SSVF: Community Plan Summary

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Continuum of Care Name:	Kansas City/Wyandotte County CoC	CoC Number:	KS-501

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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:	Zero:2016/Continuum of Care/Regional Task Force
Principal Members	**Affiliation**
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Howie Howard	MAACLink HMIS/Zero:2016
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Jason Bohn	MARC/Regional Homeless Task Force/Zero:2016
Debra Fester	The Salvation Army, Divisional Social Services/SSVF
Evelyn Craig	reStart, Inc./SSVF
Patricia Becher/Robin Johnson	reStart, Inc./SSVF
Karen Gettinger	United Way of Greater KC/2-1-1/Veterans Alliance
Rachel Pederson/Sophia Stachofsky	The Salvation Army, SSVF
Joseph Stryka	Wyandotte HSC Board Chair
Elaine Stroud	Housing Authority of Kansas City, KS
Steven Kop	Law Enforcement
Stephanie Moore	WYCO Unified Government Community Development
Laura Moore/Mark Churchill	Catholic Charities of Kansas City, St. Joseph, Inc./SSVF
Randy Crandall	VA VISN 15 Network Homeless Coordinator
Cindy Taylor	Kim Wilson Housing/Zero:2016
Cindy Spencer	KC VAMC/HUD-VASH
Sondra Robinson	KC VAMC Homeless Coordinator/Zero:2016
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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.

The group has been meeting monthly to: review Veterans who are homeless, track progress toward the goal of ending Veteran homelessness at the end of 2015, re-housing goals, utilization of SSVF services, and to coordinate efforts. During these and related coordination meetings, committee meetings, housing placement team meetings, and leadership meetings, progress toward goals outlined in the previously submitted Priority 1 Community Plan, are reviewed, implemented, or additional strategies are modified or developed. Critical to the process at this time is reaching community concensus on the definition of "functional zero". Specific items addressed in these collabortive meetings include: prioritization/triage of SSVF services, increasing use of the VI_SPDAT across agencies, implementation progress on coordinated assessment, coordinated outreach strategies, homeless diversion, and the development of housing location services. Throughout the ongoing coordination effort, it is understood that the need for continual revision to the plan will be based on analysis of the following: demand, utilization of SSVF services, homeless counts, unmet needs, new PIT counts, information learned from ongoing coordination with other community and VA housing programs, community trends, emergent best practices, and relevant research. There was a rebalancing of Grant Per Diem beds in the community, however, the impact on overall Veteran homelessness is yet to be known. **UPDATE: SSVF Grantees with shared geography have been meeting regularly outside of larger coordination efforts to prioritize goals and work on plan implementation. This higher level of coordination benefits day to day operation, consistent messaging to potential and active participants, and community partners. The PHA has expressed a willingness to dedicate public housing placements to Veterans, but the community is still working to identify a provider with the capacity to enter into such an agreement.**

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:	114

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

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:	10	0	10
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	3	0	3

3C. Implementation Strategies: What strategies are being used to <u>achieve</u> and <u>sustain</u> functional zero?

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. 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: (1) The VI_SPDAT is already implemented in the CoC in most SSVF grantee programs and is available on the HMIS database; (2) Wyandotte CoC is a Zero:2016 community participating in the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness and there were already many coordinated regional efforts in place prior to implementation of these community plans; (3) SSVF grantees agreed to pilot the community's coordinated assessment effort; (4) Current SSVF grantees and sponsoring agencies have a wealth of experience and knowledge in the provision of homeless services and specialized services to homeless Veterans.
Challenges: (1) Wyandotte CoC is connected to a larger metro area where there is another Priority 1 CoC. There are challenges inherent in having a metro area divided by a state line although both CoC communities are committed to collaboration and coordination and there is a great deal of fluidity between the CoC areas in terms of Veteran movement; (4) SSVF program eligibility requirements and restrictions, including prioritization is often difficult for community partners to understand; (5) Coordination of outreach efforts and ensuring there are community supported alternatives to criminalization of the homeless (we are encountering more Veterans living in camps choosing not to enter services or housing). *UPDATE 6/30/15: The CoC is currently in transition. There is no longer a single point of contact for the CoC and Board is delineating CoC activities. However, with the current count of homeless Veterans and the system that is place within the community, we feel well placed to declare having reached functional zero by our target date, if not by the end of the program year in September 2015.* **UPDATE 9/15/15: The community is now working on putting the pieces in place to declare functional zero. This includes verification with USICH, and ensuring that all measures are in deed met, since this will be the first declaration in our area. In Q3, The Salvation Army SSVF added a housing locator that is assisting with reducing length of time homeless.**

