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Estimated Annual Total:	24
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3B. Community/CoC Goals: Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	42	days
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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:	0	0	0
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	0	0	0

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?	No
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?	Under Dev
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 include additional emphasis on outreach has presented homeless veterans that normally would not engage the program through the traditional 211 Helpline an avenue to reach the program. However, the 211 Helpline continues to be the main conduit for entry due to its established presence in the community.

Challenges are to find appropriate housing for veterans due to a lack of income and those with felonies or sex offenses.

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The group meets on a weekly basis and reviews a list created from shelter stays during the past week of veterans and chronic homeless. Each agency reviews and commits to housing a specific number of individuals on each list. In addition, each agency commits to outreaching veterans and chronic homeless not choosing to stay in shelters. Community housing inventory availability is discussed and assigned if possible.

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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	42	days
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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:	50	13	63
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	7	3	10

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?	Under Dev
D. Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-aways?	Yes
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SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 7/1/2015

Continuum of Care Name: Oklahoma City CoC		CoC Number: OK-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: Homeless Veterans Task Force	
Principal Members	Affiliation
John Rorke	GICO SSVF
Dan Straughan	Homeless Alliance
Shanna Sears	VA HUD-VASH
Kerry Mucker	Veteran Liaison ODMHSA
Jerod Shadid	OKC HUD
Brian Long	Oklahoma National Guard Family Programs
Titus Jacobs	VA CEC
Theresa Hinkle	Shepherd of Love Ministries
Karen Frensley	H3OK
Stacy Kastner	Journey Home OKC
Kevin Acers	HealthCare For Homeless Veterans
Darlene McClure	Grant and Per Diem
Bonnie Harrison	Upward Transitions
	Red Rock Behavioral Health
Jennifer Beach	Hope Community Services
	NorthCare

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 Homeless Veterans Task Force convened in April of 2015 after a month of planning, and summarily agreed to meet as a Steering Committee once a month, during the fourth week of the month. The Task Force also split into two subcommittees: the Coordinated Case Management Committee and the Homeless Veterans Task Force Development Committee. During the Task Force Steering Committee, items include: community partnerships, planning and implementation strategies, formative evaluation processes and oversight of subcommittee direction. The Coordinated Case Management Committee will meet weekly to start, and items will include all things related to the Master List of identified homeless veterans in the greater Oklahoma City metro. The Coordinated Case Management members will ensure that a comprehensive list of needs for each individual is identified, those needs are met, and will continue to monitor the addition of newly identified homeless veterans and those exited to permanent housing. The Task Force Development Committee meets bi-weekly to discuss what resources are needed to support the mission of functional zero, implements strategy to obtain those resources, and coordinates media and fundraising/resource-raising campaigns to appeal to the community. These resources, when obtained, are restricted to use by the Task Force and housed at the Homeless Alliance, thereby supplementing the SSVF program and the VA Homeless Program resources. The combination of vouchers from the VA, TFA from SSVF, affordable housing units from Oklahoma City, campaign funds and donations from community partners/businesses, and case management services from homeless programs/benevolent organizations/health agencies should be able to rapidly re-house identified and to-be-identified unsheltered and literally homeless veterans until the city metro reaches functional zero.

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Estimated Annual Total:	377
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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	30	days
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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:	0	0	0
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	0	0	0

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?	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?	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.

The Homeless Veterans Task Force is still in its infancy, so there is still data to be cleaned and processes to establish or improve. Some veterans identified on our Master List have already been housed by SSVF or VA Homeless Programs, and SSVF is working with Journey Homes OKC (via the Homeless Alliance) to clean and join data for all programs and agencies committed to ending veteran homelessness by the end of the calendar year. SSVF is targeting VI-SPADAT scores is the median and low range, while more intensive case management programs (HUD-VASH, H3OK, etc.) are targeting individuals with higher VI-SPADAT scores. Additionally, this is the first time that all entities working on ending homelessness among veterans in Oklahoma City have sat down to pool resources, plan and implement strategy, and mutually and aggressively seek out additional resources to meet our goal of ending veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. All parties are now invested in a single target goal, however the challenge is that there is still data concerns related to HMIS accessibility and necessary funding. To combat this, we are all working with our HMIS administrator (who also administers Tulsa SSVF) to ensure non-duplication of unique IDs in internal reporting of progress, and we have set up a funding stream through Homeless Alliance for community partners to allocate resources to a central site that will supplement costs of housing veterans otherwise ineligible through existing programs. All the known resources in terms of programs are at the table, with newly identified programs and agencies being invited. Moreover, the subcommittee on development has created a joint campaign fund to supplement financial assistance costs to rapid rehousing, the impact of which is unknown. All Task Force members are committed to reaching functional zero by the end of calendar 2015, and are jointly pooling all available resources into that effort, to include financial, in-kind, and programmatic/agency resources.

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This newly developed committee plans to meet quarterly to review progress towards functional zero, monitor goal achievement and key operational measures. They also plan to work to build and develop the committee to include more key stakeholders and better assess and meet the needs of Veterans in the entire region. Things to be addressed in the immediate future include better understanding the need through relevant numbers and projections, identify any gaps in or duplication of services, review the use and effectiveness of the Coordinated Assessment in meeting Veteran needs, continue to identify and address barriers, and report back to the Continuum and provide them with more regular and consistent communication with the goal of increasing the number of Veterans in need that are identified and rapidly receive services.

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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	30	days
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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:	5	12	17
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	0	1	1

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
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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?	No
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4. Other Strengths and Challenges: Briefly describe any additional strengths and/or challenges relevant to your achieving VA and local goals.

Strengths:
 CoC, VA and SSVF as well as other homeless programs and initiatives in the area have a good working relationship and excellent communication. SSVF, VA Homeless outreach and HUD VASH staff on a monthly basis and work well collaboratively to meet the needs of the Veterans they serve. The CoC is very supportive of the SSVF program and its members are a regular referral source. At this time we have adequate SSVF resources to ensure there are no gaps or turn-aways for our Veterans in need of Rapid Rehousing. The turnaround time for those referred to SSVF for rapid rehousing or prevention is very fast, both the response time and intervention. Both the VA and SSVF are active in outreach to Veterans and referral sources. This committee, its members, agencies and programs have a shared vision of reaching functional zero and a common commitment to make it happen.

Challenges:
 The rural nature of the area served and the vast geography and coverage area present several challenges. Outreach and locating homeless Veterans in a rural setting requires and relies on developing and maintaining a robust referral system as some outreach can be done in our larger towns directly with Veterans but most is done with the agencies that identify Veterans in need and provide the referrals. HUD VASH is limited in the area they can provide vouchers and serve, although they are working to find a way to expand and serve more rural Veterans they currently provide services in two towns in the CoC coverage area at this time. Most shelters in the area are for Domestic Violence victims. There is one Permanent Supportive Housing program in the area and it only serves domestic violence victims. There are very few homeless shelters in the 21 counties served and they have limited bed space if we can get Veteran Families transported to one. There is very limited suitable housing in the majority of the area and finding housing for those with added barriers such as a criminal history or sex offense is extremely difficult. Another challenge is that not all of this committee as well as other partners are not using HMIS so identifying and tracking Veterans is difficult. Finally