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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: January 14, 2019

Re: DVA Report to JFC

Attached is a report on the Veterans Outreach and Recovery pilot program from the Department of Veterans Affairs, pursuant to 2017 Wisconsin Act 295.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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# Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

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Honorable Governor Scott Walker  
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Re: Report Under 2017 Wisconsin Act 295 related to the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program pilot

This document serves as the report to the Governor and Joint Committee on Finance required by 2017 Act 295 related to the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP) pilot. As prescribed, this report includes: (1) the department's recommendation for whether to continue or expand the pilot program; (2) a summary of the administrative expenses; (3) the number of Veterans served and the services provided to Veterans under the program; and (4) the types of insurance a Veteran has at the time the Veteran receives a service under the program. The information in the report covers the period April 16, 2018, through December 17, 2018.

Under the provisions of Act 295 the department provides outreach, mental health services, and support to designated members or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces who may have a mental health condition or substance use disorder.

### Recommendation

As demonstrated by the department's biennial budget request, the department recommends the VORP become a permanent program, with dedicated funding and positions. Attached is the program's informational brochure identifying the 11 regions across the state where VORP field representatives are located.

The VORP provides a mechanism to better coordinate support for Veterans with non-profits, veteran service organizations, and other state and federal agencies, to help those veterans in need, experiencing a crisis situation, and who have some type of mental health condition.

Importantly, and a hallmark of the program, VORP provides the necessary case management to ensure the assistance provided is meeting each Veteran's unique needs.

### Administrative Expenses

	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Salary and Fringe	\$713,600	\$95,285	\$618,315
Supplies and Services	\$186,200	\$105,866	\$80,334
Total	\$899,800	\$201,151	\$698,649

Note: Full staff hiring was completed in FY2018. Unused salary/fringe is being transferred to supplies and services.

**Assessed and Enrolled**

Previous participants (beginning January 1, 2018)	125
Participants (July – September 2018)	114
Participants this quarter (October – December 2018)	188
<b>Total</b>	<b>427</b>

**Types of Insurance (Includes those with multiple coverage)**

Employer-Provided Health Insurance	9	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Services	206
Indian Health Services Program	3	State Health Insurance for Adults	67
Medicaid	61	Private Pay Health Insurance	4
Medicare	43	No Insurance	33
Other	2		

**Support and Services referrals outside WDVA**

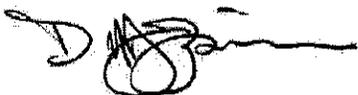
Assessment for Substance Use Disorders	5	Mental Health Support Services	10
Case/Care Management	80	Money Management	8
Consumer Assistance and Protection	2	Older Adult/Disability Related Supportive Housing	12
Counseling Services	15	Public Assistance Programs	25
Crisis Intervention	6	Social Insurance Programs	8
Detoxification	3	Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs	5
Educational Programs	11	Street Outreach Programs	28
Emergency Shelter	17	Support Groups	6
Employment	38	Temporary Financial Assistance	93
Food	19	Transitional Housing/Shelter	35
Health Care	19	Transportation	29
Legal Services	13	Utilities	14
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	89	Veteran Compensation and Pension Benefits	54
Material Goods	9	Veteran Outpatient Clinics	13
Mental Health Evaluation	6	Veterans Affairs Medical Centers	18

**Support and Services provided by WDVA**

Assessment for Substance Use Disorders	3	Mental Health Support Services	2
Case/Care Management	753	Street Outreach Programs	39
Crisis Intervention	7	Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs *	5
Emergency Shelter	14	Temporary Financial Assistance	28
Food	11	Transportation	147
Mental Health Evaluation	2		

\* Service paid by VORP; treatment provided by third-party.

Sincerely,



DANIEL J. ZIMMERMAN  
Secretary

Attachment