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Continuum of Care Name:	Wichita/Sedgwick County CoC	CoC Number:	KS-502

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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:	Zero 2016
Principal Members	**Affiliation**
Andy Mills	United Methodist Open Door, Wichita, KS
Deann Smith	United Methodist Open Door, Wichita, KS
Maggie Flaunders	Sedgwick County, Wichita, KS
Shelly Haupt	City of Wichita- Housing & Community Services, Wichita, KS
Melissa Gronau	Veteran Affairs, Wichita, KS
Mallory Foos	Miracles, Inc., Wichita, KS
Jennifer Wilson	Comcare of Sedgwick County, Wichita, KS
Sarah Robinson	Wichita Children's Home, Wichita, KS
Sandy Swank	Interfaith Ministries Housing, Wichita, KS
Rhonda Walker	Miracles, Inc., Wichita, KS
Rachel Pederson/Shawne Rice	The Salvation Army, KS & Western MO/SSVF KS
Kit Lambertz	Dear Neighbors Ministries
Jen McGill	Catholic Charites, Inc., Wichita, KS
Michael Kress	Mental Health Association, Wichita, KS
Stephanie Cline	Mental Health Ass. Of South Central KS
WPD Officer Nate Schwiethale	Wichita Police Department
Lynn Tatloch	The Salvation Army - Homelss Services
Denny Bender	Union Rescue Mission

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.

The Wichita- Sedgwick County COC (WSC-COC) consists of homeless service providers and community partners in the greater Wichita area. Community-wide meetings addressing concerns pertaining to homelessness occur monthly. HUD and COC grantee focused meetings occur monthly at minimum. Educational forums, advisory and annual meetings occur yearly. A Coordinated Assessment committee meets monthly and efforts are being made to implement the VI-SPDAT amongst all providers. WSC-COC participates in Community Solutions Zero: 2016 Campaign. Bi-monthly case consultation with homeless service providers formed in January 2015 to coordinate services for homeless veterans and chronically homeless persons. WSC-COC is an active member of the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition. Every year the coalition convenes a summit on housing and homelessness which will be hosted by WSC-COC this year. The focus of this year's summit is on the Zero: 2016 Initiative.

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:	124

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

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:	41	18	59
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	15	6	21

3C. Implementation Strategies: What strategies are being used to _achieve_ and _sustain_ functional zero?

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	**Under Dev**
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?	**Under Dev**
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.

WSC-COC members are highly in tuned with national initiatives and work cohesively to resolve homeless issues. The Mayor of Wichita has committed to participate in the Mayor's Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness. There are vetted community supporters willing to assist veterans and participate in the fight to end homelessness amongst veterans. The Wichita VAMC is able to access the HMIS database. Active SSVF grantee and VAMC/HUD-VASH coordination occurs monthly.
Challenges
The lack of affordable housing in our community that does not compromise safety of the families we serve. Many veterans we serve have no income, extensive criminal history and evictions. Finding adequate housing is a challenge.
Update
The VI-SPDAT has been adopted by the WSC-COC and training was conducted on 6/30/15 for all providers utlizing HMIS. Modifications have also been made to ClientTrack to allow service records, DD214, VHA and military ID's to be uploaded to the HMIS. This information can be shared with providers who have signed the Memorandum of Understanding.

As of July, 65 homeless veterans have been housed. During the August Zero 2016 Committee Meeting, a goal was established to assist a minimum of 10 homeless veterans/month with permanent housing.

