Mapping Business Processes for Washington State's Interagency Veteran Programs

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References within this Document

We have strived to minimize the cross-references within this document so readers won’t have to forward- and back-reference content, which can be cumbersome.

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The primary audience for this report and recommendations are the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) management team stakeholders for the Mapping Business Processes for Washington State’s Interagency Veteran Programs project (herein “project”).

The secondary audience are both DSHS and HCA management, staff and other entities having an interest in the topics presented in this document and who may have an interest resulting from this project’s tie-in and funding via the CAHBI Interlocal Agreement and the SAMHSA grant which has partially funding this project.

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1. **Document Provenance**

This document is a formal deliverable of the *Mapping Business Processes for Washington State's Interagency Veteran Programs* project. It is one of nine total project deliverables:

- Detailed Work Plan and Schedule
- DVA-HCA DVA-DSHS Data Exchange Report
- Federal Authoritative Data Report
- Veteran Homeless Programs Assessment and Recommendations (this document)
- Data Infrastructure Report
- Crosswalk Report
- Process Assessment and Recommendations
- Business Process Management Requirements
- Implementation Recommendations and Plan

1.2. **Purpose**

The purpose of this document is as follows:

- To elaborate the current state (as-is) of business operations at WDVA’s Veterans Services (VS) and Behavioral Health Services (BHS) divisions;
- To identify gaps, needs and pain points of these business operations (pre-implementation of an Enterprise Veterans Case Management System); and,
- To recommend changes and/or improvements to these business operations, both in the short term, and also the medium and long term (post implementation of an Enterprise Veterans Case Management System).
2. **OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

2.1. **Introduction**

2.1.1. **Scope of Modeling**

One contractual obligation of this project was to, among 8 other tasks, document the business processes (called *maps* in the RFP) of the following programs operating within the WDVA’s Veterans Services (VS) and Behavioral Health Services (BHS) divisions:

- Behavioral Health Services (PTSD, Military War Trauma, and others)
- CABHI/BRIDGES
- Claims Quality Assurance
- Clark County IVRS
- Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (HVRP)
- King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services
- Military Transition Council (MTC)
- Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (RVCP)
- Service Center
- Statewide IVP
- Thurston County IVRS
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Transitional Housing Services Program (Building 9)
- Transitional Warrior Program (TWP)
- Vet Corps
- Veterans Conservation Corps
- Veterans Estate Management Program
- Veterans Innovations Program (VIP)

Additionally, other operational areas were documented:

- DD214 database
- DSHS Enhancement Data Sharing
- Health Care Authority Data Sharing

2.1.2. **General Approach**

Current state (as-is) business processes were elicited over the span of three weeks in June 2015. All fifteen program teams were convened—most of them separately—for 90- to 180-minute interview and capture sessions. The processes were then modeled using MS Visio 2013.
Professional using the BPMN\(^1\) v2.0 template\(^2\). All processes were incrementally submitted for review and correction/enhancement by those same teams during June and July, 2015. By July 31, 2015, all 80 processes were completed and approved by stakeholders.

Among the many documents that were used as sources for understanding how each program operates, there were a number of documents generated in 2013 by another State contractor, Operation Military Family (OMF), who in 2013 conducted in-person and phone interviews with many of the same stakeholders we met with face-to-face.

### 2.1.3. The Case for BPMN

We elected to use BPMN as the modeling notational and semantical standard because it is widely used throughout the world, is specifically defined in such detail as to document simple to complex business processes. BPMN depicts the end to end flow of a business process. The notation has been specifically designed to coordinate the sequence of processes and the messages that flow between different process participants (or actors) in a related set of activities.

The world of business processes has changed dramatically over the past few years. Processes can be coordinated from behind, within and over organizations natural boundaries. A business process can now span multiple participants and coordination can be complex. Until BPMN, there has not been a standard modelling technique developed that addresses these issues. BPMN has been developed to provide users with a royalty free notation. This will benefit users in a similar manner in which Unified Modeling Language (UML)\(^3\) standardized the world of software engineering.

BPMN is targeted at a high level for business users and at a lower level for process implementers. The business users should be able to easily read and understand a BPMN business process diagram. The process implementer should be able to adorn a business process diagram with further detail in order to represent the process in a physical implementation. BPMN is targeted at users, vendors and service providers that need to communicate business processes in a standard manner. It is why we chose BPMN since the business processes we have documented will be used as supplementary information for the Phase 3 Request for Proposal. Vendors responding to the RFP should have a fundamental knowledge of BPMN. Further, it was our experience that most all of the stakeholders who reviewed the processes understood them (we gave ample opportunity to review the process design, notation and semantics).

**Note on comparing UML with BPMN:** In Related Document 5 on page 8, we produced all of our analysis artifacts—namely, business entity models and one state model—using the Unified Modeling Language and MS Visio 2010 Premium (equipped with the UML template). UML takes an object-oriented approach to the modeling of applications, while BPMN takes a process-oriented approach to modelling of business operations. Where BPMN has a focus on

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\(^1\) BPMN = Business Process Modeling Notation. For more information, see: [http://www.bpmn.org/](http://www.bpmn.org/)


\(^3\) For more information, see: [http://www.uml.org/](http://www.uml.org/)
business processes, the UML has a focus on software design and therefore the two are not competing notations but are different views on systems. The BPMN and the UML are compatible with each other. A business process model does not necessarily have to be implemented as an automated business process in a process execution language. Where this is the case, business processes and participants can be mapped to constructs such as use cases and behavioral models in the UML.

2.1.4. **How to Read a BPMN Business Process Model**

Most BPMN models are fairly intuitive. However, there may be some constructs and notation with which you will be unfamiliar. Please see Appendix T on page 133 for a primer on how to read a business process model using BPMN.

2.2. **As-Is Business Processes**

This section summarizes the 80 business processes captured. It is categorized by either program (e.g. HVRP), or functional area (e.g. IVP, IVRS). As a result, the same process may be listed under two or more headings, especially re-used sub-processes.

2.2.1. **Behavioral Health Services Processes**

The following processes are documented in Appendix B beginning on page 32:

- **Process Provider Billing** – Contract provider professional billing process.
- **Process Intake Form and OQ45** – Providers submit client intake forms as well as Outcome Questionnaires (each 6 months). This process reviews them for accuracy and completeness and logs each for later reporting.
- **Contract with Provider** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to contract with a PTSD provider.
- **Develop New King County Program** – When King County has available funds, a new program (i.e. called an exhibit) may be proposed and negotiated between the County and WDVA Behavioral Health Services. This process sees the contract to completion.
- **Generate King County Services Report** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order generate five quarterly services reports for King County. Reports include the following: Military Sexual Trauma; Trauma Training; Levy; Revised Code of Washington (RCW); and Military Family.
- **Generate King County Client Profile Report** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order generate three quarterly Client Profile reports for King County. Reports include the following: Levy; Revised Code of Washington (RCW); and Military Family.
- **Generate King County Outcomes Report** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order generate three semi-annual Outcomes reports for King County. Reports include the following: Levy; Revised Code of Washington (RCW); and Military Family.
2.2.2. Veterans Innovations Program Processes

The following processes are documented in Appendix C beginning on page 40:

- Process VIP Application – Eligibility and enrollment into the Veterans Innovations Program (VIP).
- Provide Service Member Guidance – Provides guidance and advice to current active-duty service members that will be transitioning into civilian life within the next 6 months.
- Follow-Up with VIP Client – A Sub-Process for following up with clients enrolled in the VIP to see if they’re still being successful and what additional needs they have.
- Process VIP Program Payment Sub-Process – Sub-Process that tracks and processes various forms of payment and provisions tied to client support requests for the VIP.
- Complete Application – Sub-Process that is used by any calling process (from any WDVA program) when an application must be completed and validated.

2.2.3. Incarcerated Veterans Programs and IVRS Processes

The following processes are documented in Appendix D beginning on page 46:

- IVRS Clark County – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to support incarcerated (and recently released) veterans living in Clark County.
- IVRS Thurston County – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to support incarcerated (and recently released) veterans living in Thurston County.
- WDVA IVP – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to support incarcerated (and recently released) veterans statewide and having served sentences in a Washington State corrections facility.
- King County Process IVP – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to accommodate and serve an inreach (i.e. in jail) referral for the King County Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Services.

2.2.4. Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project Processes

The following processes are documented in Appendix E beginning on page 51:

- Administer Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project – Eligibility and enrollment into the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (HVRP).
- Process HVRP Program Payment Sub-Process – Sub-Process that tracks and processes various forms of payment and provisions tied to client support requests for the HVRP.
- Validate Employment – Sub-Process that checks if HVRP client is employed.
- Validate Payment Request – Sub-Process that checks if HVRP client request for support is valid and has complete supporting documentation.
- Complete Application – Sub-Process that is used by any calling process (from any WDVA program) when an application must be completed and validated.
2.2.5. Service Center Processes

The following processes are documented in Appendix F beginning on page 57:

- **Intake and Triage** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to accommodate a walk-in, email or phone call coming into the Olympia and Retsil Service Centers.

- **Complete Application** – Sub-Process that is used by any calling process (from any WDVA program) when an application must be completed and validated.

- **Assist Client with Claim(s)** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to accommodate a walk-in, email or phone call coming into the Olympia and Retsil Service Centers that has a claim service request.

- **Manage DSHS Community Service Office (CSO) Client Referral** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to accommodate a referral from the Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Community Service Office (CSO) into the Olympia and Retsil Service Centers.

- **Manage Department of Licensing (DOL) Client Referral** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to accommodate a walk-in, email or phone call coming into the Olympia and Retsil Service Centers requesting a 100% Disabled Veterans License Plate.

- **Handle Parks and Recreation Pass Request** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to accommodate a walk-in, email or phone call coming into the Olympia and Retsil Service Centers requesting a Veteran's Parks and Recreation Pass.

- **Handle Hunting and Fishing License Request** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to accommodate a walk-in, email or phone call coming into the Olympia and Retsil Service Centers requesting a Veteran's reduced fee Hunting and/or Fishing License.

- **Analyze and Process HCA-Identified Veteran Claims** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to research and identify veterans accessing services from the Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) that may be eligible for veteran's benefits.

2.2.6. King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services Processes

The following processes are documented in Appendix G beginning on page 66:

- **King County Call Center Operation** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to accommodate a walk-in, email or phone call coming into the King County Call Center requesting service.

- **King County Veterans Housing Options Group (VHOG)** – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to accommodate and refer walk-ins to the King County VHOG meetings.
2.2.7. **Washington Military Transition Council Process**

The following process is documented in Appendix H on page 71:

- **WS Military Transition Council (MTC) Meeting Synchronization** – Documents the sequence of coordinated activities managed and directed by the WDVA MTC coordinator.

2.2.8. **Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot Processes**

The following processes are documented in Appendix I beginning on page 73:

- **Intake Client of Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot** – Initial contact with client (veteran, spouse, family member).
- **Perform RVCP Case Management** – Case management of client over span of the pilot program.
- **Screen and Assess Client Enrolled in Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot** – On scheduled intervals over 12 months, conduct Screening and Self-Sufficiency Assessment with client.
- **Generate Quarterly Report for Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot** – Generation of the quarterly reports and updated MS Access database that is sent to the US Department of Veterans Affairs’ Office of Rural Health.

2.2.9. **Claims Quality Assurance Processes**

The following processes are documented in Appendix J beginning on page 78:

- **Claims Performance Review** – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks that validates and verifies service and quality reports coming from Coalition Members that are rolled up into two monthly reports.
- **Produce Claims Quality Assurance Quarterly Report** – Documents the sequence of tasks and quality checks that are needed to produce the quarterly claim quality director’s report.
- **Process Legislative/Governor’s/Congressional Claim Inquiry** – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks that handles in a timely manner inquiries coming from the Governor’s Office, legislators and/or Washington State members of U.S Congress.

2.2.10. **Veterans Conservation Corps Processes**

The following processes are documented in Appendix K beginning on page 82:
- Collaborate with Partners – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to identify potential VCC collaborators, partner with them, then plan and execute an event.
- Planning Projects with Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to identify potential project sites along the Duwamish River and its tributaries, then plan, fundraise and run the event.
- Site Management and Stewardship – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to maintain project work sites for the VCC program.
- Develop Peer Support – Documents the sequence of tasks that must be performed in order to identify therapeutic needs, then recruit and train VCC peers to fulfill those needs.
- Coordinate with Partners – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to identify potential VCC partners to plan and execute a calendar of events for the year.
- Manage Interns – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to recruit AmeriCorps interns to participate in the VCC program.
- Enroll Intern – Sub-Process that documents the tasks required to evaluate and hire an AmeriCorps intern.
- Run Volunteer Meeting/Community Engagement – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to identify potential VCC volunteers (individuals) to plan and execute a calendar of events for the year.
- Run Training Event – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to recruit training instructors and plan and execute the training event.

