

Purpose: The revised SSVF Community Planning Tool aims to provide a more in-depth picture of the factors involved in each individual community where an SSVF Grantee provides services. It builds on the previous community planning tool's efforts by fostering a discussion with community partners on the status of their community while allowing for the progress of the community to be analyzed by the SSVF Program Office. This analysis can lead to further efforts in establishing Technical Assistance with the specific communities based upon their stated needs.

Part 1: Demographics

* 1. Choose your Continuum of Care Code:

2. If you serve a Balance of State CoC, which counties is this update for?

3. If you are submitting a plan for CA-600, what is the SPA number associated with your update?

* 4. Contact Information

Name

Organization

Email Address

Part 2: Coordination

Please note that this submission is not considered your plan. It is for update purposes only. A plan provides a comprehensive assessment of the current community need, the community's definition of ending Veteran homelessness, strategies to reach this goal, and may include measurable data points/outcomes to assist with measuring progress towards goal achievement.

* 5. Does your community have a written plan to end Veteran homelessness?

Yes

No

6. If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, have community stakeholders (e.g. local VA Medical Center, VA, SSVF grantees, etc.) provided input into the plan development and implementation?

Yes

No

* 7. Who is the CoC point of contact?

Name:

Email:

Organization:

Phone #:

* 8. Are representatives from the following VA funded programs present at community planning meetings/events?

	Strategic Meetings	Case Conferencing/Master List
HUD and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grant and Per Diem (GPD) VAMC Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domiciliary Care for Veterans (VA-Dom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safe Haven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* 9. What types of data are community providers able to share with their local VA Medical Center(s)? (Select all that apply)

- Client-level information (e.g. data from the HMIS system; includes identifying information such as the key elements for the by name/master list)
- Aggregate performance information (e.g. housing placement numbers; length of time homeless, does not include identifying information)

* 10. What types of data can local VA Medical Center staff share with community providers? (Select all that apply)

- Client-level information (e.g. data from the HOMES system such as key elements for the by name/master list)
- Aggregate performance information (e.g. HUD-VASH placement numbers; length of time homeless, GPD information, does not include identifying information)

* 11. Does your community have a standardized Release of Information (ROI) form for data sharing between the local VA Medical Center(s) and other relevant stakeholders?

Yes

No

12. If VA and non-VA homeless assistance providers are not able to share/receive data, which of the following would be helpful? (Select all that apply)

A copy of the HUD/VA Guidance on data sharing and HMIS.

Sample ROIs and MOUs that other communities have used.

Training related to security/privacy and the ability to share data with an outside source that is not the VA (e.g. transmission of PII over VA networks/systems).

Assistance getting buy-in from the local VA Medical Center(s) to share data.

Assistance getting buy-in from other community stakeholders to share data.

* 13. Is there a community-wide coordinated entry/assessment process for Veterans? Note: Participation in coordinated entry is a requirement of the SSVF program.

Yes

No

* 14. Who is lead point of contact for coordinated entry?

Name:

Organization:

Organization Type (VAMC, CoC, SSVF
Grantee, etc.)

Phone #:

Email:

* 15. Is the HUD-VASH program integrated into coordinated entry?

Yes

No

N/A

16. If the answer was "Yes" to the previous question, please select the response that best describes this integration:

The community's assessment is used for all Veterans, regardless of point of entry to determine need

HUD-VASH receives all referrals from coordinated entry

HUD-VASH receives referrals from coordinated entry but also allows for direct entry into their program through other means

* 17. Is the GPD program integrated into coordinated entry?

Yes

No

N/A

18. If the answer to the previous question was "Yes", please select the response that best describes this integration:

- The community's assessment is used for all Veterans, regardless of point of entry to determine need
- GPD receives all referrals from coordinated entry
- GPD receives only bridge housing referrals from coordinated entry
- GPD receives referrals from coordinated entry but also allows for direct entry into their program through other means

Please use this information for the following questions: Bridge Housing is transitional housing used as a short-term stay when a Veteran has been offered and accepted a permanent housing intervention (e.g., Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH), Housing Coalition/Continuum of Care (CoC) resources), but access to the permanent housing is still being arranged. Bridge Housing is generally provided for up to 90 days. Goals in the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Individual Service Plan (ISP) should be very short-term with the focus on the move to permanent housing.

* 19. Is GPD providing bridge housing in the community? (Please note that they must have submitted a change of scope to the GPD Program Office or are currently in the process to select "Yes".)

- Yes
- No
- N/A

20. Please list the GPD providers currently serving your community.

List of Agency Names

Total Number of Beds

* 21. Have any GPD providers in your community submitted a change of scope to the GPD Program Office?

Yes

No

If "Yes", please list the agency names.

22. If "No" to question 21, are any GPD providers planning to submit a change of scope?

Yes

No

If "Yes", please provide the agency name.

