



**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.

McHenry County CoC meets monthly to review progress and identify new goals. McHenry County CoC completed a PIT in January of 2015. The CoC reviews the HUD Emergency Solution Fund, Coordinated Assessment, Homelessness Prevention Program, and HMIS reporting. The CoC does not have a definition of Functional Zero yet and does not have a plan for ending homelessness in the county, however funding has been identified to purchase the completion of a study to assess community homelessness needs and develop a plan to address all homelessness issues in the county by the end of 2015 or early 2016.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	49
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	75	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	<b>Sheltered</b>	<b>Unsheltered</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	25	0	25
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?	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?	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.

Strengths: McHenry County CoC consists of diverse group of people including a few veterans. The group works well together in the best interest of the homeless population. The committee has a good structure. SSVF has a strong working relationship with the local VA and other area providers. The Mayor of Woodstock is committed to end homelessness in the county and is working on identifying a site to house year-round homeless individuals in the county. The county started an Outreach and Engagement Program in July of 2015 and has a Coordinated Assessment Committee that meets regularly to report on HMIS improvements. The latter committee has invited Heartland Alliance to facilitate the planning and creating of a Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in McHenry County. The McHenry County Challenges include: McHenry County does not have year-round site for homeless individuals. Different providers are struggling with timely entry of data into HMIS. Working with veterans with severe mental illness has been very challenging for SSVF staff. Veterans with criminal background or multiple evictions are also difficult to house.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

**Date Completed/Revised:** 7/1/2015

<b>Continuum of Care Name:</b>	Waukegan/North Chicago/Lake County CoC	<b>CoC Number:</b>	IL-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.

<b>Primary Group Name:</b>	Community Gap Analysis		
<b>Principal Members</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>		
Lillie Prince	Captain James A. Lovell VA		
Jeff Willgale	Captain James A. Lovell VA		
Jenny King	Captain James A. Lovell VA		
Donna Drinka	Lake County Coalition of Homelessness-Catholic Charities		
Joel Williams	Lake County Coalition of Homelessness-Pads		
Brandon Caldwell	TLS SSVF		
Brina Auguste	Catholic Charities-SSVF		
Bill Flood	Federal Health Care Center		
Elizabeth Morgan	Captain James A. Lovell VA		
Michaela Long	Transitional Living Services (TLS)		
Brenda O'Connell	CoC		
Magalie Oscar	Catholic Charities-SSVF		
Jessica Smith	Volunteers of America (VOA)		

**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 Waukegan/North Chicago/lake County met together for the first time on April 2, 2015 to start the process of building a community plan with the Gap Analysis as the focal point. The group will meet again on May 5, 2015 to focus on the direction that will be taken by the group in terms of the homeless population and in particular the veterans. The group will connect with other CoC that are already in the implementation phase of their community plan. They will develop and continue discussion of the gap analysis result and start building a community plan. During the first meeting the focus was on identified gaps and possible strategies.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

Goals and strategies have not been established. Next Zero:2016 meeting will be held on 5/5/2015

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	76
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	90	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	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?	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?	Under Dev
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?	Under Dev

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

This summary will be revised soon once every can come together. A meeting is set for May 5, 2015 to come up with a viable plan for the CoC. The strengths and challenges are noted below and will be revised as needed.

**Strengths:**  
 At this point, the greatest strength is that the CoC, Lovell VA staff, SSVF grantees and other local partners have agreed to meet monthly to address the issue of homeless veterans in the community of Waukegan/ North Chicago/Lake County region. The VA has data collected on the Gap Analysis. The CoC sees this new demand as a positive and is looking forward to positive collaboration.

**Challenges:**  
 Having all the partners at the table to be able to share the common goal of ending veteran homelessness and bring it to a functional zero.

Grantees in general has a number of common challenges: (1)Working with veterans with severe mental illness has been very challenging; (2) they tend to have difficulties with keeping appointments, following through on recommendations, finding landlords, etc.; (3) also veterans with criminalbackground or multiple evictions.



**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.

There is no group meeting regularly to review progress and coordinate efforts to address homelessness among our Veterans. However, several months ago SSVF staff initiated "Boots to the Ground" efforts with VA Outreach staff, CU at Home, VAC rep and other volunteers to monthly go out "into the woods, alleyways, abandoned buildings, etc." to find homeless Veterans living off the radar. This event has opened the door for increased referrals and communication. The CoC focuses primarily on homelessness in general. However, Rachael Dietkus-Miller is on the Executive Committee and articulates the emphasis on housing homeless Veterans. The HUD VASH and Outreach Worker has office space in The Salvation Army building directly across from the SSVF office. Daily contact with these VA workers and collaborating with the SA shelter in the building improves efforts for the "best fit" for housing options. The SSVF case manager works closely with the VAC and referrals are received from the VAC as well.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	59
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	30	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	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?	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?	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.