### 2.2.11. Traumatic Brain Injury Processes

The following processes are documented in Appendix L beginning on page 92:

- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Case Management – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to evaluate and qualify a client for TBI treatment and benefits.
- Conduct Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Awareness Training – Documents the sequence of tasks to plan and deliver TBI training.
- Recruit Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Contractors – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to recruit and evaluate TBI therapists/providers, then vet and execute a contract as needed.
- Contract with TBI Provider – Sub-Process to plan and execute a contract with a TBI Provider.
- Research TBI Funding Opportunities – Documents the sequence of tasks to identify potential TBI-related grants, apply for the grant, and take action based on the grantor’s decision.

### 2.2.12. Vet Corps Processes

The following processes are documented in Appendix M beginning on page 98:
- Manage Vet Corps Grants – Documents the sequence of tasks to identify potential Vet Corps-related grants, apply for the grant, and take action based on the grantor’s decision.
- Contract with Vet Corps Grantor – Sub-Process to plan and execute a contract with a Vet Corps grantor.
- Recruit Vet Corps Member – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to recruit AmeriCorps interns to participate in the Vet Corps program as members attached to a Vet Corps site.
- Enroll Vet Corps Member – Sub-Process that documents the tasks required to evaluate and hire an AmeriCorps intern for the Vet Corps program.
- Manage Vet Corps Member – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to manage over the program period (10 months) AmeriCorps interns participating as members in the Vet Corps program.
- Monitor Vet Corps Member Progress and Performance – Sub-Process that at regular intervals monitors the progress and performance of a Vet Corps member.
- Recruit Vet Corps Site(s) – Documents the sequence of tasks to identify potential Vet Corps sites, then evaluate and contract with the selected sites.
- Contract with Vet Corps Site Sub-Process – Sub-Process to plan and execute a contract with a Vet Corps site.

2.2.13. **Transitional Housing Services Program Processes**

The following processes are documented in Appendix N beginning on page 107:

- Screen Client – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to screen referred clients into the Building 9 Transitional Housing Services Program (THP)
- Admit Client to Building 9 – Once approved for THP, documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to admit referred clients into the Building 9 THP.
- Perform Client Intake – Once admitted into the THP, documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to perform the intake process for the client.
- Perform Client Follow-Up and Close Out – When exiting the THP, documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to perform follow-up (if requested) and close out of the client’s record.
- Screen Client for CABHI/BRIDGES – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to screen (and then manage) referred clients into THP for the CABHI/BRIDGES programs.
- Meet CABHI/BRIDGES Client Needs – Sub-Process that documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to serve CABHI/BRIDGES clients who desire employment and/or housing.
- Building 9 Soft Case Management – Documents the sequence of tasks for various contact scenarios of Building 9 residents with THP staff who aim to serve and meet requests.
- Process THP Payment – Sub-process that tracks and processes various forms of payment and provisions tied to client support requests from THP (Building 9) residents.

### 2.2.14. Veterans Estate Management Program Processes

The following processes are documented in Appendix O beginning on page 116:

- Welcome VEMP Client and Process Intake – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to screen (and then manage) referred clients into the Veterans Estate Management Program (VEMP)
- Process Payment – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to handle incoming VEMP income payments and to handle recurring, one-time VEMP payments, including arriving bills.
- Process Federal Accounting Reports – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to prepare annual VA and SSA reporting requirements for each VEMP client.
- Close Out VEMP Client – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to close out a client's participation in VEMP due to death, opting with another payee or being found competent.

### 2.2.15. Transitioning Warrior Program Processes

The following processes are documented in Appendix P beginning on page 121:

- Conduct Initial Briefing – Documents the sequence of coordinated tasks to discuss needs with service members at JBLM who need help with transitioning out of active duty as part of WDVA's Transitioning Warrior Program (TWP).
- Conduct Briefing to IDES or Battalion Service Members and Family – Documents the sequence of tasks to deliver TWP briefings to either Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) service members or battalion service members.
- Update Resources – Documents the sequence of tasks to make updates to the resource information used as reference material for service members engaging with the TWP.
- Direct Client to Resources – Documents the sequence of tasks to refer clients (former service members) engaging with the TWP to resources that will help them.
- Conduct Out-processing – Documents the sequence of tasks to refer transitioning service members (within next 10 days) to programs that can assist them.

### 2.2.16. WDVA-to-DSHS Data Exchange Process

The following process is documented in Appendix Q on page 127:

- WDVA-to-DSHS Data Exchange – Documents the data exchange (unidirectional) from WDVA to DSHS to send client DD214 records. Sent quarterly.
2.2.17. **HCA-to-WDVA Data Exchange Process**

The following process is documented in Appendix R on page 129:

- HCA-to-WDVA Data Exchange – Documents the data exchange (bi-directional) from Health Care Authority (HCA) to WDVA send Long Term Care recently approved clients. Sent weekly.

2.2.18. **Request Match Information for DSHS Long Term Care Veteran Clients Process**

The following process is documented in Appendix S on page 131:

- Request Match Information for HCA Long Term Care Veteran Clients – Documents the data exchange (bi-directional) from DSHS to DMDC to send client demographic data records and await a response that may (or may not) include matched PARIS records for those clients from the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). Exchanged quarterly.
3. BUSINESS PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1. Intent of RFP Deliverables

Important Note on Discerning the Intent of RFP Deliverables: Among the nine deliverables for this project that were stated on page 9 in this report, deliverables F4 and F7 as noted in the RFP are very similar.

Deliverable F4 states:

*Provide process mapping and describe on-going interagency homeless veteran programs between DVA, DSHS, and HCA. Include an assessment of needs and gaps and recommendations to improve processes.*

...while Deliverable F7 states:

*Provide a report detailing the results of the interviews and business process recommendations.*

(The underlining is intentional and of our making.)

We view these two deliverables essentially asking for the same thing: recommendations on business process improvement. We have discussed this dilemma with the project executive sponsor and liaison, Steven Gill, and agree to do the following to eliminate any would-be confusion:

- For Deliverable F4, we will confine our recommendations in this report to current business operations and work practices at the program level, not specifically the processes themselves.
- For Deliverable F7, we will focus out recommendations on current state improvements to existing business processes as well as future state recommendation on how the existing process might evolve with the advent of a new EVCMS solution.

3.2. Observations

The following observations and findings have been made after significant interaction with WDVA staff. What follows here should come as no surprise since we have been socializing these Pain Points and areas of frustration with each program team.

- **Manually Intensive** – Veterans Services and Behavioral Health Services can be considered essentially a manual operation, augmented by some basic tooling like Word and Excel. Sure, there may be exceptions—the Vet Corps program’s use of eGrants and America Learns are two examples—but on the whole, there is not a 360° view of our clients that is consistent and widely available to all interested parties in-house (the Vet Corps applications are external to WDVA). A large percentage of processes that are manual (or mixed manual/automated) limit effective use of operational constraints, don’t effectively enforce business rules (or policies) and lay open WDVA staff’s interpretation on what in the process is important (or not) and

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4 Not to be confused with Business Process Recommendation. See Important Note on this page for an explanation.
what sequence the process should take. (Ad hoc work is anticipated but not all ad hoc work is desirable.)

- **Data Quality** – Data quality is an issue at WDVA but you are not alone: it is the single-most vexing problem for public and private enterprises. The reasons are numerous, but most issues arise because of a lack of sustained commitment to the three Ds: *Data Governance* (including quality tactics, security and data issue management); *Data Management* (including ownership, data organization (such as dictionaries and crosswalks, data lifecycles, dissemination, operations, and recovery); and *Data Migration* (because the enterprise is usually always in flux).

Data Quality suffers because humans make errors and without good validation rules for web forms and fields within those forms, data suffers. An unintended consequence to the current user climate at WDVA (where each program maintains their own client data in Word and Excel), is that bad data doesn’t get widely disseminated as it would if a centralized EVCMS were currently implemented. **Note:** Yes, that’s right, data quality will not go away completely with a new EVCMS. Human error is still very much capable of entering the picture.

- **Data Sharing** – Because of the nature of program work, operating culture and an altruistic view of service veterans, it’s easy to get wrapped up in your own world of serving your clients. That, and the lack of collaboration tools—Excel and Word are decidedly not collaboration tools—makes it difficult if not impossible to share information about a client. Lack of robust data sharing (we realize shared folders enable sharing but this is not robust or considered best practice) poses continued risks to sustained data quality and causes extra work effort to keep the process going. Low tech data sharing is prone to human error.

Because data is not shareable there may be extra steps in a business process. These steps could be minimized or eliminated if there were sharing. Also, there is probably extra non-value-added (NVA) work that is performed to manage data folders.

- **Data Governance** – Insufficient or no data governance requires additional manual oversight that otherwise would be avoidable if governance processes and structure were instituted.

- **Data Naming and Range of Values Inconsistent** – Across the spectrum of programs, there are five different range of values (enumerations) for Character of Service. Similar issues exist with Military Era, Gender, Household makeup, income reporting and ranges, and basic identity issues like consistent naming of people (relations), address information and contact information. Naming demographic information is also highly variable (e.g. single vs never married).

- **Insufficient, Inaccurate or No Data Dictionary (Until Now)** – The diverse *language of business* across multiple organizations and stakeholder groups makes data requirements, data sharing, data identification, data validation and even data ownership difficult. Data Dictionaries that fall short in supporting these capabilities and recognizing key language differences (that are not always resolvable) are always problematic. Data crosswalks succumb to the same issues.

- **Data Translation and Presentation** – Lack of a crosswalk infrastructure along with a process to maintain it. (This will be remedied in the future.)
Improper Tooling – Software and hardware tools\(^5\) that are not fit-for-purpose for managing enterprise data and enterprise constituents, and orchestrating business processes and workflow that use that data to serve those constituents. DVA’s tooling is not adequate.

Form Diversity – There is a high variety of form design and content across the spectrum of WDVA programs. Some of this is unavoidable because of programs requiring use of the grantor’s forms, or specific information that must be captured and reported for the grant. But many WDVA programs have devised their own forms, especially intake and/or application forms. Yet, these are still highly variable. And though there are program-specific information on each form, there exists an opportunity to design a common foundational form for all programs, while treating program specific required information as an “add on” to the common form.

3.3. Recommendations

As noted above, we will confine recommendations in this report to current business operations and work practices at the program level. There are as-is process recommendations we have but we will reserve these for Deliverable 7.

We are hopeful these recommendations are practical and realistic for our WDVA stakeholders. Not all will agree with the recommendations but we are optimistic that each one may resonate with at least some management and staff.

There is an overarching objective in formulating these recommendations: many of these you will have to follow these (or variants of these) sooner or later as a new EVCMS is implemented. Culturally and from a morale standpoint, following some or all of these recommendations at an early stage may be a boon in and of itself since the shock of a new system may be lessened if some of the evolved organizational work practices have already been initiated.

3.3.1. Recommendation 1: Strive to Design a Common Application

3.3.1.1. Description

With so much diversity of forms, this seems to be a great place to start, and many stakeholders we’ve spoken with agree. Figure 1 on page 24 illustrates a conceptual model of a common intake/application form for WDVA that seeks to maintain consistency of common form labels and data elements, while allowing for program-specific elements to be added on as sub-forms.

Forms have grown organically and independently to satisfy program team needs. We recommend that the divisions must steer their teams to adopt common formats. It is important to start doing this now and not later when a new system will force you to. Plus, significant (and sometimes extreme) variability in information presentation, both online and in printed products (forms and reports), will mean a commensurate increase in customization

\(^5\) This includes all manner of tool makeup, including office automation suites, point solutions, platforms that don’t integrate well, and devices ill-designed for intended use.
costs. You can avoid unnecessary, real dollar costs by seeking common approaches as much as possible.

Specific recommendations include:

- **Working Group** – Form a working group to address and solve the program. Nominate one person from each program and appoint a committee chair and secretary.

- **Mission Statement** – Conceive and document a brief mission statement so everyone’s on the right “page.” (No pun intended.)

- **Set Goals and Deadline** – No effort will complete successfully without these.

- **Seek Out an Expert** – See if there is a user experience designer within the State’s various agencies that can assist with form design and implementation.

- **Tasks** – Determine the sequence of tasks in order to achieve the goals. Some ideas:
  - Identify all business information for the common section. See what information is absolutely necessary for eligibility and complying to a program grant’s requirements. Others are on the chopping block.
  - Agree on the labels for each (i.e. “Gender” vs. “Sex”)
  - Decide which fields are free text and which required a fixed set of enumerations, which will guide judicious use of checkboxes, among other form widgets.
  - Agree on the enumerations.
  - Resolve collisions and differences.
  - Decide on the tool in which to implement the form (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, or Adobe Form).
  - Appoint one person to layout and design the form.
  - Hold design review sessions to critique the draft and brainstorm ideas on design, content and placement of content.
  - For each program, program manager should drive what content is required.
  - Review with group and decide if some program-specific content can be graduated to the Common portion of the form. (i.e. If 6 of 10 programs use the same data element, it may warrant be moved into the Common portion.)
  - Once drafts of Common and program-specific forms sections are complete, invite all hands to critique them.
  - Trial the form for a pre-determined time. Maybe even pilot the form with a trusted client.
  - Determine the governance for the form: appoint a person to maintain the common form and its add-ins, perhaps plan and hold regularly scheduled quarterly meetings of the working group to review progress, performance and issues.
- Decide if training is required to use the form, and if so, design a simple training session to offer.
- Publish the form (Common plus Program Specific Add-On Sections).

