

On behalf of Mr. Joe Paiva, Executive Director, VLER, the following information is provided as input to the weekly Cabinet Report:

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Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record

During the week of August 13-17, 2012, Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) will draft a Data Use Agreement (DUA) in support of Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) National Center for Homelessness among Veterans (NCHAV). The DUA will further efforts by VLER, NCHAV, and the Eliminating Veteran Homelessness Major Initiative to eliminate information sharing obstacles that prevent assessment of both the extent to which Veterans with these conditions have successfully transitioned to VA care, and the extent to which they have experienced housing instability upon return to civilian life. This DUA will outline the purpose of use for the exchange, data elements put forth by VA and Department of Defense (DoD), and the method of exchange. A meeting between representatives of NCHAV and VLER occurred on July 31, 2012, where NCHAV's commitment to ending homelessness among Veterans by 2015 was discussed. Through the receipt of DoD health care data, it will be possible to identify those transitioning Veterans at an increased risk of homelessness.