

SSVF Priority 1 Community Plan

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Continuum of Care (CoC) Name: Monterey/San Benito (MOSBE) Continuum of Care		CoC #: CA-506A
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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. Identify the principal members of this group and their affiliation.

Primary Group Name: Committee To End Veteran Homelessness	
Principle Members	Affiliation
Housing Resource Center of Monterey County	
Leila Emadin	Executive Director
Bonnie Jellison (+ staff)	Veteran Programs Manager
Veterans Resource Center	
Emily Smith (+ staff)	Site Director
Larry Newsom	Central Coast Regional Manager
Veterans Transition Center (GPD)	
Terry Bare (+ staff)	Executive Director
Jorge Rojas	Program Manager
Central Coast Center for Independent Living	
Elsa Quesada (+ staff)	Executive Director
Georgina Alvarez	Program Manager

Meg Davidson (+ staff)	Supervisory Social Worker HUD-VASH Monterey
Marty Creed	Social Worker, VA GPD Liason
Daian Hennington	Social Worker, VA
Katherine Thoeni	Executive Officer, Coalition of Homeless Services Providers
Alma McHoney	Monterey County Office for Employment Training Alma leads the County Veterans Collaborative
Manual Palacio, Jr.	Employment Development Department (EDD) Disabled Veteran Outreach Program
George Dixon	Director, Monterey County Office of Military and Veteran Affairs
John Garske	President, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
Enrique Arreola	San Benito County Director of Health and Human Services
James Rydingsword	San Benito County
Joe Gunter (+ staff)	Mayor, City of Salinas
Joanie Ruaz	Housing Authority of Monterey County
Kay Skripke (+ members)	Lend a Hand, Lend a Heart (VSO)
Community Shelter + Transitional Housing Programs, including	
Jill Allen (+ staff)	Executive Director, Franciscan Workers of Junipero Serra
Reyes Bonilla (+ staff)	Executive Director, Shelter Outreach Plus
Staff	Victory Mission
Staff	Salvation Army
Staff	Catholic Charities
Staff	I-Help Monterey Peninsula
Staff	Goodwill Industries

2. Ongoing Review and Coordination: Briefly describe how often (e.g., monthly) the above group or a related review/coordination group meets to review Veterans who are homeless, track progress toward re-housing, and coordinate efforts. Include a summary of what information is reviewed during these meetings.

The Committee will meet every two months. The focus of the next meeting is to set up a process for regular reporting of numbers of homeless Veterans and numbers housed from partners who do not participate in the local (MOSBE) HMIS system. As soon as it becomes available, the Data Team will compare the 2015 Homeless Census Data to the baseline data used to create this Plan; and the Plan updated as appropriate. An ongoing evaluation of progress and tracking system will be established.

3. SSVF Grantees Serving CoC Geography: Identify each SSVF funded agency serving Veterans in the CoC geography and each SSVF total grant award amount for FY15, including priority 1 (“surge”), 2 (renewals), and 3 (other new) awards. If one agency has multiple awards, list each separately. Pro-rate a grant award amount if the award covers more than one CoC geography. Include the projected annual number of households each grantee can serve and the total number of households across all grantees.

Grantee Agency Name	Grant Amount	Total Annual Projected Households	Total Annual Projected Households: Rapid Re-Housing	% of Total Households to be Assisted with Rapid Re-Housing
Housing Resource Center of Monterey County (Priority 2 renewal)	494,500	85	51	60%
Housing Resource Center of Monterey County (Priority 1)	1,000,000/year	200	160	80%

Veterans Resource Center (Priority 2 renewal)	100,000*	100	60	60%
*amount allocated to CoC CA-506A				
TOTAL	1,594.500	385	271	

4. Annual Demand and Need for Rapid Re-Housing Assistance: Using the *Veterans Demand Analysis and Progress Tracking Tool* or other demand analysis data agreed to by the primary group above, identify:

- The most recent actual or projected annual unduplicated number of homeless Veterans (on street and/or who access emergency shelter, Safe Havens, or transitional housing, including GPD) in the CoC geography, by household type
- The number of those Veterans who will need rapid re-housing assistance to exit homelessness
- The number of Veterans needing rapid re-housing assistance who are projected to be eligible for SSVF RRH assistance.

	Annual Unduplicated Homeless Veteran Households	Estimated # of Needing RRH (a)	Projected # to be Assisted with SSVF RRH (b)	Projected # to be Assisted with Other RRH (c)	Gap (a-(b+c))
Households without Children	363	344	238	56	50
Households with Children	49	47	33	14	0
Total Homeless Veteran Households	412	391	271	70	50

5. CoC Goals for Ending Homelessness Among Veterans: List the CoC's goals for ending Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (fill in additional related goals the CoC has determined, if relevant).