![Figure 1: Model for a common intake/application form.](image)

### 3.3.1.2. Pros
- Saves time and expense of maintaining multiple forms.
- Helps promote a single “face” of WDVA for clients.
- More logical presentation of content.
- Fosters a one-intake experience of common data.
- Provides a common ground for diverse people to work together toward a common goal.
- Develops a shared understanding of program-specific challenges.

### 3.3.1.3. Cons
- Working group participants have real work to do on top of existing workload.
- Time-consuming.
- Working group may lack technical skills to design the form.
- Working group team members may not be willing to bend or compromise on content and placement decisions.
3.3.2. Recommendation 2: Work to Share Information—Anyway

3.3.2.1. Description

One of our first impressions from the first interviews in this project is that file sharing and collaboration wasn’t happening and that it could happen, even if only on a simple and basic scale. The least common denominator for sharing information is with a client’s basic identity, in fact, the content in the common portion of the form just discussed.

The vehicle for making this happen is to implement a shared Excel workbook that everyone must agree is the authoritative source for a client’s identity information. There are technical challenges in doing this, of course, including file locking, versioning, corruption of the file itself, but these may be minor and may be an acceptable tradeoff for any gain in sharing a common view of the WDVA client.

Specific recommendations include:

- Partner with IT – Use the agency’s IT organization as a sounding board for implementing a shared file arrangement. To keep it simple, concentrate on just sharing one master Excel workbook. Ask the IT organization to research the feasibility of implementing a public-domain (e.g. SourceForge) versioning application, such as TortoiseSVN (or others) in order to share and control access to this file. Such a platform would help steer around issues mentioned above (file locking, versioning).

- Establish a Working Group – For this recommendation, you’ll be able to get away with a smaller team, say, four individuals, than can work the issues, implement a solution and report out to the organization as a whole. Use the same structure and general tasking as Recommendation 1.

- Decide on Content – This is a similar effort to Recommendation 1, where you will need to decide the content of your common form. In this case, you’ll need to agree on the content for the workbook. Attempt to make the content as consistent as possible with the common form in Recommendation 1.

- Decide on a unified client ID if not SSN – It seems each program has a slightly different scheme for tracking its clients. This may be mandatory for the program, but a unified method of identifying a unique client is necessary here. (A future EVCMS will likely have its own method for identification.) You may have to maintain a program identifier as a cross-reference, but that may be a small hurdle to overcome.

- Utilize Control Features of Excel – There are perhaps a dozen Excel features that can aid with enforcing and maintaining data quality, including cell formatting, use of data validation rules (including drop-down lists of enumerated values), locking certain cells, and using cell dependencies. Take advantage of any and all that make sense.

- Review, Trial and Train – As with Recommendation 1 (there’s a pattern here), treat the establishment of a new resource just like the common form recommended above. You’ll need testing, buy-in, input and other metrics to make this successful.

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6 In this observation, we were not considering the inter-agency sharing of Certificate of Discharge (DD214) data with DSHS, which we knew to be true at the time.
- Develop an EZ Manual – Write a short guideline in how to open, enter data, save the file, and how to open as a read-only.

3.3.2.2. Pros

- Singular visibility of a client’s identity and demographics from everyone who has the authority to view the client.
- Provides a common ground for diverse people to work together toward a common goal.
- Provides an early opportunity (pre-EVCMS) for staff to get one composite view of the client, if not a 360° view of the programs and services he or she is consuming.
- A well-organized workbook will provide a head-start in importing legacy client data into the new EVCMS.
- Provides a common white board for discussing clients, reviewing the need for additional information the workbook should contain, and what’s clearly not working.

3.3.2.3. Cons

- Absent the technology to aid in controlling access and managing versions, this will fall on the VBSs to enforce, which requires discipline and training.
- Staff may be reluctant to “let go” of part of their client. It’s no longer their own data.
- Staff may be tempted to keep a “private copy” of the data just to ensure that the shared data isn’t corrupted. This is almost a certain factor in eventual failure of the shared file’s value.
- As with Recommendation 1, this will be a time-consuming effort for the working group.
- There will be a ramp-up in transitioning to this process that staff may resist.

3.3.3. Recommendation 3: Launch “Operation Collaboration”

3.3.3.1. Description

It can be a common misperception in today’s software-laden business world that technology is the panacea for collaboration among workers. As with data quality, despite the best efforts of technology and automation, there’s always a human factor that is the highest contributor to success.

In our interviews and discussions with the program teams, the most common refrain (and pain point) was that staff can’t get a total picture of a client and as a result they can’t help that person as effectively. The most common scenario that illustrates this case is when one VBS is out of the office and the VBS working with the client has no way of knowing what other work or treatment has been done with that client. Much of this frustration is because VBS-2 can’t access VBS-1’s files. To some degree, Recommendation 1 will help solve this problem, while Recommendation 2 will definitely alleviate it.
But there is always the soft side of collaboration that has nothing to do with technology. In preparation for a future EVCMS solution, we recommend holding several brainstorming sessions that will unite people to identify out-of-the-box and conventional ideas on how to best collaborate with each other—without the technology crutch. Out-of-the box thinking is an oft-abused term these days but it’s still a useful paradigm.

Some platforms for discussion might include:

- Job sharing
- Cross-training
- Proactive collaboration on clients (meetings)
- Getting around the locked file or folder.
- Building trust
- Presenting one face to the client
- Shared care of the client (co-case management)
- Buddy system
- And perhaps most provocative: is a program-centric scheme of organizing the two divisions the best way to serve clients in the future, where we wish to have a 360° view of the veteran and family and may wish to blend services?

If one or more ideas stick to the wall, you should consider piloting the idea.

3.3.3.2. Pros

- May generate unique and unusual ideas not uncovered by other channels, such as a Suggestion Box, discussed later.
- Provides a setting to brainstorm ideas without the constraints of the job getting in the way.

3.3.3.3. Cons

- Requires facilitation to be effective.
- May take an effort to convince people of its value.

3.3.4. Recommendation 4: Stage a Suggestion Box

3.3.4.1. Description

Sounds antiquated, but anonymous suggestion boxes still work. There are affordable online solutions that WDVA can subscribe to. One such solution is Vetter7, which charges $79/month for an 80-user shared license. (Ideascale is another vendor.)

In the course of interviews and discussion, we sensed a small undercurrent of morale issues among staff. This was not a palpable component in the course of our work with

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7 See: [https://www.getvetter.com/](https://www.getvetter.com/)
stakeholders—we received nothing but the best of cooperation and enthusiasm—but a
Suggestion Box can be one avenue for constructive and anonymous feedback on any variety of
topics that may affect morale.

An equally important function of the Suggestion Box is to get unvarnished feedback about this
very project and its remaining phases. A new, all-encompassing enterprise software platform
can be a joy for many who view change as a positive experience; however, there are always
some who feel threatened by a new endeavor, are unwilling or reluctant to change how they
work, and may even feel their value to the organization will somehow be diminished with the
introduction of new technology. It’s important to provide an outlet for these fears and also
positive outlooks. A Suggestion Box can help.

Specific recommendations include:

- Have a Communication Plan – Decide what the goals of the Box are and communicate
  this to all hands
- Work with Your In-House Expert – Heidi Audette’s communications team can provide
  valuable input to managing the expectations of staff when asking for their anonymous
  ideas, feedback and beefs.
- Promise to Address and Take Action – A Suggestion Box is only as good as the ability
  for staff to see management is listening and being proactive.
- Online is the Only Option – A traditional physical suggestion box is impractical at
  WDVA. In small offices, people will be reluctant to utilize it. Go online.

3.3.4.2. Pros

- Properly promoted, the Box will produce candid feedback about one or more topics.
- Staff who are reluctant to openly discuss an issue may feel comfortable using a Box.

3.3.4.3. Cons

- Indifference to use of the Box.
- Belief that one’s suggestions would be acted upon.

3.3.5. Recommendation 5: Use a Survey

WE won’t belabor the advantages of surveys since WDVA already has experience with online
surveys. Suffice to say that a survey targeted at how people work, collaborate, and anticipate
utilizing a new EVCMS solution may be a valuable experience in shaping the implementation
and deployment of the new system.

3.3.6. Recommendation 6: Recruit a Focus Group of Clients

This may be easier said than done, but we have long advocated for customer focus groups,
whether they be internal groups or external. In this case, however, we recommend recruiting

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8 Our personal experience in both public and private engagements is that there is rarely a direct reduction in force
when a new application platform is introduced.
and assembling a small group of reliable and capable clients that can advise you on a multitude of matters ranging from service quality, access, support, responsiveness, and new ideas you possibly can’t think about because you come from a different perspective.

Companies and public entities often have ample opportunity to initiate such an effort but drop the ball. This is one that may be easy to implement provided you have a core of clients you can draw from.

### 3.3.7. Recommendation 7: Implement a Common Follow-Up Workbook

Just like in Recommendation 1, there may be untold gains if the program teams strive to design and implement a common follow-up Excel workbook. As with other recommendations made here, this may help with transitioning into the new system if the data structure used to follow-up with clients has common elements to it, perhaps even along the lines of the common application and add-on paradigm for the application form.

We recognize that there is definitely program-required follow-up data that will differ from program to program, but it’s worth the effort to look at the feasibility of doing so. If you are dubious of this recommendation’s benefits, think about how your follow-up data will be imported into the new EVCMS. Then think about how your peer’s disparate follow-up data will also be imported.

Today, there may be as many as 15 separate formats and associated content that would have to be blended and tested before importing. Not a trivial task. It may be best to sort out some of the variation now, rather than wait until later.
APPENDIX A. AS-IS BUSINESS PROCESSES INDEX

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## Business Process Mapping for WDVA - AS-IS PROCESS INDEX:

1: Process Provider Billing (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
2: Process Intake Form and OQ45 (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
3: Contract with Provider (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
4: Develop New King County Program (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
5: Generate King County Services Report (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
6: Generate King County Client Profile Report (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
7: Generate King County Outcomes Report (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
8: Process VIP Application (Veteran Services - Veterans Innovations Program)
9: Provide Service Member Guidance (Veteran Services - Veterans Innovations Program)
10: Follow-Up with VIP Client Sub-Process (Veteran Services - Veterans Innovations Program)
11: IVRS Clark County (Veterans Services – Clark County Incarcerated Veterans Program)
12: IVRS Thurston County (Veterans Services – Thurston County Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Services)
13: WDVA VIP (Veterans Services – Statewide Incarcerated Veterans Program)
14: Administer Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (Veterans Services - HVRP)
15: Process VIP Program Payment Sub-Process (Veterans Services – VIP)
16: Process HVRP Program Payment Sub-Process (Veterans Services – HVRP)
17: Validate Employment Sub-Process (Veterans Services - HVRP)
18: Validate Payment Request Sub-Process (Veterans Services – HVRP)
19: Intake and Triage (Veterans Services – Service Center)
20: Complete Application Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Multiple Programs)
21: Assist Client with Claim(s) (Veterans Services – Service Center)
22: Manage DSHS Community Service Office (CSO) Client Referral (Veterans Services – Service Center)
23: Manage Department of Licensing (DOL) Client Referral (Veterans Services – Service Center)
24: Handle Parks and Recreation Pass Request (Veterans Services – Service Center)
25: Handle Hunting and Fishing License Request (Veterans Services – Service Center)
26: Analyze and Process HCA-Identified Veteran Claims (Veterans Services – Olympia Service Center)
27: King County Call Center Operation (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)
28: King County Veterans Housing Options Group (VHOG) (Veterans Services – King Cty. Homeless and Incarcerated Services)
29: King County Process Walk-In (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)
30: King County Process VIP (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)
31: WS Military Transition Council Meeting Synchronization (Washington Military Transition Council)
32: Intake of Intake Client of Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (RVCP) (Veterans Services – Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot)
33: Perform RVCP Case Management (Veterans Services – Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot)
34: Screen and Assess Client Enrolled in Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (Veterans Services RVCP)
35: Generate Quarterly Report for Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (Veterans Services RVCP)
36: Claims Performance Review (Veterans Services – Claims Quality Assurance)
37: Produce Claims Quality Assurance Quarterly Report (Veterans Services – Claims Quality Assurance)
38: Process Legislative/Governor’s/Congressional Claim Inquiry (Veterans Services – Claims Quality Assurance)
39: Collaborate with Partners (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
40: Planning Projects with Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
41: Site Management and Stewardship (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
42: Develop Peer Support (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
43: Coordinate with Partners (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
44: Manage Interns (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
45: Enroll Intern Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
46: Run Volunteer Meeting/Community Engagement (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
47: Run Training Event (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
48: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Case Management (Veterans Services – TBI Program)
49: Conduct Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Awareness Training (Veterans Services – TBI Program)
50: Recruit Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Contractors (Veterans Services – TBI Program)
51: Contract with TBI Provider Sub-Process (Veterans Services – TBI Program)
52: Research TBI Funding Opportunities (Veterans Services – TBI Program)
53: Manage Vet Corps Grants (Veterans Services – Vet Corps)
54: Contract with Vet Corps Grantor Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)
55: Recruit Vet Corps Member (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)
56: Enroll Vet Corps Member Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)
57: Manage Vet Corps Member (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)
58: Monitor Vet Corps Member Progress and Performance Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)
59: Recruit Vet Corps Site(s) (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)
60: Contract with Vet Corps Site Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)
61: Screen Client (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
62: Admit Client to Building 9 (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
63: Perform Client Intake (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
64: Perform Client Follow-Up and Close Out (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
65: Screen Client for CABHI/BRIDGES (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
66: Meet CABHI/BRIDGES Client Needs Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
67: Building 9 Soft Case Management (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
68: Process TBP Payment Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP))
69: Welcome VEMP Client and Process Intake (Veterans Services – Veterans Estate Management Program)
70: Process Payment (Veterans Services – Veterans Estate Management Program)
71: Process Federal Accounting Reports (Veterans Services – Veterans Estate Management Program)
72: Close Out VEMP Client (Veterans Services – Veterans Estate Management Program)
73: Conduct Initial Briefing (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
74: Conduct Briefing to IDES or Battalion Service Members and Family (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
75: Update Resources (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
76: Direct Client to Resources (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
77: Conduct Outprocessing (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
78: WDVA-to-DSHS Data Exchange (Veterans Services – Olympia Service Center)
79: HCA-to-WDVA Data Exchange (Veterans Services – Olympia Service Center)
80: Request Match Information for HCA Long Term Care Veteran Clients (Health Care Authority – Veterans Benefit Program)
APPENDIX B. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROCESSES