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Continuum of Care Name:	Topeka/Shawnee County CoC		CoC Number:	KS-503

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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:	Topeka-Shawnee County Homeless Task Force
Principal Members	**Affiliation**
G.R. Laughlin	Commununity Resources Council/Topeka-Shawnee Homeless Task Force
Heather Davis	Eastern KS VAMC/HUD-VASH POC
Doug Wallace	KS Dept for Aging and Disability Services
Rachelle Vega-Retana/Corrie Wright	City of Topeka Housing and Neighborhood Development
Dora Coronel/Chris Palmer	Cornerstone of Topeka, Inc.
Dylen Woods/Ellen Rislove	Catholic Charities of NE KS
Deb Dolsky	Mirror, Inc.
Susan Duffy	Topeka Metro
Robin Gilbert	Hope House
John Homlish/Kelly Meerpohl	Community Action, Inc.
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Pat Mahoney/Rena Kilgore	Topeka USD 501
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Melissa Nolte	KS Legal Services/TMAP
Rachel Pederson/Shawne Rice	The Salvation Army SSVF
Dawn Strecker	Doorstep, Inc.
Theresa Douthart	Breakthrough House
Arnold Downing	Topeka Housing Authority
Tim Hall	The Salvation Army Topeka Corps
Vicky Luttrell	YWCA Center for Safety Empowerment
Grace Roberts	KS Children's Service League
David Thompson	KS Dept for Children and Family
Kelli Martinez/Courtney Smith	KS Dept of Corrections
Cameron Taylor	Quincy House Vet Shelter
Kore Lippoldt	Marian Clinic
Randy Crandall	VA VISN 15 Network Homeless Coordinator
Bri Frits	Eastern KS VAMC HCHV

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.

The CoC meets monthly at Community Action Resources. In Topeka-Shawnee County CoC, the community involvement is quite diverse and includes government agency involvement. The City of Topeka is involved in the CoC meetings and in specific CoC projects such as the annual point-in-time (PIT) count. The City advertises and encourages community members to volunteer for the PIT, and they provide valuable information on the City website on homeless programs, services, and on information about homelessness. Some of the CoC participants are funded by HUD to provide permanent supportive housing. The task force has developed several initiatives as a part of the plan to end chronic homelessness and Veteran homelessness. There are a significant number of homeless Veterans and Veterans at risk of homelessness coming from this CoC area. SSVF and VA representatives are at the table to highlight issues pertaining to homeless Veterans and how to access Veteran services, including Veteran-centric initiatives such as the goal to end Veteran homelessness at the end of 2015, overcoming barriers to permanent housing, coordinated assessment, and outreach. Since the release of Point in Time numbers, we are able to have been engaged in discussions with CoC and VA partners to explore how to distribute SSVF grant resources throughout all continua served to close the gap identified in the tool. We are also planning on working with the community to develop much needed alternative resources.

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:	159

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

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:	17	0	17
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	6	0	6

3C. Implementation Strategies: What strategies are being used to <u>achieve</u> and <u>sustain</u> functional zero?

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	**Under Dev**
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?	**Under Dev**
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?	**Under Dev**
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: The CoC is a long standing group of stake holders and providers in the community. The CoC has focused a lot of efforts on community based initiatives and solutions to homelessness. At times, this has been positive and has brought the group together who have developed creative solutions. At times, this has prevented the group from moving forward with needed funding requests, such as for housing solutions through the HUD CoC grants. The Eastern KS VA is located in the area and is involved in the CoC. **Challenges:** There has been some continued resistance from some members and providers regarding entering data on a consistent basis into the CoC HMIS. Other members continue to try to drive participant "buy-in" in HMIS participation. There is a need to move forward on meeting the VA national goals of ending Veteran homelessness in addition to the requirement of coordinated assessment. *UPDATE 6/30/15: With the updated PIT numbers, we are showing progress toward closing the gap. The SSVF program works closely with VAMC to identify diversion strategies for those not eligible for VASH or RRH services. Coordinated assessment continues to be a low a priority as the CoC works to gain community HMIS buy-in. The SSVF program continues to network through community relationships to work towards functional zero.* **UPDATE 9/15/15: SSVF and the VAMC local homeless programs have worked extensively on improving coordination and collaboration to meet goals. An SSVF office relocation from Manhattan to Topeka will assist with meeting goals, as the need appears to be greater in this CoC. The community switched HMIS providers, allowing for increased capacity for data tracking.**

