

Meeting with VA Community Resources and Referral Center Staff

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James Gatti, VA

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This group met January 26 at noon in Macomb to discuss a formal referral process for veterans that present through the CoC's coordinated entry process or other agencies within the CoC. VA presented their outreach map to demonstrate countries served. Other topics covered were: homeless definition according to the VA; the healthcare and mental healthcare options available; housing supports available through the VA for permanent housing; and other Healthcare for Homeless Veteran outreach services.

The Veteran Referral Initiative group in Adams County was discussed. They can serve as an interim resource for veterans while awaiting VA benefits and services. VRI has the focus of connecting veterans with the VA but recognizes there is often a gap in services so Mary invited James to present at the next VRI meeting in Quincy in February.

The referral process was discussed, and materials were provided by the VA for veteran referrals by agencies in the CoC.