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1. Process Provider Billing (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
2. Process Intake Form and OQ45 (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
3. Contract with Provider (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
4. Develop New King County Program (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
5. Generate King County Services Report (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
6. Generate King County Client Profile Report (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
7. Generate King County Outcomes Report (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)
AS-IS PROCESS 2: Process Intake Form and OQ45 (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)

Provider

Corrected Steps

OQ45

6 Month Time Interval For Outcome Report

Updated

Intake Form Received from Provider

Corrected Steps

Update

Validate Form Completeness

Correct?

Self Correct?

OQ45 or Intake Form

Used by

Correct Form

No

Note Corrective Steps Required

Corrective Steps

Update

Log Form Content (Excel)

File Paperwork

Corrected Steps

New Fiscal Year Begins

For State contracts, fiscal year begins on July 1; for King County contracts; fiscal year begins on January 1.

Scan and eFile

Demographics (Excel)

Update

6 Month Time Interval For Outcome Report

Update

OQ45 Log or Intake Log

Update

Note Corrective Steps Required

Corrective Steps

For State contracts, fiscal year begins on July 1; for King County contracts; fiscal year begins on January 1.
AS-IS PROCESS 3: Contract with Provider (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)

King County Contract Manager

Provider (VTSC) Data Compiler Contract Manager

Budget and Financial Analyst

Data Compiler

1. Create CPAR
   - Used by: Provider Documentation Set
   - Developed and Complete Contract (Word)
   - Contract with Signature Request
   - Signed Contract
   - Executed Contract

2. Create Customized A19
   - Used by: Provider Documentation Set
   - A19
   - OQ43
   - Executive Contract

3. Review Intakes with Provider
   - Used by: Documentation Set
   - Review
   - Intakes with Provider
   - Create

4. Discuss Terms with Provider
   - Used by: Documentation Set
   - Discuss
   - Terms with Provider
   - Create

5. Contact Provider for Question
   - Used by: Documentation Set
   - Contact
   - Provider for Question
   - Create

6. Resource Needed (because Program is funded or provider left)
   - Terms, payment plan, scope of service, etc.

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)

King County Contract Manager

Provider (VTSC) Data Compiler Contract Manager

Budget and Financial Analyst

Data Compiler

1. Create CPAR
   - Used by: Provider Documentation Set
   - Developed and Complete Contract (Word)
   - Contract with Signature Request
   - Signed Contract
   - Executed Contract

2. Create Customized A19
   - Used by: Provider Documentation Set
   - A19
   - OQ43
   - Executive Contract

3. Review Intakes with Provider
   - Used by: Documentation Set
   - Review
   - Intakes with Provider
   - Create

4. Discuss Terms with Provider
   - Used by: Documentation Set
   - Discuss
   - Terms with Provider
   - Create

5. Contact Provider for Question
   - Used by: Documentation Set
   - Contact
   - Provider for Question
   - Create

6. Resource Needed (because Program is funded or provider left)
   - Terms, payment plan, scope of service, etc.

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PTSD Provider List (PDF)
Update
Provider List
Update
Website

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AS-IS PROCESS 4: Develop New King County Program [Life of Contract] (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)

1. **King County Manager**

2. **Provider**

3. **CFO**
   - **Opportunity For New Program**
   - **Scope of Practice Request**
   - **Prepare Request For Spending Authority**
   - **Spending Authority Request**
   - **Analyze Existing Contract with Contract Manager**
   - **New Contract Request**
   - **Review Contract Requirements with Provider and Contract Manager**

4. **Contract Manager**
   - **CPAR**
   - **Develop and Complete Contract**
   - **Signed Contract**
   - **Executed Contract**

5. **Program Director**
   - **Scope of Practice Request**
   - **Exhibit**

6. **Budget and Financial Analyst**

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AS-IS PROCESS 5: Generate King County Services Report (Behavioral Health Services PTSD)

Key:
- MST = Military Sexual Trauma
- RCW = Revised Code of Washington

For each of five Service Reports:
MST; Trauma; Levy; RCW; Military Family

Report and Approval Request

Review Report (Excel)

Approve

Yes

Report and Approval Request

Report and Approval Request

Review and Extract Report Content into King County Services Report (Excel)

Create

King County Services Report

Update

Update

Corrections

Corrections

Store

Store

Forecast

Forecast

Each Quarter

Each Month

Note:
VTSC 047F only used for MST and Trauma versions of King County Services Report

VTSC 047F Reports Received (2 reports)

VTSC 047F Reports (6 reports)

King County Monthly Session Hours

King County Services Reports (5 reports)

Approval

Approval

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For each of five Service reports, update the report and extract report content into the King County Outcomes Report. Complete report narratives and review reports. If approved, update the report. If not approved, review and extract report content again. RCW = Revised Code of Washington.

King County Outcomes Reports (3 reports)

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APPENDIX C. VETERANS INNOVATIONS PROGRAM PROCESSES

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These include the following as-is processes:

- 8: Process VIP Application (Veteran Services - Veterans Innovations Program)
- 9: Provide Service Member Guidance (Veteran Services - Veterans Innovations Program)
- 10: Follow-Up with VIP Client Sub-Process (Veterans Services - Veterans Innovations Program)
- 15: Process VIP Program Payment Sub-Process (Veterans Services – VIP)
- 20: Complete Application (Veterans Services – Multiple Programs)
Most clients have payment needs during the application stage; however there are occasional addition payment requests made during the course of the program duration.
AS-IS PROCESS 9: Provide Service Member Guidance (Veteran Services - Veterans Innovations Program)

Key:
- ESD = Employment Security Department
- CAT = Commissioner Approved Training

1. Brief VIP to JBLM Cohorts
2. Service Member Good Candidate for Case Management?
3. Needs Help Completing Service-Connected Disability Claim?
4. Needs Transitional Healthcare Benefits?
5. Needs Unemployment Benefits?
6. Medical Records Needed?
7. Medical Records Requested?
8. Other Needs?
9. Service Member Contacts VIP
10. Supporting Documents Needed?
11. Supporting Documents Delivered Yes?
12. Supporting Documents Delivered No?
13. Services Needed?
14. Medical Records Needed Yes?
15. Medical Records Requested Yes?
16. Medical Records Requested No?
17. Other Needs?
18. Process VIP Application
19. VIP Candidate?
20. Eligible for Other Programs?
21. For each program
   - Yes
   - No

For next 16 weeks of case management

Contact from JBLM

Service Member

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)

VIP Coordinator

Key:
- ESD = Employment Security Department
- CAT = Commissioner Approved Training
AS-IS PROCESS 10: Follow-Up with VIP Client Sub-Process (Veterans Services - Veterans Innovations Program)

Called by PROCESS: 8

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)

VIP

Client

For each program

Referral

Offer of Assistance

For each program

Notify Of Status

30 Days After Approval

60 Days After Approval

90 Days After Approval

Contact Client and Assess Status

Satisfactory Status?

Yes

No

Is program ending for Client?

Yes

No

Client is advised he/she must reapply

Referral

30 Days After Approval

60 Days After Approval

90 Days After Approval

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Any Appropriate Staff Member

Case Mgr. Applicant

AS-IS PROCESS 20: Complete Application Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Multiple Programs)

Called by PROCESSES: 9, 19, 21

Note: Some programs involve a case manager. If this is the case, then all communications to the client also are duplicated to the case manager.

Applicant could be Veteran (i.e. client), Intern, Other Party

Request

Corrective Steps

No

Yes

Corrected Steps

Request Corrective Steps

Application

Review Application and Supporting Documents

Used by

Application

Complete

Corrected Steps Received

Note Request Corrective Steps Required

No

Yes

Corrected Steps

APPLICATION: WDVA

DATE: 2015-06-16

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APPENDIX D. INCARCERATED VETERANS PROGRAMS AND IVRS PROCESSES

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- 11: IVRS Clark County (Veterans Services – Clark County Incarcerated Veterans Program)
- 12: IVRS Thurston County (Veterans Services – Thurston County Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Services)
- 13: WDVA IVP (Veterans Services – Statewide Incarcerated Veterans Program)
- 30: King County Process IVP (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)
Veterans Court Phases:
1. Opt-In (Initiation)
2. Treatment and Enhancements (Achievements) (i.e., School, Job Hunt)
3. Complete Treatment (and possibly aftercare)
4. Employed, or Full-Time Student, or (for seniors) Community Service, or Aftercare Portion. Must be sanction free.

If successful, four phases, eligible for graduation.
AS-IS PROCESS 12: IVRS Thurston County (Veterans Services – Thurston County Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Services)

Referral Channels:
- Booking
- Classification
- Mental Health
- Vet Court (already in program)

Veterans Court Phases:
1. Opt-In (Initiation)
2. Treatment and Enhancements (Achievements) (i.e. School; Job Hunt)
3. Complete Treatment (and possibly aftercare)

If successful three phases and graduation requirements, eligible for graduation.
AS-IS PROCESS 13: WDVA IVP (Veterans Services – Statewide Incarcerated Veterans Program)

Identification:
- Identify client via DD214
- Review social stipulations
  - Client has VA medical history?
    - Yes
    - No
  - Present disabilities?
    - Yes
    - No

Evaluation:
- Evaluate time in prison
- Determine primary provider
- Reinstate veteran for disability
  - For each disability

Monitors:
- Enroll client
- Review VA medical history
- Determine primary provider
- Referral
  - For each program

Referral:
- Conduct group meeting with clients
- Close loop with original referees
- Conduct heart-to-heart meeting with client
- Options:
  - Follow standard
  - DOC Rehabilitation

Housing Program Examples:
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF)
- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)

Any present disabilities before incarceration (i.e.):
- TBI
- PTSD

Examples:
- Housing
- Employment
- Personal
- Transportation
- Skills development
- School

Examples:
- Sexual offender
- Drug treatment
- Restraining order(s)
- Internal DOC No.
- Valid ID
- Medical
- Warrants (F.T.A)

Walk-in
- Used by

DD214

Typical Veteran Status:
- In Dept. of Corrections (DOC) System
- Convicted and incarcerated
- Convicted and released

Referral received (work source)
AS-IS PROCESS 30: King County Process IVP (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)

**Subject Matter Experts Consulted:**
- Kimberly Doering – WDVA
- Valinda Hayes-Martinez – WDVA

**Examples:**
- PTSD
- Health (i.e. hypertension)
- Stabilization factors

**Tasks:**
1. Identify Client
2. Discuss Needs with Client
3. Enter Client Information (Excel)
4. Determine Veteran Status
5. For each program
   - Assess Needs with Client (Inside/Out)
6. Referral From Front Desk (Process Walk-In)
7. Begin Intensive Case Management
8. Weekly for First 30 Days After Intake
9. Assess Status and Needs
10. Failing?
11. 30 Days After Intake
12. 90 Days After Intake
13. End Intensive Case Management
14. Return to WDVA Internal Programs (Process Walk-In)
15. Work Behind Scenes to Coordinate and to Help Stabilize Situation
16. Complete Referrals
17. Advice to K.C. Jail
18. Notice

**Other Programs**
- Mental Health Court
- Drug Court

**Sources:**
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- SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS CONSULTED: Kimberly Doering – WDVA
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APPENDIX E. HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PROJECT PROCESSES

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These include the following as-is processes:

- 14: Administer Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (Veterans Services - HVRP)
- 16: Process HVRP Program Payment Sub-Process (Veterans Services – HVRP)
- 17: Validate Employment (Veterans Services – HVRP)
- 18: Validate Payment Request (Veterans Services – HVRP)
- 20: Complete Application (Veterans Services – Multiple Programs)
AS-IS PROCESS 14: Administer Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (Veterans Services - HVRP)

Factors:
- Valid Phone Number
- (or) Valid Email
- Wages confirmed
- Housing confirmed
- 32-hours+ Work/week

[WDVA calls client 3 times.]
AS-IS PROCESS 18: Validate Payment Request Sub-Process (Veterans Services - HVRP)

Called by PROCESS: 14

Vendor

Case Mgr.