What are the CoC's goals for the estimated number of Veterans, including chronically homeless Veterans, who will be homeless as of the night of the January 2016 PIT Count?

	All Homeless Veteran Households (including CH)			Chronically Homeless Veteran Households		
	Sheltered	Unsheltered	TOTAL	Sheltered	Unsheltered	TOTAL
Households without Children	196	167	363	65	55	120
Households with Children	27	22	49	9	7	16
Total Households	223	189	412	74	62	136

Yes No

Has the CoC established other goals related to preventing and ending homelessness among Veterans by the end of 2015?

If "Yes", please describe:

Although the CoC has not established a Veteran specific plan, we strive to comply with all required HUD, VA, and ESG policies, which include giving homeless Veterans a high priority status. This Community Plan will, once approved by the CoC Leadership Council, be incorporated into the current MOSBE 10-year Plan to End Homelessness; and the Committee to End Veteran Homelessness incorporated into the 10-Year Plan Committee structure. The community partners within the CoC continue to provide services to those

identified as homeless, and imminently at risk for homeless, including homeless Veterans. As Veterans are identified among those served, they will be offered the appropriate high priority of service.

6. SSVF Integration into CoC Coordinated Assessment System: Briefly describe how Veterans access SSVF assistance (across all SSVF grantees) via the CoC's coordinated assessment system (e.g., "All Veterans who present to the CoC coordinated assessment center are screened for their current situation, needs, and SSVF eligibility. Then....). If not yet fully developed, describe your plans and implementation time frame. Specifically address:

- a) How Veterans who present for shelter are screened and diverted to SSVF homelessness prevention assistance when they have somewhere safe and appropriate to stay that night.
- b) How Veterans who become literally homeless are screened and triaged to SSVF rapid re-housing assistance as soon as possible once it is clear the Veteran is unable to resolve their homelessness without assistance.

The Monterey/San Benito County Continuum of Care has developed a Coordinated Assessment and Referral System (CARS). The form incorporates both the Vulnerability Index and the tools provided by the VA to create a tool usable by a wide variety of community organizations and agencies to assess all applicants for all available resources. Veterans have been identified as a priority. The tool will be implemented in the very near future.

Currently, SSVF providers work closely and directly with individual community agencies. These community providers have been made aware of SSVF program requirements and the resources available, and refer potentially eligible Veterans directly to SSVF grantees.

7. Long-Term System Improvements: Briefly describe how the CoC plans to utilize SSVF Priority 1 and all other SSVF funding over the next three years to foster long-term system improvements and optimization so that homelessness is prevented whenever possible and when it does occur, it is rare and brief. Specifically address areas for improvement related to:

- a) Further integrating SSVF assistance into the CoC's planning, oversight processes and coordinated assessment system.
- b) Ensuring comprehensive coordination with VA systems and other VA funded programs.
- c) Improving or establishing partnerships with community-based services and public/private housing providers.

a) SSVF programs are participating in the MOSBE Coordinated Assessment and Referral System (CARS).will be integrated into the CoC's 10-Year Plan and Committee structure, including the planning, review and oversight processes. SSVF programs

b) The CoC and the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers engage and coordinate with VA systems and other VA-funded programs. SSVF and VA providers already coordinate services and referrals. Members of the VA and other VA funded programs, including the Housing Authority and HUD VASH, participate on this Committee. The CoC will continue to review the Community Plan as it is updated; and regular reports and updates presented to the CoC Leadership Council.

c) Partnerships with community-based services and public and private housing providers are ongoing, and will continue to be developed and improved. Community programs that prioritize Veterans will be identified and expanded where additional resources can be identified.

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

Challenges include:

1. Lack of housing inventory
2. Lack of affordable housing inventory
3. Low vacancy rates
4. High unemployment rates
5. Geography
6. Lack of treatment on demand options (VA and Community-wide)
7. Lack of transportation
8. Few living-wage or other employment options
9. Few, if any, other RRH resources available in the community
10. Insufficient emergency shelter or transitional housing available
11. Aligning VA priorities with other CoC, state, and federal priorities (HUD, ESG, etc.)

Strengths include:

1. Existing cooperative relationships between RRH providers and emergency/transitional programs
2. Existing cooperative relationships between RRH providers and permanent (market) housing
3. Existing cooperative relationships between RRH providers and VA and HUD VASH team
4. Coordinated Assessment and Referral System already in development
5. Existing 10-Year Plan structure, including community-wide goals and working Committees