Strengths: Strong collaboration with the VAC, CU at Home and VA staff. Weaknesses: Referrals are not received from many of the organizations at the COC. One homeless shelter in particular, will not refer, but they will welcome staff to go to their shelter and hold a booth during dinner hours. Referrals from agencies other than the VA and the VAC seldom happen. The above questions are challenging in that not "EVERY" Veteran may want to access services, be known or engage. For those we know and have contact with, safety plans and service plans are very much a part of the services offered from SSVF, VA and other agencies.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 7/1/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Madison County CoC	CoC Number:	IL-504
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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:	Madison County Partnership to End Homelessness CoC	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
David Harrison	CoC member	
DeWayne Sanders	CoC member	
Tene' Marshall	Co-Present of the CoC	
Sarah Ray	CoC member	
Joanne Joseph	VA	
Shaleen Roberts	VA	
Lana Watson	St. Patrick's Center SSVF Program	
Deb Little	HMIS	
Tim Turner	Madison County Veterans Commission	
Herman Allen	Salvation Army - shelter	



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 above group meets monthly to review progress and coordinated efforts to identify homeless Veterans and Rapidly Re-house them into permanent housing. The Veterans first name and contact information is shared. The Veteran is engaged and immediately offered access to low barrier shelters and/or permanent housing. The SSVF Team will assertively engage the Veteran. The group's key objective is to end Veteran homelessness in Madison County. The group will identify a baseline of homeless Veterans that do not choose to become permanently housed. The group is working toward "Functional Zero" in Madison County. SSVF will continue to conduct homeless outreach at shelters and community events, on the streets, homeless camps, soup kitchens and food pantries. Comprehensive services will be offered to each homeless Veteran to assess for chronic health issues, mental health issues and substance abuse disorders as well as referrals to disability compensation, pension benefits and employment. This group will partner with other community agencies to resolve barriers and monitor progress on an ongoing monthly basis.

SECTION 3B - Plan: 1. Reduce the overall number and length of time of Veterans individuals and/or families who are experiencing homelessness. 2. End Veteran homelessness for those who are already homeless, as quickly as possible, and ensure that the Veteran family remains permanently housed. 3. Prevent Veteran homelessness for as many Veterans as possible who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless, and assure that the Veteran remains housed. 4. Improve the odds that Veterans can remain housed by increasing income and other resources, through increasing skills, employment or other benefits. 5. The CoC has prevention and re-rehousing money that can be accessed by everyone.

3. **Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

3A. **Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	56
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3B. **Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**

Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

**B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):**

30

days

<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	<b>Sheltered</b>	<b>Unsheltered</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	2	3	5
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	2	2	4

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?	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 goal is to work as a well-coordinated and efficient community system that assures homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring and that no Veteran is forced to live on the streets. The number of homeless Veterans in Madison County that we need to exit homelessness and obtain permanent housing with assistance from the SSVF program annually is estimated to be 56 in FY15. The estimated maximum average days the Veteran will be homeless is 30, but each Veteran will be rapidly re-housed into permanent housing as quickly as possible. It is estimated that on any given night 5 Veterans can be expected to be homeless in Madison County.

\* Strategies identified: 1. Every homeless Veteran will be identified by name and placed on a list that will be updated regularly on a monthly basis at CoC meetings and VA Homeless Coordination meetings. 2. The length of time to initial Housing Plans creation after homeless system entry will be 48 hours and the length of time between rapid re-housing entry and permanent housing placement will be 30 days maximum. 3. The SSVF program average occupancy of homeless Veterans on the case load for Madison County will be 5-15 Veterans on any given day. 4. Every homeless Veteran that is engaged with the SSVF program will have a Housing Plan developed within 48 hours of program entry that will identify access to safe shelters and or permanent housing. 5. Every Veteran who becomes homeless will be rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs. Strengths/Assets: 1. HUD/VA has increase in the number of HUD/VASH Vouchers in the area which will help close the gaps in Permanent Supported

Housing. 2. The VA, CoC and community agencies are working together to end Veteran homelessness. Challenges/Barriers: 1. Lack of quality housing stock 2. Safe and affordable housing. 3. Lack of income/unemployment. 4. Significant legal/justice backgrounds of Veterans.