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Continuum of Care Name:	Overland Park/Shawnee/Johnson County CoC		CoC Number:	KS-505
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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:	Johnson County Continuum of Care on Homelessness
Principal Members	**Affiliation**
Valorie Carson	United Community Services of JoCo
Howie Howard/Shelly Stroessner	MAACLink HMIS
Randy Crandall	VISN 15 Deputy Director Network Homeless Coordinator
Jason Bohn	Mid-America Regional Council/Homeless Task Force of Greater KC
Rachel Pederson/Shawne Rice/Debra Fester	The Salvation Army SSVF
Dustin Hardison	Catholic Charities of NE KS
Stacy Copeland	County of Johnson Housing Services Division
Lisa Elmer	SAVE, Inc.
Liz Worth	Johnson County Mental Health Center
Sarah Waggoner	SAFEHOME, Inc.
Teri Martsolf	The Salvation Army, Olathe KS - Transitional Housing
Viki Schmidt	Johnson County Community Development
Jess Collins	Johnson County HS Outreach
Sondra Robinson/Cindy Spencer	KC VAMC Homeless Coordinator/POC/HUD-VASH

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.

The full CoC meets every 4th Wednesday of the month except December. Additionally the COC's Board meets bi-monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. The CoC is made up of private and public organizations and those who serve the homeless or those at most risk of homelessness. On behalf of the CoC, UCS submits a consolidated application to HUD for housing and supportive services programs. UCS is the organizational unit for the Johnson County CoC. UCS is active in providing community information, collaborative planning with housing and safety net providers, mobilization of resources, reducing barriers in order to enhance human services, including housing for homeless Veterans, to meet the present and emerging needs. UCS has led many efforts in advocating for evidenced-based programs, policies and practices that are successful in the reduction of homelessness and poverty. The annual point-in-time count is used to assist the CoC and its community providers plan for appropriate services and supports to assist households regain safe and stable housing. Housing First and Rapid Re-housing are strategies which have been adopted by many providers and encouraged by the CoC. All of these strategies support the VA goal of ending Veteran Homelessness by the end of 2015. SSVF is one of the primary strategies employed to Rapidly Re-house homeless Veterans who can then be connected to permanent housings through one of the HUD funded programs, HUD-VASH, or through the available rental market. The CoC is a part of a Tri-County/Tri-CoC effort working toward implementation of coordinated access/assessment, an effort assisted by the Homeless Task Force (HTF). CoC participation in the HTF has been instrumental this year in: development of a Permanent Housing Project Team, coordinated outreach, hosting landlord events, setting targets for ending homelessness, advocating for system changes, including a potential change to the HMIS toward coordinated access/assessment. SSVF grantees in the 3 county area have agreed to pilot the coordinated access/assessment system once approved.

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Estimated Annual Total:	7

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

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:	1	0	1
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	0	0	0

3C. **Implementation Strategies: What strategies are being used to <u>achieve</u> and <u>sustain</u> functional zero?**

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. 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: UCS and the CoC have been conducting community based research, data analysis, and have been involved in community based collaborative strategic planning for many years. They are well respected in the community in leading community based initiatives. The incidence of Veteran homelessness in the Johnson County CoC is relatively small for many reasons: the area is more affluent in general than most other nearby regions, and there are many housing and employment opportunities. The CoC is invested in coordinated assessment and in meeting the goal of ending homelessness. **Challenges:** The incidence of poverty and homelessness has been slowly creeping up in certain pockets of the CoC for a few years. There is often a lack of affordable housing particularly in some parts of the CoC area. *UPDATE 6/30/15: The January 2015 PIT Count identified no homeless Veterans, sheltered or unsheltered within Johnson County. The SSVF program will be working with the CoC and with the local VAMC to ensure that a system is in place to capture any Veteran entering homelessness, and once accomplished, we will be declaring "functional zero" toward the goal of ending Veteran homelessness.* **UPDATE 9/15/15: The plan has been presented to CoC leadership in preparation to be presented to the full CoC at a later date. We are in consultation with USICH to determine if all mechanisms are in place declare functional zero for Johnson County.**