Client

WDVA

HVRP

Note Requested Corrective Steps Required

Request Corrective Steps

Corrective Steps

Corrective Steps

Corrective Steps

Corrective Steps

Corrective Steps

Corrective Steps

Request Corrective Steps

Review Request and Supporting Documents

Complete?

Yes

No

Receive Quote(s) and Payment Type(s)

Get Quotes and Payment Type(s)

Review Request and Supporting Documents

Complete?

Yes

No

Request Complete

File Receipts, Quotes and Paperwork into Client File

Request Cancelled

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AS-IS PROCESS 20: Complete Application Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Multiple Programs)

Called by PROCESSES: 9, 19, 21

Applicant could be Veteran (i.e. client), Intern, Other Party

Note: Some programs involve a case manager. If this is the case, then all communications to client also are duplicated to case manager.
APPENDIX F. SERVICE CENTER PROCESSES

These processes apply for both the Olympia and Retsil Service Centers.

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These include the following as-is processes:

- 19: Intake and Triage (Veterans Services – Service Center)
- 20: Complete Application (Veterans Services – Multiple Programs)
- 21: Assist Client with Claim(s) (Veterans Services – Service Center)
- 22: Manage DSHS Community Service Office (CSO) Client Referral (Veterans Services – Service Center)
- 23: Manage Department of Licensing (DOL) Client Referral (Veterans Services – Service Center)
- 24: Handle Parks and Recreation Pass Request (Veterans Services – Service Center)
- 25: Handle Hunting and Fishing License Request (Veterans Services – Service Center)
- 26: Analyze and Process HCA-Identified Veteran Claims (Veterans Services – Service Center)
AS-IS PROCESS 19: Intake and Triage (Veterans Services – Service Center)

In the email scenario, could be a dialogue with client to determine right resources to refer.
AS-IS PROCESS 20: Complete Application Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Multiple Programs)

Called by PROCESSES: 9, 19, 21

Case Mt.

Applicant could be Veteran (i.e. client), Intern, Other Party

Request

Corrective Steps

No

Corrected Steps

Yes

Corrected Steps Received

Request to Complete Application

Completed Application

Application

Request

Note: Some programs involve a case manager. If this is the case, then all communications to client also are duplicated to case manager.

Note Request Corrective Steps Required

No

Yes

Complete

Review Application and Supporting Documents

Used by

Application

Application Complete
St. Paul Pension Management Center (PMC) handles Non-Service Connected Disability Pension, Death Pension and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). Currently sent via Fax or USPS.

As a part of its transformation from paper to electronic processing, VA has established two Claims Intake Centers for consolidated receipt of paper compensation claims and related correspondence. Paper claims and supporting documents are sent to these centers, including Janesville (where State of WA sends) where they will then be converted to electronic format for processing.

Note: Seattle Claims Quality Assurance Office follow this process when taking a claim.
AS-IS PROCESS 22: Manage DSHS Community Service Office (CSO) Client Referral (Veterans Services – Service Center)

**CSO Rep.**

**Client**

1. **Enter Referral (Excel)**
   - Assessment Form
   - Completed Assessment

2. **Assess Needs and Eligibility of Client**
   - Determine Existing Benefits
   - Already Served or Receiving VA Healthcare?
     - No
     - Yes

3. **Forms and Information**
   - CSO Referral Log
   - Update Status
   - Update

4. **Completed Assessment**
   - Verify Client Address
     - Yes
     - No
       - Corrections Available?
         - Yes
         - No
       - No valid mailing address.

5. **Corrections (Excel)**
   - Report Request
   - Report
   - Prepare Report (Excel)
   - CSO Report

**WDVA Veterans Benefits Specialist (VBS)**

**For Veterans Assistance Fund**

- Report Request
- Report
- Create

**Subject Matter Experts Consulted:**
- Venus Bailey - WDVA
AS-IS PROCESS 24: Handle Parks and Recreation Pass Request (Veterans Services – Service Center)

Client

Parks Pass Request

Request

ID or other proof

WDVA

Veterans Benefits Specialist (VBS)

Requests

Disabled

Veteran

Parks

Pass

Application

Verify Client's 30% Disabled Status (VBA SHARE)

Eligible?

Yes

No

Access Award Letter [VBA SHARE]

WDVA has Award Letter

PDVA

Request Picture ID or Other Proof of Residence

Verify Client's 30% Disabled Status (VBA SHARE)

Eligible?

Yes

No

Yes

No

Access Award Letter

Client Has Award Letter

WDVA is POA

Client has Award Letter

Access Award Letter

Application for Veterans Lifetime Pass

Advise Client to use eBenefits to Generate Benefits Letter

Yes

No

Other proof may be utility bill

Resident?

Yes

No

Other proof may be utility bill

Advise Client to use eBenefits to Generate Benefits Letter

Yes

No

Client Requests Disabled Veteran Parks Pass

Request Picture ID or Other Proof of Residence

Picture ID or Other Proof

WDVA AS-IS PROCESSES_V19 (v1)
AS-IS PROCESS 25: Handle Hunting and Fishing License Request (Veterans Services – Service Center)

Client

Hunting/Fishing License Request

ID or other proof

Advice

Application

WDVA

Veterans Benefits Specialist (VBS)

WDVA is POA?

Yes

Access Award Letter (VBS SHARE)

Hunter / Fisher Veterans Reduced Fee Application

No

WDVA II PQA

Client Has Award Letter

Yes

Access Award Letter

No

Advise Client to use eBenefits to Generate Benefits Letter

Client Requests Disabled Disabled Veteran Hunting / Fishing License

Request Picture ID or Other Proof of Residency

Picture ID or Other Proof

Verify Client’s 30% Disabled Status (VBA SHARE)

Yes

Eligible?

Yes

Access Award Letter

No

Advise Client may pay more for license due to being non-resident

No

WDVA is POA?

Yes

Access Award Letter

No

Advise Client to use eBenefits to Generate Benefits Letter

Other proof may be utility bill

Other proof

Yes

Resident?

Yes

Client Has Award Letter

Yes

Access Award Letter

No

Advise Client to use eBenefits to Generate Benefits Letter

Resident?

No

Yes

No

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APPENDIX G. KING COUNTY HOMELESS AND INCARCERATED SERVICES

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- 27: King County Call Center Operation (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)
- 28: King County Veterans Housing Options Group (VHOG) (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)
- 29: King County Process Walk-In (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)
- 30: King County Process IVP (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)
AS-IS PROCESS 27: King County Call Center Operation (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)

1. **Call Arrives**
   - From VMOG Sign-up

2. **Identify Client**
   - Used by: intake form

3. **Discuss Needs with Client**
   - Create: call center client tracking

4. **Enter Client Information (Excel)**
   - For each program

5. **Eligible for Other Programs?**
   - Yes
     - Referral
   - No

6. **Validate Referral Success with Client (Excel)**
   - Successful Outcome?
     - Yes
       - Close Out (Excel)
     - No

7. **Update Call Center Tracking**

8. **Reassess Needs with Client**
   - From Walk-In End Event (Walk-In Process)

9. **If program provider is local, also validate with them**
AS-IS PROCESS 28: King County Veterans Housing Options Group (VHOG) (Veterans Services – King Cty. Homeless and Incarcerated Services)

**Housing Provider(s):**
- Federal VA
- WDVA
- S.S.V.F.

**Client:underline:**
- Referral
- Housing Options

**VHOG Meeting Begun**

**Call Center:**
- Conduct Sign-In
- Identify Clients
- Housing Options Available
- Sign-Up Sheet
- Housing Options
- At First Opportunity
- Review Sign-Up Sheet to Identify Clients
- Sign-Up Sheet
- Contact Client to Discuss Options
- For each client on sheet
- Client has interest?
- No
- Yes
- VHOG Sign-Up (Call Center Process)

**WDVA:**
- Conduct Sign-In
- Identify Clients
- Determine Eligibility
- Housing Options
- Eligible?
- No
- Yes
- Prepare Supporting Documentation
- Consult with Homeless Veterans Reintegration Coordinator
- Housing Available?
- No
- Yes
- Accepts Client?
- Yes
- No
- Present Admission Letter
- Emergency Shelter Bed Available?
- No
- Yes
- Single Man Agreeable to Terms and Conditions?
- No
- Yes

**Supporting Documentation:**
- C.O.D.
- Length of military service
- Monthly income
- Criminal history
- Gender
- Household size (single, family, etc.)

**WDVA Meeting Begun**

**Stakeholders Consulted:**
- Kimberly Dearing – WDVA
- Kathy Aiken – WDVA
- Robert Sway – WDVA
- Kay Spelvand – WDVA
AS-IS PROCESS 29: King County Process Walk-In (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)
AS-IS PROCESS 30: King County Process IVP (Veterans Services – King County Homeless and Incarcerated Services)

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**Inreach**
- Referral

**Referral From Front Desk (Process Walk-In)**
- Yes
  - Begin Intensive Case Management
- No
  - Weekly for First 30 Days After Intake

**Assess Status and Needs**
- Yes
  - 90 Days After Intake
- No
  - 30 Days Expired

**Failing?**
- Yes
  - Complete Referrals
- No
  - Work Behind Scenes to Coordinate and to Help Stabilize Situation

**Complete Referrals**
- End Intensive Case Management

**Assess Status and Needs**
- Yes
  - 90 Days Expired
- No
  - 30 Days After Intake

**Determine Veteran Status**
- Yes
  - Client poised to be released from Jail
- No
  - Advised to KC Jail

**Referral**
- From Front Desk (Process Walk-In)

**Examples:**
- PTSD
- Health (i.e. hypertension)
- Stabilization factors

**Examples:**
- Mental Health Court
- Drug Court

**OTHER PROGRAM(S)**
- WDVA
- IVRS Staff

**Client Information (Excel)**
- Enter Client Information
- IVRS Intake Form
- VA Statement of Service

**Identification**
- Identify Client
- Discuss Needs with Client

**Need for VA Client:**
- No
  - IVRS Intake Form
- Yes
  - Create

**Assessment:**
- Assess Needs with Client
- (Inside/Out)

**Walk-In?**
- Yes
  - Enter Client Information
- No
  - Determine Veteran Status

**IVRS Staff**
- IVRS Staff
- Jail

**King County Jail**
- Jail
- IVRS Staff
APPENDIX H. WASHINGTON MILITARY TRANSITION COUNCIL PROCESS

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These include the following as-is processes:

- 31: WS Military Transition Council (MTC) Meeting Synchronization (Washington Military Transition Council)
APPENDIX I. RURAL VETERANS COORDINATION PILOT PROCESSES

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These include the following as-is processes:

- 32: Intake Client of Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (Veterans Services – Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot)
- 33: Perform RVCP Case Management (Veterans Services – Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot)
- 34: Screen and Assess Client Enrolled in Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (Veterans Services – Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot)
- 35: Generate Quarterly Report for Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (Veterans Services – Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot)
Within 7 Days of Client Referral:

- Interview and Discuss Needs with Client

- Client resides in approved RVCP service area?
  - Yes
  - No

Eligible for RVCP?

- Yes
- No

- Request Completion of WestCare Consent Form
  - Yes
  - No

- Eligible for Other Programs?
  - Yes
  - No

- Perform Eligibility Triage (Excel)
  - Eligible for RVCP?
    - Yes
    - No

- Create WestCare Research Consent Form
  - Add Client Intake Form and Self-Sufficiency (WestCare CDS)
  - Update Client Data Tracking Sheet (Excel)

- Note: CDS is WestCare’s Clinical Data System

Sources of Referrals:
- Lines for Life (Crisis Hotline Staff)
- WDVA
- VSOs
- First responders
- Non-profits
- Other State agencies
- County Veterans Relief Fund
- Food banks
- Colleges
- Elected officials
- Other partner organizations

- Perform RVCP Case Management

- iCarol is Lines for Life’s Helpline Management CRM

- Input Data (VA Access DB)
  - Update Referral and Partnership Data (Carol)
  - Input New Client ID and Other Information (Carol)
AS-IS PROCESS 33: Perform RVCP Case Management (Veterans Services – Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot)

While client is in RVCP program and has needs (interval determined by Navigator)

Reach Out to Client to Assess Status

Determine Eligibility for Veteran Benefits

Determine Additional Client Needs

Can Needs Be Satisfied?

For each Client Need

Yes

No

For each benefit

Eligible

Referral

Update Client Case (WestCare CDS)

Update Client Data Tracking Sheet

Referral to WestCare CDS

Referral from WestCare CDS

Update Client Case Data Tracking Sheet

Referral from Lines for Life

Update iCarol

Replicate Client Case to Lines for Life [iCarol]

Note: CDS is WestCare’s Clinical Data System

Note: iCarol is Lines for Life’s Helpline Management CRM

Note: The time interval for this large “looping task” is dependent on the Navigator’s relationship with the client, the client’s overall needs, and desire to collaborate with Navigator.