Part 3: Master List

A community must have an active list (commonly referred to as a “by-name” list or “master list”) that identifies all homeless Veterans, including those who are in unsheltered and as well as in sheltered locations (i.e., transitional housing, emergency shelter and safe haven). The community must be able to demonstrate the list is updated or refreshed at least monthly. The list may be populated by other data sources, such as HOMES, HMIS, or other comparable databases. This list is also updated at least monthly to reflect accurate status if verification shows that a person on the active list is not a Veteran. It should include the elements required for the Benchmarks and Specifications if the community is pursuing the federal criteria claim process. (Source: Achieving the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness: Criteria and Benchmarks, December 3, 2015)

* 23. Does the community have a master list?

Yes

No

24. If "Yes" to the previous question, is the list one complete document (not multiple parts)?

Yes

No

25. Who manages the master list?

Name:

Role:

Organization:

Organization Type (VAMC, CoC, SSVF
Grantee, etc.):

26. Does your list have the following elements? (Select all that apply.)

- Includes all unsheltered Veterans
- Includes all Veterans in emergency shelter (regardless of shelter funding source)
- Includes all Veterans in transitional housing (GPD, community TH, regardless of funding source)

27. How often do you meet to review and update the master list?

- Several times a week
- Weekly
- Bi-weekly
- Monthly
- Bi-Monthly
- Quarterly

* 28. Currently what are your community's top 3 priorities for ending Veteran homelessness?

- Master List development.
- Increase use of SSVF rapid re-housing to close gaps.
- Sustainability: Developing written policies and procedures to maintain the master list and case conference processes
- Sustainability: Ensuring that at least 1 party (most likely the CoC) is responsible for maintaining the goal of ending Veteran homelessness and codifying this into CoC governance structure
- Sustainability: Evaluating data on a regular basis to track any new trends, make modifications, and assess sustainability
- Data sharing
- CoC engagement in planning efforts
- VAMC engagement in planning efforts
- Submitting a claim to the federal partners (USICH/HUD/VA)
- Establishing a coordinated intake/entry system.
- Designing the system to meet federal benchmark criteria.
- Establishing regular meetings to review and update the BNL/Master List.
- Establishing regular meetings to strategize system improvements/enhancements.
- GPD change of scope.
- Integrating GPD clients into the BNL/Master List.
- Increasing permanent housing options (e.g. landlord engagement, etc.)
- Prioritizing clients for HUD-VASH vouchers

Part 4: Meetings and Strategy

* 29. What types of meetings does your community have?

Case Conferences

Strategic
Planning/Coordination Meetings
(Bigger Picture)

30. When are your next three strategic planning/coordination meetings? (Include date, time)

Meeting 1

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Meeting 2

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Meeting 3

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31. Would you like your Regional Coordinator and/or TA representative to participate in one of these meetings?

Yes

No

If you selected "Yes" please provide the call In information

Part 5: Federal Criteria/Benchmarks and Support

* 32. Has your community decided to pursue the federal partners' process?

Yes

No

33. If the answer to the previous question was "No", why have you decided not to pursue the process?

We do not feel we can meet the criteria/benchmarks.

Our CoC is not interested in pursuing the process.

We are interested in pursuing the federal process but are unsure of the requirements, and training/TA needed.

* 34. Has your community submitted a claim to the federal partners (USICH, VA, HUD)?

Yes

No

35. If the answer to Question 34 was "Yes", please provide the date the claim was submitted and its current status (pending, approved, denied).

Date:

Status:

36. List any technical assistance needs. (Select all that apply.)

- Assistance with by name list
- Assistance with data sharing between VA and community and/or data tracking.
- Assistance with understanding the federal criteria and benchmarks
- Assistance with sustainability planning
- Assistance with integration and coordination of HUD-VASH, GPD, and/or other transitional housing
- Assistance with CoC/stakeholder engagement

Part 6: Sustainability

* 37. Has your community begun sustainability planning efforts?

Yes

No

* 38. What resource gaps (if any) have you identified that may hinder sustainability? Select all that apply

Need for additional prevention/rapid re-housing funds (non-SSVF)

Need for RRH Waiver to serve higher proportion of prevention clients in SSVF

Need for additional HUD-VASH vouchers

Need for additional Section 8 (non-VA) housing vouchers

Need for additional VA funded prevention/rapid re-housing (SSVF)

Need for income support / financial management services (e.g. Rep Payee)

Need for additional permanent supportive housing resources (VA and/or non-VA)

Need for affordable, permanent housing options

Funding for other intensive case management services for RRH Veterans currently housed but at-risk of returning to homelessness.

No resource gaps have been identified at this time.

Unknown - sustainability planning has not yet begun for this community.

Other (please specify)

* 39. Does your community currently have Priority 1 (aka "Surge") SSVF funding?

Yes

No

40. If the answer to the previous question is "yes", does your community have adequate funding resources in place to sustain your system when "surge" funding ends?

Yes

No

If the answer is "no", please explain.

* 41. Does your community regularly follow-up with rapid re-housing clients to ensure housing stabilization?

Yes

No

* 42. Do you have a system in place to ensure rapid re-housing clients experiencing new housing crises are routed to prevention/other stabilization services?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe this process.

Thank You

Thank You for completing the June SSVF Community Plan Update Summary. Your responses are greatly appreciated and will help drive future community planning efforts.