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New England Center for Homeless Veterans Presented with the Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Service to Homeless Veterans

BOSTON—The Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office in Washington, D.C., Department of Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary W. Scott Gould presented the Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Service to Homeless Veterans to Mr. Andrew McCawley, President and CEO of The New England Center for Homeless Veterans in Boston, MA.

"It is important to note the New England Center for Homeless Veterans in Boston was one of only four community organizations in the USA that was singled out for this special recognition by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs," said Mike Galloucis, the VA's Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. "That underscores the great work the Center does every day for Veterans in Massachusetts and is a reflection of the staff's dedication and professionalism, which I had a chance to see first-hand during my recent visit."

NECHV President and CEO, Andy McCawley, who accepted the award on behalf of the New England Center for Veterans stated, "The Center and its staff are honored to be recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The staff at the Center is a committed team of professionals committed to supporting Veterans and excited about the role they play in Secretary Shinseki's [Five Year Plan to End Homelessness amongst Veterans](#)^[1]. The Center will continue to model its support systems to integrate with the community of national and local partners – both government and private; to meet Veterans' needs and abolish homelessness. As Secretary Shinseki stated: "*those who have served this nation as a Veteran should never find themselves on the street, living without care and without hope*"."

Now in its third decade of service, the New England Center for Homeless Veterans (NECHV) provides a broad array of services to meet the needs of each Veteran it serves. NECHV is recognized as administrating one of the most effective private, non-profit Veteran's transition and re-integration programs in the country. The Center offers a full spectrum of Veteran housing, and every element of the Center's offerings is designed to assist Veterans to achieve long term self-sufficiency and successful independent living. Its supportive services include one-on-one case management and specialized programs that address Veteran-specific concerns; Veterans benefits counseling; life skills and job training; job placement; and assistance with permanent housing placement.

Each Veteran is supported through a case management process to ensure the best resources are available at every step along the way. The Center embodies a collaborative approach in accordance with the VA strategy to ensure there is "no wrong door" for Veterans. We partner with medical facilities, government agencies and other service providers to support the total needs of Veterans. For more information on our programs and services, please visit our website: www.nechv.org

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^[1] <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1807>