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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
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:			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?	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?	Yes
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
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.

As additional homeless Vets are identified they are immediately placed on the list. As of this date only one identified homeless Veteran is unsheltered. This person is scheduled to enter permanent housing this week.

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Veteran Task Force meetings will be held bi-weekly in an effort to achieve functional zero before Thursday, December 31, 2015. Our Veteran Task Force has established a masterlist in order to identify every Veteran who is homeless by name. Our masterlist is continually being updated. The information reviewed during these meetings will include: names of Veterans housed per agency, names of Veterans referred to each program, resources, barriers, outreach efforts, recruitment of other agencies and collaboration efforts and their related outcomes.

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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:	30	5	35
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	10	2	12

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Strengths: 1.) SSVF is established in our community and has already formed relationships with local partners over the last two years which should make it easier to build upon our cohesive outreach efforts. 2.) Strong collaboration with VA allows for strong communication channels and Vet-centered solutions in often complex situations where territorial responses are the norm. 3) Our Fayetteville mayor signed "The Mayor's Challenge" and will meet with our stakeholders group during the month of May. Our stakeholder group plans to challenge the mayor to engage the rest of the region's mayors and judges to support this initiative to end Veteran Homelessness in NWA. 4) Northwest Arkansas is a community that cares strongly about Vets so the stakeholder group is going to try to raise community support for this initiative. Our major challenge is reflected in our Veteran Homelessness Gap Analysis, namely our CoC's current PSH and RRH resources are far outstripped by the large number of homeless Veterans in our community. We need a significant increase in RRH and PSH resources in order to accomplish our goal.

Updates:

-The NWA Veterans Task Force has agreed to meet weekly. We will continue to recruit community partners and other VA departments.

-SSVF, HUD-VASH and HCHV have met regularly in the last two years to find solutions for Veterans who are homeless. The discussions include, Veterans who have contacted the VA's Homeless Veteran hotline, outreach efforts, program referrals, SSVF participants transitioning to HUD-VASH and HUD-VASH deposit only assistance. The issue has been we each keep our own list. We are now in the process of combining to create a "masterlist".

Challenge: 1.) The Salvation Army Shelter (the only shelter in our area) has created a policy, which only allows people receiving disability, one night instead of 10. This is a challenge that we will be working to change.

Update- 9/15/15: SSVF Program Director contacted the Mayor's office at the City of Fayetteville after the news did a report on

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SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/10/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Southeast Arkansas	CoC Number:	AR-505
CoC Representative:	Norma Payne	Title:	City of Pine Bluff
Phone/Email:			
Person Completing this Summary:	Pat Dahlgren	Title:	SSVF Program Coordinator, St. Francis House, Inc.
Phone/Email:	501-916-2514 dahlgren.ssvr@yahoo.com		

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:			
Principal Members	Affiliation		
Norma Payne	City of Pine Bluff		
Donald Sampson			
Leah Nooner			
Carol Mendenhaul			
Michelle Williams			
Elizabeth Wesley			
LaJuan lyWhat			
Cortina Johnson			
Shawn Mitchell			
Nana Brown			
Tarnisha Lewis			
Angela Towns			

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