For each benefit

Eligible

Referral

Update Client Case (WestCare CDS)

Update Client Data Tracking Sheet

Referral from WestCare CDS

Referral from Lines for Life

Update iCarol

Replicate Client Case to Lines for Life [iCarol]

Close Out Client Case (WestCare CDS)

Close Out Client (and File)

Update iCarol

Replicate Client Case to Lines for Life [iCarol]

Close Out Client (and File)
AS-IS PROCESS 34: Screen and Assess Client Enrolled in Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (RVCP) (Veterans Services – Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot)

Web Care

Research Assistant

Navigator

2 Months after Enrollment

5 Months after Enrollment

11 Months after Enrollment

12 Months after Enrollment

Contact Client to Schedule Follow-up

6 Months after Enrollment

Conduct Screening and Self-Sufficiency Assessment With Client

Enter Screening and Self-Sufficiency Assessment (WestCare CDS)

Score Screening and Self-Sufficiency Assessment (WestCare CDS)

Create or Update

Integrated Veterans Comprehensive Screening Functional Acuity & Self-Sufficiency Matrix

Communicate Results

Communicate Results

Client

Flint Ended for Client?

No

Yes

Pilot Ended for Client?
AS-IS PROCESS 35: Generate Quarterly Report for Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (RVCP)
(Veterans Services – Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot)

Each Quarter (5 Days After End of Previous Quarter)

Download Data From Sources and Clean as Necessary

Analyse Data

Compile Quarterly Report (Word)

Review Report

Discuss Report and Identify Improvements

Changes Required of Report?

Yes

Update Quarterly Report (Word)

15 Days After End of Previous Quarter

Reports and Approval Request

Sent to Office of Rural Health:
1) WestCare Home Base Program (VA RVCP) Quarterly Evaluation Reports
2) Client Satisfaction Surveys
3) VA Access Database

No

During Biweekly Conference Call. Navigators are asked to interpret data as needed.

WestCare Home Base Program (VA RVCP) Quarterly Evaluation Report (PDF)

Create

Review Report

Used by:

Review Reports (Adobe Reader)

Approve

No

Corrections

Yes

Corrections

Sent to Office of Rural Health:
1) WestCare Home Base Program (VA RVCP) Quarterly Evaluation Reports
2) Client Satisfaction Surveys
3) VA Access Database

Approve

Needs Correction

Approval

Reports

Report Changes Required of Report?

Yes

Update Quarterly Report (Word)

No

Create

Review Report

Update

During Biweekly Conference Call. Navigators are asked to interpret data as needed.
APPENDIX J. CLAIMS QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCESSES

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- 36: Claims Performance Review (Veterans Services – Claims Quality Assurance)
- 38: Process Legislative/Governor’s/Congressional Claim Inquiry (Veterans Services – Claims Quality Assurance)
For each coalition member's report under examination

- Review Coalition Member Report (Excel)
  - Complete and Accurate
    - Yes
      - Can WDVA Correct
        - Yes
          - Update Report Content to E.O.M. Report (Excel)
        - No
          - Request Corrective Steps Required
    - No
      - Discuss Issue(s) with Coalition Member
  - Revised Report Received
    - Yes
      - Request Corrective Steps
    - No
      - End of Month Report

- Transfer Report Content to E.O.M. Report (Excel)
- Update Year-to-Date Values (Excel)
- Conduct Internal Quality Assurance Review (Excel)
  - Problem?
    - Yes
      - Prepare Director's Report (Excel)
    - No
      - Update Coalition Member Monthly Report

- Send Coalition Report
- Send Director's Report
- End
AS-IS PROCESS 37: Produce Claims Quality Assurance Quarterly Report (Veterans Services – Claims Quality Assurance)

Each Quarter

1. Populate Monthly Report (Excel)
2. Create Monthly Report Summary (PowerPoint)
3. Update Monthly Report Summary (PowerPoint)
4. Review Monthly Report Summary (PowerPoint)
5. Problems?
   - Changes Required
   - Yes
   - Changes Required
   - No
   - Approved

Approval Request

Send Director's Quarterly Report

Director's Quarterly Report

Approved

Other:

Director et al

Administrator

Claims QA Coordinator
AS-IS PROCESS 38: Process Legislative/Governor’s/Congressional Claim Inquiry (Veterans Services – Claims Quality Assurance)

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APPENDIX K. VETERANS CONSERVATION CORPS PROCESSES

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These include the following as-is processes:

- 39: Collaborate with Partners (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
- 40: Planning Projects with Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
- 41: Site Management and Stewardship (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
- 42: Develop Peer Support (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
- 43: Coordinate with Partners (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
- 44: Manage Interns (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
- 45: Enroll Intern (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
- 46: Run Volunteer Meeting/Community Engagement (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
- 47: Run Training Event (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)
AS-IS PROCESS 39: Collaborate with Partners (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)

**Process Flow**

1. **Desire to Create Ecotherapy Opportunity**
2. **Identify Potential Partners**
3. **Discuss Opportunities and Synergies**
   - **Select Partner**
   - **Offer**
   - **Offer to partner on project**
4. **For each potential partner**
   - **Select Partner**
   - **Create Supporting Documentation** (Word, Excel) (Optional)
5. **For each planned event**
   - **Run Event**
   - **Conduct After Action(s)** (Word, Excel)

**Examples**:
- Number of participants
- Volume of work achieved
- Training outcome(s)

**Example Content**:
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Email dialogue
- Project Details
- Benefits
- Military cultural awareness
- Therapeutic components
- Skill building

**Coordinator**
- WDVA
- Veterans Conservation Corps

**Organization**
- WDVA

**Author**
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AS-IS PROCESS 40: Planning Projects with Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)

Coalition Planning Cycle Begins

Discuss and Identify Projects with Coalition Members

Develop Project Plan (Word, Excel)

Conduct Fundraising for Supplemental Project Funding

Run Event

Conduct After Action(s) (Word, Excel)

Plan for Next Project Cycle

Notes:
- 2 events per year (Earth Day – April; Fall planting – October)
- Monthly events: tour site(s); habitat restoration

Example Content:
- Agenda and schedule
- Site list
- Public relations plan (media used, channels, multi-lingual)
- Desired outcomes
- Cohesive message(s)
- Community involvement
- Barriers to overcome
- Ecotherapy goals
- Spiritual connection opportunities

13-15 Sites along Duwamish River and its tributaries
AS-IS PROCESS 41: Site Management and Stewardship (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)

For each site:
- Conduct Site Visit
- Prepare Site for Project Work
- Familiarization before project day
- Time to Maintain Site

WDVA
Veterans Conservation Corps Coordinator
AS-IS PROCESS 42: Develop Peer Support (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)

Identify Therapeutic Needs
Identify Peer(s)
Train Peer(s)
Test Peer(s)

For each peer that tested
Evaluate Test
Pass Test ?

Test Score of 50% or greater is a pass

Certificate

Support Peer(s)
While in peer program cycle

While in peer program cycle
Conduct Additional Peer Training

Note: Peers can be other veterans, or anyone that can empathize with veterans

Training Considerations/Topic Examples:
- Veterans often have invisible injuries or behavioral health issues
- Ceremonial nature of ecotherapy
- Veterans may self-direct ceremonies to help heal
- Spiritual connection to outdoors can be valuable
- Veterans might address their shadow (i.e. work on their soul)
- Awareness of archetypes (personalities)

Notes: Training and peer involvement concludes when Vet Corps cycle ends. Peers have option to continue to work with veterans. Outdoor activities can be ongoing.
AS-IS PROCESS 43: Coordinate with Partners (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)

- Discuss and Assess Needs with Partner
- Develop Project Plan (Word, Excel)
- Create Calendar of Events (Word, Excel)
- Run Event
- Follow-Up with Partner and Interns

Example Topics of Discussion:
- Labor needs
- Desires work with veteran(s)
- Win-win scenarios
- Desired outcomes
- Community involvement
- Barriers to overcome
- Ecotherapy goals
- Spiritual connection opportunities

Typical Content:
- Position description(s)
- Resource Binder
- Staffing (number of heads and duration)
- Workshops and training (e.g. networking skills; interviewing skills; pet-related programs)
- Volunteer events
- Work required per event
- Test date(s)

Notes:
- Coordination
- Resource marshalling
- Strive for successful conclusion
AS-IS PROCESS 44: Manage Interns (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)

Channels:
- Vet Corps
- Craig's List
- WorkSource
- VCC Navigators
- WDVA
- Colleges

Training 3 times/month. Topics include:
- Mock interviews
- Informational interviews

AmeriCorps requires intern complete 450 hours in internship if certificate of completion is to be granted.

Hiring factors:
- Need
- Abilities/skillset
- Experience
- Attitude

Note: Successful applicants become interns.

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AS-IS PROCESS 45: Enroll Intern Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)

Called by PROCESS: 44

WDVA
Veterans Conservation Corps Intern Coordinator

Intern
Hired

Sources Used:
- WA State Patrol
- National Sex Offender Registry
- Others

Example:
- Unreliable transportation

Identify Barriers to Sustainable Employment

Barriers Exist?
Yes

Mitigate Barriers

Barriers Exist?
No

Refer to Providers That May Help

Order Background Investigation

Background Investigation Report

Review Report

Serious Issues Present?
Yes

Disenroll Intern

No

Complete Enrollment Paperwork

Create Form W-4

Create Form I-9

Create Intern Agreement Used By

Signed Agreement

Updated

Intern Agreement

Order

Intern Agreement

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**AS-IS PROCESS 46: Run Volunteer Meeting/Community Engagement (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)**

**Project Plan**

- **Discuss and Assess Needs with Partner**
- **Develop Project Plan (Word, Excel)**
- **Create Calendar of Events (Word, Excel)**
- **Conduct Fundraising for Supplemental Project Funding**
- **Run Event**
- **Conduct After Action(s) (Word, Excel)**

**Example Topics of Discussion:**
- Labor needs
- Desires work with veteran(s)
- Win-win scenarios
- Desired outcomes
- Community involvement
- Barriers to overcome
- Ecotherapy goals
- Spiritual connection opportunities

**Typical Content:**
- Position description(s)
- Resource Binder
- Staffing (number of heads and duration)
- Workshops and training (e.g., networking skills; interviewing skills; pet-related programs)
- Volunteer events
- Work required per event
- Test date(s)
AS-IS PROCESS 47: Run Training Event (Veterans Services – Veterans Conservation Corps)

1. Identify Professional and Veteran-Specific Training
2. Identify Volunteer Instructors
3. Invitation to Train
4. Have Sufficient Instructors?
5. Yes: Coordinate Site
6. Run Event
7. Conduct Post-Event Assessment
8. No: Instructor Response
9. Have Sufficient Instructors?
10. Yes: Invite to Train
11. No: Instructor Response

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APPENDIX L. TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PROCESSES

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- 48: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Case Management (Veterans Services – TBI Program)
- 49: Conduct Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Awareness Training (Veterans Services – TBI Program)
- 50: Recruit Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Contractors (Veterans Services – TBI Program)
- 51: Contract with TBI Provider (Veterans Services – TBI Program)
- 52: Research TBI Funding Opportunities (Veterans Services – TBI Program)
**AS-IS PROCESS 49: Conduct Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Awareness Training (Veterans Services – TBI Program)**

- **Training Needs Assessment**
  - Audience: WDVA and community partners
  - When, What, Why, Where, Who

- **Training Design**
  - Typical Attendees (1-3 hour duration):
    - Law enforcement personnel
    - Professionals (Medical and Therapeutic)
    - Veterans Service Organizations personnel
    - Tribal personnel
    - Faculty
    - Veterans Conservation Corps (VCC)
    - Vet Corps personnel
    - PTSD providers

- **Training Conduct**
  - Training Evaluation
  - Used by

- **Training Performance Assessment**
  - Completed Evaluation
  - Used by
  - Training Evaluation
  - Used by

- **Training Materials**
  - Create
  - Used by

- **AS-IS PROCESS 49**
  - Conduct Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Awareness Training
  - Veterans Services – TBI Program

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Note: In the context of this process, "contractor" is synonymous with "provider."

Sources Used:
- WA State Patrol
- National Sex Offender Registry
- Others

Note: Training is conducted 3 times per year
AS-IS PROCESS 51: Contract with TBI Provider Sub-Process (Veterans Services – TBI Program)

**Program Director**
- Resource Needed (because Program is funded or provider left)
- Terms, payment plan, scope of service, etc.

