

# SSVF Priority 1 Community Plan

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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.

<b>Primary Group Name:</b> Tarrant County Homeless Coalition Veterans Workgroup	
Principle Members	Affiliation
Linda Saucedo, VA	VA VASH
Bridget Gooden	Catholic Charities SSVF Grantee
Alexandra Espinosa	TCHC HMIS Administrator
Carolyn Curry	TCHC CoC Planning
Debra Bullock	The Salvation Army Mabee Center
Garry Matthews	The Salvation Army Mabee Center
Lewis Gene Thomas	VA VASH
Shawmeeka Noland	Presbyterian Night Shelter
Tania Lewis	MHMR Liberty House
Melissa Salerno	Family Endeavors

**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 Veterans Workgroup meets approximately every two weeks. The agenda begins with a review of the HMIS generated real-time list of homeless veterans and staff the efforts to housing possibilities. The list includes regularly updated case notes, service and housing history, barriers, and eligibility.

Coordination of services through both coordinated assessment system, HMIS, and CoC planning occurs monthly. In 2015, veteran service coordination will be examined as a part of the overall CoC system. The CoC will be undertaking two initiatives beginning December 2014 including the development of a Rapid Rehousing Learning Collaborative and the system mapping of the entire COC housing process using the CAARES model to optimize the veteran and non-veteran experience of intake, assessment and access to housing.

The CoC lead agency, Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, will be responsible, as the Coordinated Assessment and HMIS administrators, to track and maintain progress on housing, comprehensive data analysis on length of stay, housing stability, and recidivism.

**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
Family Endeavors, C15-TX-601A, Priority 1	\$1,000,000/yr, 3 yrs	500	300	60%
Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth, 12-TX-075 Priority 2	\$852,381.75/year	250	150	60%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,852,381.75</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>450</b>	

**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.

SOURCE: Oct 1 2013 – Sept 30 2014 Veteran AHAR Report Raw Data Actuals NEEDED based on a 70% intervention rate based on length of stay and ES to TH ratios.

	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	291	203 (70%)	203		0
Households with Children	17	17 (100%)	17		0
<b>Total Homeless Veteran Households</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>		<b>0</b>

**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	90	0	91	10	0	10
Households with Children	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

Has the CoC established other goals related to preventing and ending homelessness among Veterans by the end of 2015?  Yes  No

If “Yes”, please describe:

On 11/11/2014 the CoC set its take down rate to get to a functional zero of veteran homelessness by December 2015. That rate would require the housing of 125 current homeless veterans, another 78 that will present over the year that are not able to self-resolve, and 17 chronically homeless veterans currently in the CoC. These numbers are based on unsheltered and emergency sheltered veteran statistics within the HMIS.

**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 timeframe. 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 Tarrant County Homeless Coalition manages both the HMIS and the Coordinated Assessment System services. The assessment tools are uniform and a part of the HMIS system, virtually available for all agency staff. All but one agency is part of the shared data HMIS system. Assessments completed in the HMIS provide an assessment report that will list veteran resources and intake information. Referrals are made immediately. All veteran related documentation is able to be scanned and attached to the CAS system. The prioritization system identifies veterans and places them on a specialized Veteran Priority Housing list. It distinguishes between eligible and ineligible vets and provides continually updated housing and barrier related information. The Priority list (contained on the agency shared TCHC Basecamp site) is updated weekly and staffed biweekly.

**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.

The CAS system infrastructure will be improved by providing warm referral hand offs of clients rather than through messaging and voice mail systems.

Expansion of the CoC's TCHC Homeless Helpline by creating a local homeless Veteran Help line that can make immediate warm hand offs to provide veteran specific information and referrals.

Coordination with the Tarrant County JP Courts to identify veteran families in the eviction process.

Identify and inventory Veteran Preference vendors, landlords and employers accessible to homeless services agencies.

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

Need improved employment services

Foster more relationships with more landlords because of a very tight housing market.

Demonstrate to GPD agency staff that veterans are ready for housing and can be successful in a rapid rehousing model through the development of a CoC Rapid Rehousing Learning Collaborative beginning in January 2015.