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**Southern Nevada  
Rapid Results:  
Housing Veterans through HUD VASH**

Committee on Homelessness  
September 13, 2012

# Our Journey

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- Attended the Rapid Results Boot Camp in San Diego
- Developed a 100-day work plan to **house 50 of the most chronic, vulnerable homeless Veterans**
- Conducted bi-weekly face to face planning meetings
- Continued work on improving processes/service delivery
- Presented at Sustainability Review with national leaders in Washington, DC, September 10, 2012

# Our Rapid Results Team

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- Clementine Benjamin, Case Manager, Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Shalimar Cabrera, Executive Director, US Vets Initiative
- Dr. Cynthia Dodge, CRRC Program Manager/Psychologist, VA
- Brenda Fonseca, Deputy Director of Housing Programs, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA)
- Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, Regional Initiatives Office (SNRPC RIO)
- Curtis Hall, Intern, HUD Local Field Office (HUD)
- Gwen Henry, Case Manager, VA
- Vickie Henry, Sr. Management Analyst FPM, HUD

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- John Hill, Director, SNRHA
- Dr. Carolyn Hughes, Chief, Social Work Service, VA
- Asha Jones, Grants Coordinator, SNRPC RIO
- Ken Lobene, Director, HUD
- Deborah Lorenc, Case Manager, VA
- Divya Narala, Americorps VISTA, SNRPC RIO
- Laure Raposa, Eligibility Manager, SNRHA
- Deloris Sawyer, Director of Housing Programs, SNRHA
- Tyrone Thompson, Regional Initiatives Coordinator, SNRPC RIO
- Larry Williams; US Vets Initiative
- Mimi Woodruff, Administrative Assistant, HUD

# Our Work

- Southern Nevada Registry Week, June 11-13, 2012



3:00AM Volunteer Registration.. we're up before Starbucks opens!



One of our Dynamic Duos from US Vets Initiative



County Commissioner Mary Beth Scow joins us for the early morning survey.



Debriefing time!



This is how we do it!

# Our Work

- Southern Nevada Rapid Results Team Meetings



# Statement of Results

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- **RRI Goal: House 50 of the most vulnerable, chronic homeless Veterans in Las Vegas by August 17, 2012.**
- **Current Results: Twenty-six (26) vulnerable, chronic homeless Veterans were housed in Las Vegas by August 17, 2012. (A total of 84 Veterans were housed.)**

# “Welcome Home” Baskets

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- Early August, the Nevada Homeless Alliance and members of the Rapid Results Team worked on a ‘Welcome Home’ Baskets campaign to provide basic needs, supplies and gift cards to Veterans
- Baskets were delivered to Veterans on Friday, August 31, 2012
- Special thanks to various community and faith based partners



# 3 Biggest Innovations

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1. Decreased the time between “referral” and “issuance” of the HUD VASH voucher.
2. Incorporated a universal Vulnerability Index into our community.
3. Will host “Local Boot Camps” engaging other community partners to graduate HUD VASH recipients to other permanent housing options (i.e.: home ownership, etc.) in order to free up slots for other deserving veterans.

# Moving Forward

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- Within our community, there is a shortage of HUD VASH vouchers. We will need more vouchers to accommodate the demand.
- Keep open communication and meet as necessary to keep the momentum of this process.
- Continue to work with National leaders on the many innovations that may develop from our team and help break down the barriers that may exist in keeping us from meeting those goals/endeavors.