**Budget and Financial Analyst**
- Review Intakes with Provider
- Documentation Set

**Data Compiler**
- TBI Provider List (PDF)

**CFO**
- Create Provider Contract
- Review Intakes with Provider
- Documentation Set

**Contract Manager**
- Contact Provider for Interest
- Discuss Terms with Provider
- Documentation Set

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- Dorothy Hanson – WDVA
- Melissa Welch – WDVA
- Jessica Wilson – WDVA

**Resource Needed**
- Because Program is funded or provider left

**Terms, Payment Plan, Scope of Service, etc.**
- Developed and Complete Contract (Word)
- Signed Contract
- Executed Contract

**Used by**
- CPAR
- A19
AS-IS PROCESS 52: Research TBI Funding Opportunities (Veterans Services – TBI Program)

1. Identify Grant Sources
2. Self-Assess Grant Eligibility
3. Select Grant Candidates
4. Complete Grant Application
5. Submit Grant Application
6. Wait for Grantor's Response
   - Yes: Grant Awarded
     - Yes: Contract with TBI Provider
     - No: File for Next Grant Opportunity
   - No: Self-Assess Grant Eligibility
7. Used by Contract with TBI Provider
8. File for Next Grant Opportunity
APPENDIX M. VET CORPS PROCESSES

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- 53: Manage Vet Corps Grants (Veterans Services – Vet Corps)
- 54: Contract with Vet Corps Grantor (Veterans Services – Vet Corps)
- 55: Recruit Vet Corps Member (Veterans Services – Vet Corps)
- 56: Enroll Vet Corps Member (Veterans Services – Vet Corps)
- 57: Manage Vet Corps Member (Veterans Services – Vet Corps)
- 58: Monitor Vet Corps Member Progress and Performance (Veterans Services – Vet Corps)
- 59: Recruit Vet Corps Site(s) (Veterans Services – Vet Corps)
- 60: Contract with Vet Corps Site Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Vet Corps)
AS-IS PROCESS 53: Manage Vet Corps Grants (Veterans Services – Vet Corps)

1. Identify Grant Sources
2. Self-Assess Grant Eligibility
3. Select Grant Candidates
4. Create Grant Application
5. For each grant selected:
   a. Complete Grant Application
   b. Grant Awarded?
      - Yes: Contract with Vet Corps Grantor
      - No: File for Next Grant Opportunity
6. Grantor's Response
7. Grant Application Response
8. Grant Application
9. Create Grant Application
10. Example Content:
    - Milestones
    - Outcomes
    - Outputs
    - Reporting
11. Review AmeriCorps' Contract Requirements
12. Generate Report (Word)
14. Mid-Term Through Contract
15. Each Month of Contract
16. End of Year of Contract
17. End of Contract?
   - Yes: Deficient
   - No: Yes
AS-IS PROCESS 54: Contract with Vet Corps Grantor Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)
**AS-IS PROCESS 55: Recruit Vet Corps Member (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)**

**Channels:**
- Vet Corps
- Craig’s List
- WorkSource
- VCC Navigators
- WDVA
- Colleges
- AmeriCorps website

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**Note:** Position Announcement directs would-be candidates to sign up at eGrants website.
AS-IS PROCESS 56: Enroll Vet Corps Member Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)

BEGINNING OF YEAR

Training Complete

Enrollment Package

Order Background Investigation

Background Investigation Report

Review Report

Issue Present?

Drop Member

Yes

Vet Corps Enrollment Package

Unenroll Notice

No

Vet Corps Enrollment Package

Unenroll Notice

CDVA

Vet Corps Member

Member Candidate

Note: Member Candidate now becomes Member.

Sources Used:
- WA State Patrol
- National Sex Offender Registry
- Others

CDVA

Vet Corps Coordinator

Complete Enrollment Package with Member

Read

Vet Corps Enrollment Package

Order

Report

Conduct Beginning of Year Training

Unenroll Notice
AS-IS PROCESS 57: Manage Vet Corps Member (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)

For duration of contract (10 months)

1. **Member**
   - Onsite September 1st
   - Peer Mentor
     - Every Two Weeks
   - Prepare Reflection Log (America Learns)
   - Prepare Timesheet
2. **Vet Corps Site**
   - Intern Timesheet
   - Prepare Timesheet
   - Timesheet Corrections Required
   - Note Corrections
     - No
     - Evaluate Timesheet
       - Accurate?
         - Yes
         - Intern Timesheet
       - No
         - Timesheet Corrections Required
3. **Vet Corps Regional Coordinator**
   - Intern Timesheet
4. **Vet Corps Program Manager**
   - File Log (America Learns)
   - Reflection Log (America Learns)
   - Prepare Timesheet
   - Timesheet Used
     - No
     - Update Member Hours (America Learns)
   - Monitor Vet Corps Member Progress and Performance
     - Yes
   - Graduate Member
     - Yes
     - Complete Min. Hours & 3 Projects
6. **Graduate Member**
   - Create Certificate of Completion & Education Award
7. **Member Disenrolled**
   - Certificate of Completion & Education Award

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AS-IS PROCESS 58: Monitor Vet Corps Member Progress and Performance Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)

Content Examples:
- Team Meeting
- Skills Development

- Prepare Progress Reports (America Learns)
- Monitor Reflected Logs (America Learns)
- Evaluate Member Progress and Performance with Regional Coordinator and Site
- Adjustments Required
- Yes
- No
- Member is unable to enroll more hours.
- Mitigate Deficiency
- Past Mitigation Effective?
- Yes
- No
- Set Blackout Dates (America Learns)
- Enter Final Hours (eGrants)
- Prepare Stop Payroll Letter (Word)
- Member Disenrolled
- Disenroll Member Notice & Stop Payroll Letter
- Member is unable to enroll more hours.
Site

WDVA

Traumatic Brain Injury Program Coordinator

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Channels:
- All 2-Year, 4-Year Colleges
- Technical Schools
- Vocational Schools

AS-IS PROCESS 59: Recruit Vet Corps Site(s) (Veterans Services – Vet Corps Program)

Site Recruiting Need Identified

Prepare Solicitations

Response Received

Develop Memorandum of Understanding and Supporting Documents

Contract with Vet Corps Site

MOU and Documentation

Invoice

For each respondent:

Response

Interested

File for Next Year

No

Yes

Invoice

Prepare Invoice

Channels:
- All 2-Year, 4-Year Colleges
- Technical Schools
- Vocational Schools

Prepare Solicitations

Response Received

Review Response

Interested

Invoice

While open

Site Recruiting Need Identified

Prepare Solicitations

Response Received

Develop Memorandum of Understanding and Supporting Documents

Contract with Vet Corps Site

MOU and Documentation

Invoice

Prepare Invoice

Channels:
- All 2-Year, 4-Year Colleges
- Technical Schools
- Vocational Schools
APPENDIX N. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM PROCESSES

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- 61: Screen Client (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
- 62: Admit Client to Building 9 (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
- 63: Perform Client Intake (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
- 64: Perform Client Follow-Up and Close Out (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
- 65: Screen Client for CABHI/BRIDGES (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
- 66: Meet CABHI/BRIDGES Client Needs (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
- 67: Building 9 Soft Case Management (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
- 68: Process THP Payment (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)
AS-IS PROCESS 61: Screen Client (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)

**Client**

**Federal Veterans Administration**

**Transitional Housing Program Case Manager**

1. **Emergency Referral**? → **Screen Client for Eligibility**
   - Yes: **Complete Application**
   - No: **Other programs could include CABHI/BRIDGES, HVRP, etc.**

2. **Screen Client for Eligibility**?
   - Yes: **Complete Application**
   - No: **Interview Client**

3. **Interview Client**?
   - Yes: **Acceptable**? → **Order Background Investigation**
   - No: **Other Program(s) For Referral**

4. **Order Background Investigation**
   - Yes: **Review Report**
   - No: **Other Program(s) For Referral**

5. **Refer Client**

6. **Determine Entry Date** → **Determine Transportation Needs** → **Report as Outreach Program "Unique"** → **File Hardcopy Client Record(s)** → **Client Is Awaiting Admission**

**Sources Used:**
- WA State Patrol
- National Sex Offender Registry
- Others

**Other Provider(s)**

**Background Investigations**

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Client

Is Awaiting Admission

Discuss Admission Requirements with Client

Meet with Building 9 Staff to Assess and Determine Living Requirements

Screen Client for Income

Introduce Client to Service Center

Screen Client for Eligibility for CABHI/BRIDGES Program

Qualifies?

Set-up Appointment

No

CABHI/BRIDGES, Facility Peer, Case Manager, Admissions Coordinator meet to determine client's rooming needs vs. availability.

Includes:
- Paperwork
- Money

Includes:
- P&P Manual

Used by

THP Policies & Procedures Manual

QUALIFIES?

Yes

THP Policies & Procedures Manual

Note on acronyms:
- CABHI is "Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals"
- BRIDGES is "Bringing Recovery into Diverse Groups through Engagement & Support"
AS-IS PROCESS 63: Perform Client Intake (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)

Client

Assign to Case Manager

Introduce Client to Case Manager

Assess Client’s Needs

Define Case Plan (TheraScribe)

While in THSP at Building 9

Iteration depends on the specific plan and the client’s needs. Typical: Every week to every 60 days.

For each plan objective

Manage Plan

Check-In Per Plan

Discuss Progress and Status with Client

Refine Case Plan as Needed (TheraScribe)

Encourage or Warn Client As Needed

First Episode of Stagnation

Second Episode of Stagnation

Third Episode of Stagnation

Issue Written Notice to Client

Written Notice to Client

Written Eviction Notice to Client

Notice

Eviction Notice

Client Completes Program

72 Hours Since Case Manager Assignment

Examples:
- Medical issues
- Alcohol/drug abuse treatment
- Mental health issues
- Income issues

Typical content:
- Objectives
- Intervention needs
- Progress checks
- Completion criteria
- Collaboration with other agencies (i.e. Apple Care)
- VA Hospital enrollment (A.C.T.)

WDVA

Transitional Housing Program

Case Manager

THP Staff

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AS-IS PROCESS 64: Perform Client Follow-Up and Close Out (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)

Topics:
- Medical needs
- Hours working
- Job specifics
- Income

Client Completes Program

Conduct Exit Interview

Offer Ongoing Case Management

Client Wants Ongoing Case Mgmt.? Yes

Assess Client’s Needs

Check In with Client Each Month

5 Months Has Elapsed?

No

Written Eviction Notice to Client

Yes

Close Out Case Plan (TheraScribe)

Close Out and Store Hardcopy Client File

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AS-IS PROCESS 65: Screen Client for CABHI/BRIDGES (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)

- Expectations Outcomes

Client Ready for CABHI/BRIDGES Screening

Discuss Program with Client

Client Agreeable?

- No

Interview Survey

- Create

Discuss Client and Complete Survey

- CDP = Common Data Platform

Assess Housing and Employment Goals

Enter Intake Information (SAMHSA CDP)

Enter Intake Information (SAMHSA TARGET)

Enter Intake Information (Excel)

Meet CABHI/BRIDGES Client Needs

- Update

Participant Log Sheet

Housing Calendar

90 Days Has Elapsed

Check In with Client

Fail to Reach Client?

- No

Meet CABHI/BRIDGES Client Needs

- Changes Made to Client Status?

- No

No

Yes

Meet CABHI/BRIDGES Client Needs

Fail to Reach Client?

- Yes

Client Wants To Exit Program

- No

Client Has Needs?

- Yes

Update Intake Information (SAMHSA CDP)

Update Intake Information (SAMHSA TARGET)

Update Intake Information (Excel)

Finalize Intake Information (SAMHSA CDP)

Finalize Intake Information (SAMHSA TARGET)

Finalize Intake Information (Excel)

Client Wants To Exit Program

Administratively Discharge Client

Third Failure To Reach?

- Yes

No

Client Signed?

- Yes

Administer Discharge Clients

- No

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**AS-IS PROCESS 66: Meet CABHI/BRIDGES Client Needs Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP) – Building 9)**

**Examples:**
- Job Application
- Clothing for interview/job
- References

**Examples:**
- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)
- Housing Access and Services Program (HASP)

**Typical assistance activities:**
- Complete rental/lease application
- Make deposit
- Credit check

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**Other Housing Programs**

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AS-IS PROCESS 68: Process THP Payment Sub-Process (Veterans Services – Transitional Housing Services Program (THSP))

Called by PROCESSES: 62
APPENDIX O. VETERANS ESTATE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROCESSES

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- 69: Welcome VEMP Client and Process Intake (Veterans Services – Veterans Estate Management Program)
- 70: Process Payment (Veterans Services – Veterans Estate Management Program)
- 71: Process Federal Accounting Reports (Veterans Services – Veterans Estate Management Program)
- 72: Close Out VEMP Client (Veterans Services – Veterans Estate Management Program)
AS-IS PROCESS 70: Process Payment (Veterans Services – Veterans Estate Management Program)

Vendor

Client

Social Security Admin.

Federal Dept. of Veterans Affairs

VETERANS ESTATE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (VEMP)
Program Specialist or Estate Manager

Payment Request

Payment Advice

Invoice or Bill

Notification

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Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable

Federal VA Income Payment Arrives

SSA Income Payment Arrives

Match Payment To Client (QuickBooks)

Enter Payment Information (QuickBooks)

Income Posted

Verify Vendor Information (QuickBooks)

Verify Client Balance against Recurring and Monthly Bill Obligations (QuickBooks)

Vendor Exists?

Yes

Payment Possible Now?

Add Vendor Information (QuickBooks)

Notify Client or Proxy?

