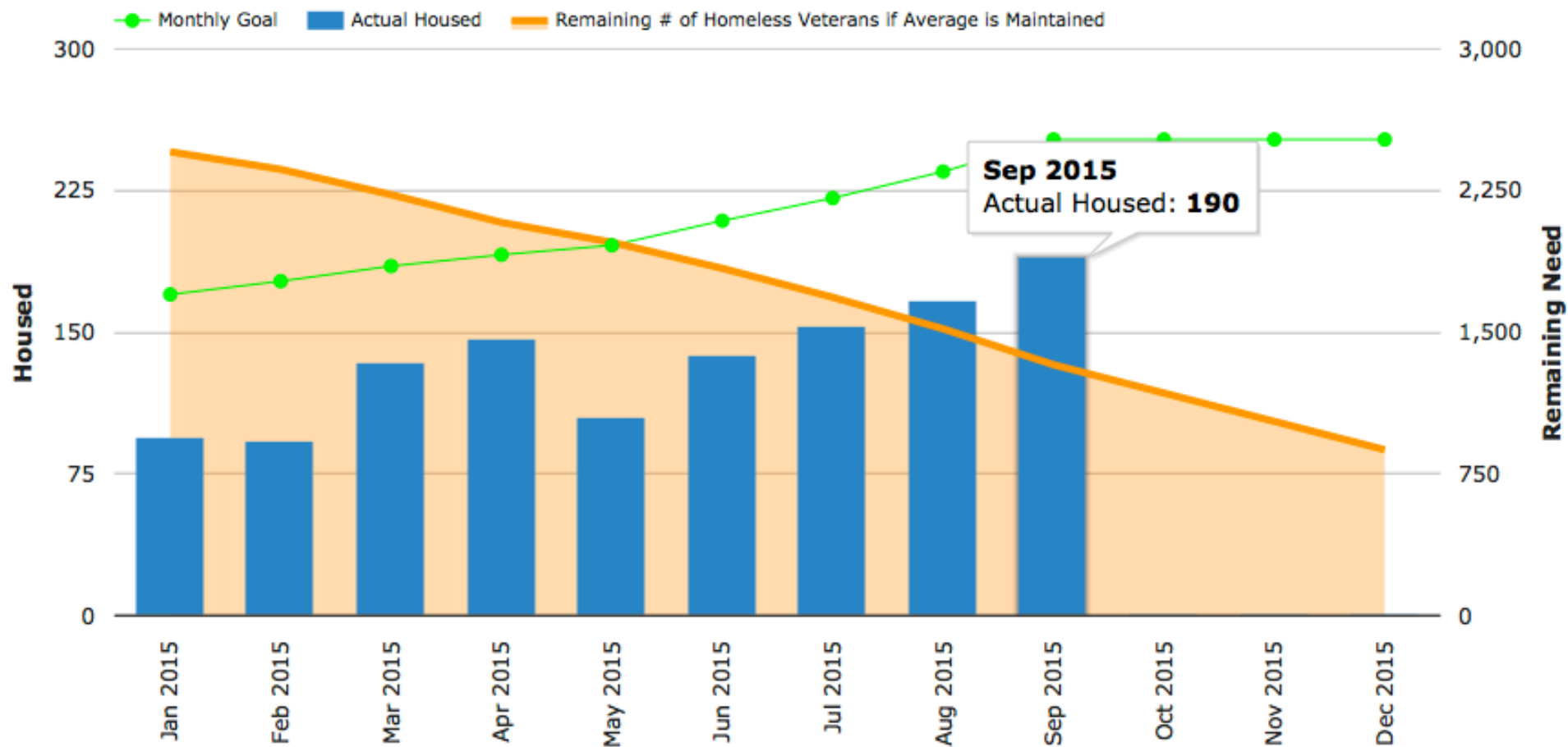
Each month we will place 150-200 Veterans who are homeless into permanent housing



January	95	May	105
February	93	June	138
March	134	July	153
April	147	August	167
September		190	

# Las Vegas CoC

## VETERAN DASHBOARD



# Veteran Definition

- A person who has successfully completed training and served at least 1 day of active duty in one of the 5 main branches of the US Military.

OR

- A person who has served for at least six (6) consecutive years in the National Guard or Reserves.

As indicated on the DD214

# Definition of Ending Veteran Homelessness (Functional or Operational Zero)

- Functional Zero does NOT mean that Veterans will never again experience a housing crisis or homelessness.
- It DOES mean that we have the systems, services, resources and housing inventory to respond quickly and effectively.
- The community has the capacity to prevent homelessness whenever possible and can assist Veterans who fall into homelessness with a rapid return to permanent housing.
- On average, the goal for returning homeless Veterans to permanent housing is 30 days.

## Functional or Operational Zero (continued)

- By the end of 2015, no Veteran will be sleeping on the streets and every Veteran in Southern Nevada who needs a permanent home will have access to one.
- Beginning in 2016, homelessness among Veterans will be BRIEF, RARE AND NON-RECURRING.
- More specifically, as a community we will:
  - Quickly identify and engage Veterans who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness.
  - Provide interventions to prevent Veterans from entering homelessness.
  - Provide immediate access to shelter/transitional housing.
  - Quickly engage the Veteran in a plan to achieve and maintain stable housing.

# United States Interagency Council On Homelessness (USICH)

## Benchmarks for Ending Veteran Homelessness

- 1) The community has identifies all veterans experiencing homelessness.
- 2) The community provides shelter immediately to any veteran experiencing unsheltered homelessness who wants it.
- 3) The community only provides service-intensive transitional housing in limited instances.
- 4) The community has capacity to assist veterans to swiftly move into permanent housing.
- 5) The community has resources, plans, and system capacity in place should any veteran become homeless or be at risk of homelessness in the future.