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Continuum of Care Name:	Kansas Balance of State CoC	CoC Number:	KS-507

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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:	Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition
Principal Members	**Affiliation**
Cheryl Patrick	KS Balance of State CoC Executive Director
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James Chislom	KS Housing Resource Corporation
Linda Mills	First Call for Help of Ellis County
Debbie Snapp	Catholic Social Services, Dodge City
Emily Wagner	Manhattan Emergency Shelter
Jamie Crowder	Kim Wilson Housing, Pittsburg KS
Beth Waddle	My Father's House, Paola, KS
Joyce Stockham	Mid-Kansas Community Action Program
Dani Dresslar	City of Lawrence Planning and Development
Rachel Pederson/Shawne Rice/Debra Fester	The Salvation Army SSVF KS
Randy Crandall	VISN 15 Deputy Director Network Homeless Coordinator
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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.

The KS Statewide Homeless Coalition (KSHC) is divided into eight (8) regions covering 101 counties across the state of KS. The majority of the CoC is a rural and frontier demographic with a mix of mid-sized communities such as Douglas County/Lawrence. The BoS includes local networking groups, homeless service providers, and other stakeholders in the state. Regional Coordinators who are representatives of various agencies assist with organizing meetings and regional initiatives. CoC meetings occur monthly, typically by teleconference due to the size of the CoC. The CoC ED and Coordinator travel to all eight regions for training and additional collaboration. Standing committees meet monthly and some Ad-Hoc committees meet by phone as needed. Regional meetings occur quarterly and include work on initiatives as 100,000 Homes and Zero: 2016 and coordinated assessment projects. KSHC also holds an annual summit on homeless and housing. The 2015 Statewide Summit on Homelessness and Housing was titled: Zero 2016: Call for Action. The summit brought together state and local governments, homeless service providers, state agency workers, advocates, and persons who are homeless/formerly homeless to address strategies to end chronic and Veteran homelessness. **Update 9/15/15: A committe recently formally introduced a regional coordinated assessment "pilot" in four out of the eight regions. We continue to consult with SSVF, CoC, and VA partners to identify how we can best allocate resources to close the gap in need for Rapid Rehousing placements. Recently, SSVF consulted with the CoC for the submission of their application for a Vets@Home technical assistance opportunity. There continue to be difficulties with housing stock and targeting PH and PSH for Veterans. Some frontier/rural counties with less demand for RRH that may be interested in a "designated County prevention waiver" as the need for HP in some rural counties is high. We continue to work with key participants to develop needed resources.**

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:	801

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

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:	61	0	61
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	20	0	20

3C. Implementation Strategies: What strategies are being used to <u>achieve</u> and <u>sustain</u> functional zero?

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	**Under Dev**
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?	**Under Dev**
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: Resilence of rural and frontier communities and citizenry, and natural tendency to help "their own". While shelters do not operate in all areas of the 101 county region, there are a vast array of providers throughout the state with knowledge of regional resources. The CoC includes membership committed to resolving and addressing issues of homelessness. There is a high level of concern and respect for Veterans in these communities. Many people are willing to help Veterans in a time of need or crisis. Partnerships with the VA providing Veteran access to Domiciliary care and HCHV services. **Challenges:** The breadth and scope of the CoC area causes coordination challenges. The CoC is often slightly lagging behind in the development of planning inititiaves, particularly in response to governmental led initiatives versus local concerns which are often viewed differently in rural communities as compared to metropolitan areas. There are often trust issues within small tight-knit communities regarding those regarded as "outsiders". Therefore service providers have to be knowledgeable of and connected to each community, however small.   Affordable housing is hard to come by and housing stock is limited. Often homeless Veterans will accept less than habitable conditions in housing because of this. Some of the older housing stock has not been upgraded and some still has lead-based paint. Therefore, housing homeless Veterans is a complex task. **Update 9/15/15: The CoC is has formally implemented a coordinated assessment (CA) "pilot" in four out of eight selected Counties. It is hoped that the CA process will provide an avenue to devise a way to identify and "list"homeless Veterans. It is hoped as well that the CoC will be a receipient of Vets@Home Technical Assistance based on a recently submitted application.**