Yes

Draft Check (QuickBooks)

Process Paper Check

Add to Daily Outgoing Mail

Deliver Outgoing Mail

No

Verify Client Balance against Recurring and Monthly Bill Obligations (QuickBooks)

Payment Possible Now?

Add Vendor Information (QuickBooks)

Notify Client or Proxy?

Yes

Draft Check (QuickBooks)

Process Paper Check

Add to Daily Outgoing Mail

Deliver Outgoing Mail

No

Check

Check

Invoice or Bill

Payment Request

Payment Advice

Income Posted

Verify Vendor Information (QuickBooks)

Verify Client Balance against Recurring and Monthly Bill Obligations (QuickBooks)

Vendor Exists?

Yes

Payment Possible Now?

Add Vendor Information (QuickBooks)

Notify Client or Proxy?

Yes

Draft Check (QuickBooks)

Process Paper Check

Add to Daily Outgoing Mail

Deliver Outgoing Mail

No

Check

Check

Verify Client Balance against Recurring and Monthly Bill Obligations (QuickBooks)

Payment Possible Now?

Add Vendor Information (QuickBooks)

Notify Client or Proxy?

Yes

Draft Check (QuickBooks)

Process Paper Check

Add to Daily Outgoing Mail

Deliver Outgoing Mail

No

Check

Check

Verify Client Balance against Recurring and Monthly Bill Obligations (QuickBooks)

Payment Possible Now?

Add Vendor Information (QuickBooks)

Notify Client or Proxy?

Yes

Draft Check (QuickBooks)

Process Paper Check

Add to Daily Outgoing Mail

Deliver Outgoing Mail

No

Check

Check

Verify Client Balance against Recurring and Monthly Bill Obligations (QuickBooks)

Payment Possible Now?

Add Vendor Information (QuickBooks)

Notify Client or Proxy?

Yes

Draft Check (QuickBooks)

Process Paper Check

Add to Daily Outgoing Mail

Deliver Outgoing Mail

No

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Check

Verify Client Balance against Recurring and Monthly Bill Obligations (QuickBooks)

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Process Paper Check

Add to Daily Outgoing Mail

Deliver Outgoing Mail

No

Check

Check

Verify Client Balance against Recurring and Monthly Bill Obligations (QuickBooks)

Payment Possible Now?
AS-IS PROCESS 71: Process Federal Accounting Reports (Veterans Services – Veterans Estate Management Program)

Note: The timing of the report notice and the due dates is dependent on the client’s appointment anniversary. This process is executed per client per anniversary.
APPENDIX P.  TRANSITIONING WARRIOR PROGRAM PROCESSES

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- 73: Conduct Initial Briefing (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
- 74: Conduct Briefing to IDES or Battalion Service Members and Family (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
- 75: Update Resources (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
- 76: Direct Client to Resources (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
- 77: Conduct Outprocessing (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
Service Member Conducts Required Visit to TWP Office

Discuss Needs with Service Member

Enter Event [JBLM CTS]

Joint Base Lewis McChord's "Client Tracking System"

Gather Documents Based on Needs

Examples:
- WDVA Benefits Letter
- PTSD Counselor
- TWP PowerPoint Deck explaining Contact Info

Examples:
- Housing
- Financial
- Education

Interview Checklist

Documents Needed

Documents

Used by

Service Member

AS-IS PROCESS 73: Conduct Initial Briefing (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)
AS-IS PROCESS 74: Conduct Briefing to IDES or Battalion Service Members and Family (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)

Each Monday

Signs In

Each Audience

Introduce and Review Agenda

Deliver 30-Minute PowerPoint Briefing

Deliver 60-Minute PowerPoint Briefing

Conduct Question and Answer Session

Note:
IDES = Integrated Disability Evaluation System
AS-IS PROCESS 75: Update Resources (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)

Inquire About New or Updated Resource Materials

Review Materials and Determine Changes Needed

Update Resources (PowerPoint)

Inquiry
Materials and Information

TWP Resources

Time to Update Resource Materials

New or Updated Resource Materials
AS-IS PROCESS 77: Conduct Outprocessing (Veterans Services – Transitioning Warrior Program)

1. Service Member
   - Transitioning Warrior Program (TWP) Program Specialist
   - Service Member Contacts TWP Office

2. Discuss Service Member's Impending Separation
   - Will separate within 10 days

3. Discuss Needs with Service Member
   - Yes: Has Claim Filed?
     - No: Work with Service Member to Get Claims Started
     - Yes: Complete VA Form 21-526EZ

4. Examples: Disability, State to reside in, Any claims filed?

5. Yes: Deliver Claim to Waller Hall
   - No: DD-214 On-Hand?
     - Yes: Deliver Claim to Waller Hall
     - No: Refer

6. Homeless?
   - Yes: Refer
   - No: Deliver Claim to Waller Hall

7. Does DD-214 Used by?
   - Yes: Deliver Claim to Waller Hall
   - No: Refer

8. Homelessness?
   - Yes: Refer
   - No: Deliver Claim to Waller Hall

9. Education Desired?
   - Yes: Refer
   - No: Deliver Claim to Waller Hall

10. Employment Desired?
    - Yes: Deliver Claim to Waller Hall
    - No: Refer

11. Instruction Desires Education?
    - Yes: Deliver Claim to Waller Hall
    - No: Refer

12. Instruction Desires Employment?
    - Yes: Deliver Claim to Waller Hall
    - No: Refer

13. Will separate within 10 days
    - Examples: Disability, State to reside in, Any claims filed?
APPENDIX Q. WDVA-TO-DSHS DATA EXCHANGE PROCESS

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- 78: WDVA-to-DSHS Data Exchange (Veterans Services – Olympia Service Center)
AS-IS PROCESS 78: WDVA-to-DSHS Data Exchange (Veterans Services – Olympia Service Center)

Performed:
- October 31
- January 31
- April 30
- July 31

Run Query to Export Previous Quarter's New DD214 Records (MS Access)

Validate Export And Prepare [Excel]

Send File [Secure FTP]

SFTP Failed, Resend

DSHS DD-214 Quarterly Export File

DSHS DD-214 Quarterly Export File

Create

New DD-214 Records Export File

Used by

DHS DD-214 Quarterly Export File

Note: This intermediate event can happen for a variety of reasons when a case manager is researching a client or evaluating eligibility. Client Registry displays a "Non-DSHS Services" field that can display the value "VA."

Correctly Formatted

Yes

Match Records in Client Registry

Commit Records to Client Registry

Commit Failed

Correctly Formatted

No

View Client Record [Client Registry]

Veteran?

Yes

Send Referral to WDVA (Process 13)

No

View Client Record [Client Registry]
APPENDIX R.  HCA-TO-WDVA DATA EXCHANGE PROCESS

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This includes the following as-is process:

- 79: HCA-to-WDVA Data Exchange (Veterans Services – Olympia Service Center)
APPENDIX S.  REQUEST MATCH INFORMATION FOR HCA LONG TERM CARE VETERAN CLIENTS PROCESS

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- 80: Request Match Information for HCA Long Term Care Veteran Clients (Health Care Authority – Veterans Benefit Program)
AS-IS PROCESS 80: Request Match Information for HCA Long Term Care Veteran Clients (Health Care Authority – Veterans Benefit Program)

File returned with possible matches from VA PARIS records obtained by DMDC from Federal VA. Not all records will score a match.

1. **Prepare Transmittal File (ACES)**
2. **VA Match File (HCA Data Only)**
3. **VA Match File (Appended Data)**
4. **Process Match Output File (ACES)**
5. **Export Match File (ACES)**
6. **State of WA Match File**
7. **State of WA Match Export File**
8. **FTP File**
9. **Match File**
10. **Appended Match File**

For each returned record from DMDC:
- **Analyze Appended Client Information** (Excel)
- **Analyze, Organize and Augment Client Record**

State of Washington Health Care Authority (HCA)
Veterans Benefit Program Manager

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**FILE RETURNED WITH POSSIBLE MATCHES FROM VA PARIS RECORDS OBTAINED BY DMDC FROM FEDERAL VA. NOT ALL RECORDS WILL SCORE A MATCH.**

**PREPARE TRANSMITTAL FILE (ACES)**

**VA MATCH FILE (HCA DATA ONLY)**

**VA MATCH FILE (APPPENDED DATA)**

**PROCESS MATCH OUTPUT FILE (ACES)**

**EXPORT MATCH FILE (ACES)**

**STATE OF WA MATCH FILE**

**STATE OF WA MATCH EXPORT FILE**

**FTP FILE**

**MATCH FILE**

**APPENDED MATCH FILE**

**FOR EACH RETURNED RECORD FROM DMDC**

- **ANALYZE APPENDED CLIENT INFORMATION** (Excel)
- **ANALYZE, ORGANIZE AND AUGMENT CLIENT RECORD**

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APPENDIX T.  HOW TO READ A BUSINESS PROCESS MAP – A PRIMER

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ACTIVITIES

**TASK**
A task is a unit of work, the job to be performed.

**SUBPROCESS**
A subprocess is a decomposable activity. It can be collapsed to hide the details or expanded to show the details. An expanded subprocess contains a valid BPMN diagram.

**AD-HOC SUBPROCESS**
An ad-hoc subprocess is a decomposable activity that contains tasks that can be executed arbitrarily (in no set order) until a completion condition is fulfilled. Ad-hoc subprocesses may be collapsed to hide the ad-hoc tasks or expanded to show them.

SEQUENCE FLOWS (NORMAL, CONDITIONAL AND DEFAULT)
Sequence flows are mechanisms that direct the order of execution.
- A Normal Sequence Flow, or simply Sequence Flow, defines the execution order of activities.
- A Conditional Sequence Flow has a condition assigned that determines whether or not the flow is used.
- A Default Sequence Flow is the default branch to be chosen if all other conditions evaluate to False.

EVENTS

**START EVENT**
Catching an event starts a new process instance.

**INTERMEDIATE EVENT** (Catching)
The process can only continue when an event has been caught.

**THROWING END EVENT**
An event is thrown when the end of the process is reached.

**INTERMEDIATE EVENT** (Throwing)
An event is thrown and the process continues.

**ATTACHED INTERMEDIATE EVENT**
The activity is aborted once the event is caught.

SWIMLANES

**POOLS AND LANES**
Represent responsibilities for activities in a process. A pool or lane can be an organization, a role or a system. Lanes subdivide pools or other lanes hierarchically.

**MESSAGE FLOW**
Message flow symbolizes information flow across organizational boundaries. Message flow can be attached to pools or message events. Collapsed pools hide all internal detail of the contained processes.

**MESSAGE SYNCHRONIZATION**
The order of message exchanges can be specified by combining message flow and sequence flow.

DATA

**DATA OBJECT**
An artifact that represents information flowing through the process, such as business documents, e-mails, or letters. May also represent physical objects anywhere applicable.

**DATA OBJECT ASSOCIATIONS (UNDIRECTED, DIRECTED AND BIDIRECTED)**
Data Object Associations are used to associate a Data Object to a task, process, sub-process, ad-hoc activity, sequence flow or message flow.
- Attaching a Data Object with an Undirected Association to a sequence flow indicates hand-over of information between the activities involved.
- A Directed Association indicates information flow. A data object can be read at the start of an activity or written upon completion.
- A Bidirected Association indicates that the data object is modified, i.e. read or written during the execution of an activity.

DOCUMENTATION

**GROUP**
An arbitrary set of objects can be defined as a group to show that they logically belong together.

**TEXT ANNOTATION**
Any object can be associated with textual annotation to provide additional documentation.

TOP 5 TIPS FOR THE SMART MODELER

1. **TELL YOUR STORY AT THE RIGHT LEVEL AND DON’T REPEAT IT**
As your friends will tell you, too much information isn’t always good. Subprocesses help you decompose activities that require more detail. Activity sequences that are used in more than one area can be contained in a subprocess. Use the collapsed/expanded features to show/hide detail.

2. **LEARN TO JUGGLE MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES**
Life isn’t always sequential. In fact, most if not all business processes have some aspect of concurrent activity. While a service representative is reviewing your claim, a traffic specialist is scheduling your car for an accident inspection. Learn how to use concurrent flows to capture and synchronize activity streams that occur in parallel.

3. **KNOW WHEN NOT TO MAKE ORDER OUT OF CHAOS**
A basic mistake many modelers make is trying to create order when in fact there is no apparent order. A lot of the work done today by individuals in specialist roles fits this model. Recognize when you don’t know the ordering of activities and model them as ad-hoc until you make a determination. Some activities will always be rendered as ad-hoc because that’s their nature.

4. **BE A POOL SHARK AND A LANE RAT**
Pools help you formalize the way you interact outside your domain, whether within your company or with an external party (trading partner, customer, etc.). Using lanes help you understand who (or what role) performs a piece of work in your flow. Use lanes and pools to capture responsibilities where work crosses organizational boundaries.

5. **ACCEPT AND EMBRACE IMPERFECTION**
Many processes have built-in delays due to coordination and resource availability issues. Similarly, most if not all human and automated processes can go awry. Accounting for these using timer and error events respectively will help you avoid being victimized by the devil in the details.

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