



Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Webinar Series

Community Planning and Toolkit Instructions

April 16, 2015

Objectives

- Review Functional Zero Goals & Key Strategies
- Review of Community Planning Efforts
- Introduction to the SSVF Toolkit for Ending Homelessness Among Veterans
- Submitting Your Plans

National Goals for All Communities

Oct 1, 2014:
P1, P2, P3
Start

April 1, 2015:
P1 Round II
Start

January
2016 PIT
Count

2015

*Achieve functional zero
by the end of 2015*

Ongoing

*Sustain functional zero:
optimize local system to ensure
homelessness among Veterans
is prevented when possible and,
when it does occur, it is rare and
brief*

What Does (Functionally) Ending Homelessness Look Like?

Ensure no Veteran is ever forced to live on the street

- Engage and immediately offer every unsheltered Veteran access to low barrier shelter and housing
- Assertive engagement – try, try, and try again. No Veteran is unengaged.

Ensure homelessness is rare and brief

- Set and meet annual and monthly PH placement targets –ensure high rate of PH placement, low length of time homeless
- CoC-wide rapid screening & triage to SSVF RRH assistance
- Track and review all homeless Veterans with system partners regularly
- Assure SSVF assistance reaches *every* homeless Veteran not able to exit homelessness on own or not otherwise exiting with other solution (e.g., to PSH without need for bridge assistance)

What Does (Functionally) Ending Homelessness Look Like?

Low percent of homeless Veterans return to homelessness

- Assure SSVF assisted Veterans are connected to VA and community supports, get on waiting lists for long-term housing subsidies (if needed and eligible), and have plan for future housing crises

Immediate access to prevention assistance for Veterans diverted from shelter

- Target prevention assistance: establish rapid screening and referral protocols to SSVF HP assistance and prioritize those diverted for SSVF



Review of Community Planning Efforts

Priority 1 Planning Cohort I

- Dec 2014 – Jan 2015: 56 Priority 1 Plans
 - Included P1 and P2/P3 grantees also serving the targeted community
 - Goal setting and progress tracking
 - Feb 2015 – Mar 2015: Preliminary Reviews
 - 28 believe can get to zero based on current resources and partnerships
 - 21 had challenges with data assumptions to identify baseline for getting to zero
 - Average RRH target was 65%
 - Dec 2014 – Present: Consultations
 - 1:1 Plan reviews with SSVF Regional Coordinators and TA
 - Identify key strategies and planning methods
 - Identify challenges specific to planning in preparation for rolling out second round of P1 and other P2/P3 community plans
- *Regional Meetings (Feb-Mar) provided overview of community planning information to all grantees.

Community Planning Highlights

- Strategies specific to strengthening coordination between SSVF grantees, CoCs, local VAMCs, and VA funded programs.
- Action plans for meeting and reviewing progress – with accountable partners
- Identify the resources available and necessary to meet the gap

Maximize SSVF for RRH
NO GAPS OR TURNAWAYS

Updates to Community Planning Methods

- Integrate all P1 Community Plans with VA Gaps Analysis data
 - Support process for identifying baseline
 - Provides a standard planning scenario for each community so that goals and strategies can be implemented
 - Key: formulas show you PH targets and how to close gaps!
- Provide improved, standardized community plan template
 - Allows “new” community planning groups to expedite goal setting based on key measures and successful strategies from first round of community plans
 - Allows simple process for providing plan updates to partners and VA – and noting adjustments along the way



SSVF Toolkit for Ending Homelessness Among Veterans

SSVF Toolkit

for End Homelessness Among Veterans

- 1. Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview***
- 2. Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Review and Discussion Guide***
- 3. CoC SSVF Inventory Worksheet (blue)***
- 4. SSVF Grantee Worksheet (green)***
- 5. SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15 Q3***
- 6. SSVF Community Plan Summary***



Submitting Community Plans to VA

Community Plan Submissions

The lead grantee for each CoC must submit the following Excel documents to the SSVF Program Office between **April 27, 2015 and May 1, 2015** at SSVF@va.gov:

1. SSVF Community Plan Summary
2. SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15 Q3
3. CoC SSVF Inventory Worksheet (not applicable if only one grantee is serving the CoC)

* Any SSVF Grantee Worksheets should be saved for future discussion with SSVF Regional Coordinators.



Support from VA Regional Coordinators and Technical Assistance

SSVF Community Planning: Continuous Improvement



Adjust as needed based on progress and data.

Ongoing Technical Assistance

- Periodic check-in calls to review progress
- Additional remote and on-site support from Regional Coordinator and/or TA staff as needed
 - Examples:
 - Help facilitate or participate in local planning meeting
 - Assist with demand and SSVF resource analysis
 - Support further integration of SSVF in 25 City initiative or Mayor's Challenge efforts
 - Provide system-wide training to facilitate adherence to best practices, program integration, etc.
- SSVF University
- Future regional meetings

SSVF Priority 1 (Round II)

Launch: April 22-23

- Target: all SSVF grantees in newly awarded P1 CoCs
- Assistance developing plans to coordinate within a larger system of partners to reach zero homeless Veterans by the end of 2015
- Hear from national VA leadership and dialogue with GPD, HCHV, SSVF national directors
- Share best practices and brainstorm about major challenges that are unique to your local community

Additional Questions?

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