



Lisa Brand Lisa Diana Brand is a mother, veteran, and advocate for those experiencing homelessness. Originally from Bridgeport, Connecticut, she grew up in Fayetteville, and moved to Durham in 2017. Ms. Brand joined the Army when she turned 18 years old and is a combat veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. She is a proud mom of three sons: Jordan, 21; Damon, 11, and; Xavier, 10. They are the bright lights in her life. She is a member of the Durham Chapter of Champions for Change

Terry Allebaugh has dual roles as the Community Impact Coordinator for the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH) and with the North Carolina Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (NCDMVA) as the Ending Veteran Homelessness Coordinator. His primary responsibilities include advocacy and education on the federal, state, and local levels to enact policy, encourage funding, and provide technical support for activities that assist NC communities to end all homelessness, with a special emphasis on veterans. Mr. Allebaugh was the founder and long-time Executive Director of Housing for New Hope in Durham. He has 30 years of experience working as a housing and services provider both to build new housing and to create access to sustainable, affordable housing for people stymied in homelessness. Mr. Allebaugh also is an adjunct professor of housing at the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy. He can be reached at 919-755-4393 or terry@ncceh.org

Jeff Doyle is the VISN 6 Network Homeless Program Coordinator for the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Recently he was assigned as the Network Suicide Prevention Lead, one of three Networks that has this dedicated position. The Network includes all of North Carolina and most of Virginia. As the Homeless Program Coordinator, he has focused on building community collaboratives and integrating the VA into different service models. Before working at the VA, he worked at community homeless non-profits focusing on outreach and access to medical care, which has led to a strong appreciation of having working relationships between community partners and the VA.

Tiana Joyner Volunteers of America - Tiana started her career working with America's most vulnerable early on which she determined as being purely a part of God's plan. With her Bachelor's Degree in Communications in hand she began employment at a large data management company but when her son became ill she had to leave the position. The situation inspired her to become interested in Black Infant Mortality Reduction (BIM) that led her to join the team project at the hospital where her son was treated. While working with the families Tiana discovered a trend in housing needs amongst the families. Tiana continued to express empathy and compassion to the clients and staff until moving on to another path, working with the homeless population.

A Transitional Housing program in her hometown of N.J for homeless women and children was her next step to assisting a population and circumstances that needed attention and is where Tiana provide direct services that exhibited case management, team work and collaborative skills. Tiana later moved from New Jersey to North Carolinas with a goal to continue her calling in helping those most in need. Once in North Carolina she began employment with the Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP). Tiana took this time to become familiar with the population, program, policies and procedures

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that was needed to become qualified in a well-rounded field. She knew this was the place she was destined to be.

A few years later and a great deal of hard work the opportunity arose at Volunteers of America of The Carolinas as a Team Lead for the Supportive Services for Veteran families (SSVF). She quickly made several career advancements which is currently the Vice President of VOA Carolinas. In her roles at VOAC she has been a trailblazer in the homeless community collaborating with community partners in various concentrations while putting Volunteers of America of the Carolinas at the forefront. Tiana has been able to not only meet her professional goals of VOA Carolinas becoming one of the most well-known agencies leading the battle on ending Veteran Homelessness but also her personal goal of being spiritually stable, a wife, a mother, and have job satisfaction!

Brandon Wilson is the Managing Director for ABCCM's Veterans Services of the Carolinas and the Network Director for NCServes Western. Brandon served in the United States Marine Corps and is a combat Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Prior to his current roles, Brandon has served as a County VSO, State VSO and State Training Coordinator for NCDVA and was instrumental in the development of the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Tim McElyea is the Director of ABCCM's Veterans Restoration Quarters. He has been serving in this position for the past 4 years proudly serving Western North Carolinas Veteran population. Tim served as a Sergeant in the United States Army and is a combat Veteran of the Persian Gulf War. Prior to coming to ABCCM, Tim was a Manager of Operations for several corporations, including Dean Witter, Citigroup, PP&G and SITEL.

Joell Steinger is a licensed clinical social worker in the state of North Carolina. She holds master's degrees in social work and public health from the University of South Carolina. She has been the HUD-VASH Coordinator at the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville for the past 4 years. She recently accepted a position as the Homeless Program Coordinator at the CGVAMC.

John Turner Veterans Life Center Executive Director – Served in both the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Army where he deployed to Mosul, Iraq with the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team. He rose to captain and was awarded the Bronze Star for exceptionally meritorious service. He graduated from Purdue University with a business degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management. He had a clear vision: a self-reliance program built around temporary housing combined with a battery of services to restore, re-educate and reintegrate the heroes who had stood in harm's way for America, and now needed help in finding a constructive and personally-satisfying role in civil society.

Amy Sawyer is a policy expert on ending homelessness. She has worked with public and private partners at the local, state, and federal level to align resources, design systems and programs, and coordinate partners to make an impact. While with the US Interagency Council on Homelessness, she supported states and communities throughout the nation, including North Carolina. Amy is committed to human rights and person-centered solutions. She just returned from a year abroad in Sweden and is excited to add her new international perspective to her work.

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