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HPO Staff Spotlight: Dr. Michal Wilson

Dr. Michal Wilson is the Medical Advisor for the VHA Homeless Programs, with over 25 years of experience working in VA and the community. Prior to his work at HPO, he was the Chief Mental Health Officers for the Homeless Programs, and oversaw mental health services for extremely and very low-income Veteran households in the Department of Veterans Affairs. He worked in the Northwest Network, where he oversaw mental health consultation programs for Veterans with mental health and post-traumatic stress care. According to Dr. Sonya Norman, director of the National Center for PTSD, is Dr. Wilson involved in collaborative efforts to develop new models of care for Veterans, but he has also created a 9-part podcast series to help educate and share resources to medical staff and community members alike to enhance the care of Veterans facing the Opioid Crisis in the midst of COVID-19, which has increased the number of people living in poverty and the number of people who are street homeless.

HPO COVID-19 Response and Updates

If you or a Veteran you know is struggling to maintain housing and supportive services for Veterans at risk of housing instability, please contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at (877) 4AID-VET (877-424-3838) for assistance. To minimize the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19, only Veterans who do not have access to a phone are to visit the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Rental Assistance Finder or 238 nonprofit organizations across the country that can help Veterans and their families remain housed. Veterans who have become homeless or are at imminent risk of homelessness are strongly encouraged to lookout for the various resources available for Veterans who are experiencing homelessness and COVID. Below, Dr. Wilson shares his background, motivations for his work, and more.

Message from Monica Diaz, Executive Director, HPO Homeless Programs Office

The Department of Veterans Affairs is committed to the recognition and understanding of societal systems that impact our work, Wednesday, September 15: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. EST. NCHV: Me in the room: How Personal History and our Understanding of Societal Systems Impact our Work, Wednesday, September 15: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. EST. In this event, attendees will hear from Veterans who have fallen behind or are at risk of falling behind on their mortgage payments and the future of mortgages post-foreclosure and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness are strongly encouraged to lookout for the various resources available for Veterans who are experiencing homelessness and COVID. Below, Dr. Wilson shares his background, motivations for his work, and more.