## **SSVF: Community Plan Summary**

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**1. Primary Planning and Coordination Group**: Identify the primary group responsible for planning and coordinating efforts to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in the CoC. List the principal members of this group and their affiliation.

Primary Group Name:			
Principal Members	Affiliation		
Kim Cook, Leonard Smith, Joy Petty	U.S. VETS		
Erin Rutherford and Rona Fukumoto	Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH)		
Andrew Dahlberg	VA Homeless Program Coordinator		
Rachelle Russo	VA Point of Contact (POC) for SSVF		
	PHOCUSED (unbiased 3rd Party organization that is functioning		
Scott Morishige	as backbone for Coordinated Assessment)		
Greg Payton	CoC (Partners in Care Executive)		
Carlos Peraro	HMIS Administrator		
Jun Yang	City and County of Honolulu		

**2. Ongoing Review and Coordination:** Briefly describe how often (e.g., monthly) the above group meets to review progress and coordinate efforts. Include a summary of what information is reviewed during these meetings.

Community service providers involved in coordinated assessment through the 25 Cities initiative meet bi-weekly for case conferencing. These meetings review individuals (including Veterans) who have completed a VI-SPDAT and providers decide which agency will assist the individual with housing services (i.e. case management and financal assistance). U.S.VETS, CCH, PHOCUSED, and the VA all attend the bi-weekly case conferencing. Additional attendees include outreach workers, housing specialist, housing navigators, SOAR/Benefits specialist, public health nurses and additional homeless service providers. Providers also give updates during the meetings on what funding is available. In addition to the current bi-weekly meetings, PHOCUSED is working on coordinating regular meetings for rapid rehousing providers. CCH attended the first rapid rehousing providers meeting and will be representing CCH SSVF at future meetings. U.S.VETS and CCH are also involved in the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness meeting. All principal members involved in the planning and coordination group are involved in the on-going Mayor's Challenge Meetings. As part of the Mayor's Challenge, a master list of all unsheltered Veterans has been created. The CoC has decided to meet and discuss the master list at the Mayor's Challenge meetings bi-weekly. The two SSVF providers (CCH and U.S.VETS) and the VA SSVF POC meet on a monthly basis to discuss programmatic concerns, screenings and clients, and the progress each grantee is making towards meeting their goals. Both SSVF Programs (U.S. VETS and Catholic Charities Hawaii) exchange client information weekly to ensure that clients are not enrolled in both programs. The local CoC (Partners in Care - PIC) meets on a monthly basis with all PIC members to coordinate efforts between service providers. All members listed above attend the montly PIC meetings. CCH is part of the CoC data sub-committee which also meets every month with homeless service providers to discuss data on homeless, HMIS reporting, Point in Time count, and progress with tracking homeless services.

- 3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero: Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.
- **3A.** Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans: Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT).

Estimated Annual Total:	606
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**3B.** Community/CoC Goals: Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

## A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:

Complete and attach SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet

B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	30	days
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C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	214	171	385
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	31	25	56

## 3C. Implementation Strategies: What strategies are being used to achieve and sustain functional zero?

		Yes/No/Under Dev
Α.	Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Yes
	Is this list updated regularly?	Yes
	Is this list reviewed at least bi-weekly by key community partners to ensure Veterans have a permanent housing plan and those plans are achieved?	Yes
B.	Does every Veteran who is homeless now have a Housing Plan and access to safe (and low barrier as needed) shelter and/or permanent housing?	Yes
C.	Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	Yes
	If so, is this true no matter where they are initially engaged in your community or what shelter or unsheltered location they may be in?	Yes
D.	Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-aways?	Yes
E.	Are you using SSVF to rapidly re-house Veterans who are waiting on VASH or other PSH assistance if VASH/PSH is not available immediately or in near future?	Yes

**4. Other Strengths and Challenges**: Briefly describe any additional strengths and/or challenges relevant to your achieving VA and local goals.

Strengths - Oahu CoC has coordinated assessment up and running. The community providers are currently doing VI-SPDAT assessments and meeting bi-weekly to do case conferencing. The VA is present at the bi-weekly meetings. Coordination between agencies in relation to Veteran homelessness is strong. Agencies working together includes: VA (and all VA Homeless programs); U.S.VETS, CCH, and all other agencies in the local CoC. U.S.VETS and CCH are both actively engaged in the Mayor's Challenge. Meeting bi-weekly with Mayor's Challenge to address Barriers and devising strategies for reaching Functional Zero for housing all Veterans. The 25 City initiative meets quarterly to strategize and plan for ending homelessness in Honolulu. In order to meet our goal for Functional Zero, we will meet with our community providers on an on-going basis to develop more strategies and ensure that every Veteran encountered is moved into shelter or permanent housing. The two SSVF Providers will regularly share program enrollments and exits to ensure that we are meeting out total annual projected households served. The CoC has defined Functional Zero. A Veteran's Subcommittee has been established through the local Mayor's Challenge at which the master list created by the CoC will be reviewed bi-weekly.

Challenges: Although there are homeless Veterans on the neighboring islands, Priority 1 is not available statewide. Neighbor islands do not fully have coordinated assessments up and running, although Kauai island has started doing VI-SPDAT. There is an unmet need on neighbor islands due to lack of housing resources and funding availability. Outreach on neighbor islands continues to be a challenge due to Veteran's living in unreachable locations such as mountains and very isolated areas.