



## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

### In Clark County, a unique coordinated partnership creates a Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Facility at Vancouver VA Medical Center.



A Single Room Occupancy (SRO) facility in Clark County became possible through a first of its kind coordinated partnership between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), The Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) and Clark County Department of Community Services. The VA leases the land to VHA at no cost on an “enhanced use lease” basis in exchange for half of the SRO rooms being available exclusively for veterans. Funding for the project came from several sources including U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development – McKinney and HOME funds; a grant from the Washington State Housing Trust Fund; and, the Clark County Veterans Assistance Fund.

Located on the campus of the Vancouver VA Medical Center, the SRO has been open since the summer of 1999.

#### STATISTICS – September 2001 to September 2002

72	Number of beds available to veterans
55	Lowest number of beds filled by veterans since 1999
72	Highest number of beds filled by veterans
20	Number of residents who have stayed one year or more
6 months	Average lengths of stay
5	Average number of veterans on waiting list
4	Average number of residence referrals per month
4	Average number of admissions per month
4	Average number of discharges per month
1	Average number of discharges/mo. due to substance abuse
49	Average age of residents
\$575	Average monthly income of residents
40%	Residents involved in job training or vocational education
90%	Residents homeless when admitted to the SRO
10%	Residents at high risk of homelessness within one month of application

**ENTRANCE CRITERIA:**

1. Veteran status
2. Homeless or at risk of homelessness
3. Verifiable income (must be less than \$20,000/year)
4. Must be clean and sober for 30 days and committed to a clean and sober lifestyle
5. Capable of living independently
6. Must have a case manager

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:****Want to Know More?**

Contact Martin Landsverk, SSR/SRO Admissions Coordinator, U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs, 1-800-949-1004 extension 33984 or 360-696-4061