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Walk-in Center for Homeless Veterans at Capt. James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) to extend hours to five afternoons a week

NORTH CHICAGO, Ill. – Lovell FHCC’s Walk-In Center for Homeless Veterans will expand its hours to five afternoons a week beginning March 31.

The center, which opened last fall at the main hospital in North Chicago, Ill., provides homeless Veterans immediate help with resources and information, including emergency housing.

“Word is getting out about the center,” said Bill Flood, head of homeless programs at Lovell FHCC. “The number of Veterans using the center has steadily increased since it opened in November. We want to do all we can to meet the needs of homeless Veterans and those who could become homeless.”

Social workers at the walk-in center inform Veterans about housing options offered through several federal grant programs, as well as Lovell FHCC and community resources. Homeless programs at Lovell FHCC are an integral part of health care, as the Department of Veterans Affairs strives to eradicate homelessness among Veterans. FHCC homeless program staff members assist Veterans with homelessness prevention services as well as with emergency, transitional and permanent housing options. They also assist Veterans with establishing comprehensive care plans (medical, mental health, substance abuse treatment)

Beginning March 31, the Walk-In Center for Homeless Veterans will be open from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, in Building 133, Room 1D-121, at Lovell FHCC, 3001 Green Bay Road, North Chicago. Volunteers at the main valet parking entrance to the hospital are available to guide Veterans to the center. During operating hours, walk-in center staff can be reached at 224-610-1148. Outside operating hours, Veterans may call 224-588-0009 for assistance.

About the Lovell FHCC: The Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center is the nation’s first fully integrated medical facility between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense. It serves active duty military personnel, their families and veterans. Lovell FHCC, which is located in North Chicago, operates four Great Lakes Naval Station branch clinics and three community based outpatient clinics in McHenry and Evanston, Ill., and Kenosha, Wis.