**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 group is meeting on a monthly basis to assess the needs of veterans in the community. We discuss resources that are available to those we serve and how to coordinate services amongst the members of the team. We share ideas to improve outreach activities and reach veterans who are more challenging to engage in services. Our goal is to ensure that any homeless veterans are off the streets within 24 hours either in local emergency shelters, through motel vouchers from the Veteran's Assistance Commission or through VA SERS beds. Once a veteran is sheltered, we proceed with assessing long term needs and linking the veteran to appropriate resources through VASH, SSVF, CoC funded PSH or other housing opportunities. The status of current clients, duration of homelessness and outreach efforts are discussed during these meetings.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

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Estimated Annual Total:	93
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	90	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	15	0	15
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	1	0	1

**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?	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: communication and collaboration between SSVF grantees, assessment of individual veterans and providing individualized services as appropriate, strong Veteran's Assistance Commission support and amount of CoC funded Permanent Supportive Housing within the continuum. Challenges are serving veterans in rural areas of the continuum where there are fewer resources, SSVF grantees enter data into different HMIS implementations that do not communicate with each other, obtaining multiple releases of information from reluctant clients, limited resources available for those transitioning into VASH permanent housing and veterans residing in the GPD program are still considered homeless because they have not transitioned into permanent housing.



**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.

There is a Quarterly Military Service Providers Meeting (held outside COC, but with many participating COC members attending). This group is led by Emily Richards, Regional Director, Service to Armed Forces and International Services of the American Red Cross serving Central and Southern Illinois Region. Participating agencies include Goodwill (HVRP contract), The Salvation Army, VA, Housing Authority, Peoria Chamber of Commerce, Caterpillar (Veteran Employment Officer) and representatives from all branches of the Military. This meeting is well attended with often over thirty members present to discuss and address the various needs of our Veteran population, network with partnering agencies and agency presentations. In August, SSVF Program Manager will present on SSVF and working towards a functional zero. Peoria GAP analysis already identified being able to reach functional zero. Apart from COC meetings and the Quarterly Military Service Providers Meeting, VA staff frequent the Salvation Army Veteran Outreach Center on a daily basis. Informal collaboration takes place regularly as referrals are made to HUD-VASH, GPD, HCHV and SSVF by all parties. This is one of our strongest collaborative efforts of all six locations. The Peoria SSVF manage almost 40% of the case load for our SSVF program.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	70
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	30	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	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?	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?	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.

Strengths: We work together to achieve the same goal. We are able to give information to each other to expedite the process and reduce the amount of time a Veteran experiences homelessness. Received increase in HUD-VASH vouchers to be utilized very soon. Weaknesses: It is hard to get in contact with other agencies sometimes due to not being in the same office and other responsibilities.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/11/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	East Saint Louis/Belleville/Saint Clair County CoC	CoC Number:	IL-508
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- 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:	St. Clair County Housing Action Council CoC	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Latosha Jackson	CoC Member	
DeWayne Sanders	CoC Member	
Tene' Marshall	CoC Member	
John Herring	CoC Member	
Emily Scott	CoC Member	
Cheryl Compton	CoC Member	
Brad Harriman	CoC Member	
Joanne Joseph	VA	
Shaleen Roberts	VA	
Lana Watson	St. Patrick's Center SSVF Program	

Deb Little	HMIS
Kurt Daesch	St. Clair County Veterans Assistance Commission
Monique Parker	Chestnut Health Systems - Crisis Stabilitation Unit
Rebecca Lanter	SSVF
Kevin Cook	VA

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 above group meets monthly to review progress and coordinated efforts to identify homeless Veterans and Rapidly Re-house them into permanent housing. The Veterans first name and contact information is shared. The Veteran is engaged and immediately offered access to low barrier shelters and/or permanent housing. The SSVF Team will assertively engage the Veteran. The group's key objective is to end Veteran homelessness in St. Clair County. The group will identify a baseline of homeless Veterans that do not choose to become permanently housed. The group is working toward "Functional Zero" in St. Clair County. SSVF will continue to conduct homeless outreach at shelters and community events, on the streets, homeless camps, soup kitchens and food pantries. Comprehensive services will be offered to each homeless Veteran to assess for chronic health issues, mental health issues and substance abuse disorders as well as referrals to disability compensation, pension benefits and employment. This group will partner with other community agencies to resolve barriers and monitor progress on an ongoing monthly basis.

SECTION 3B - Plan: 1. Reduce the overall number and length of time of Veterans individuals and/or families who are experiencing homelessness. 2. End Veteran homelessness for those who are already homeless, as quickly as possible, and ensure that the Veteran family remains permanently housed. 3. Prevent Veteran homelessness for as many Veterans as possible who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless, and assure that the Veteran remains housed. 4. Improve the odds that Veterans can remain housed by increasing income and other resources, through increasing skills, employment or other benefits. 5. The CoC has prevention and re-rehousing money that can be accessed by everyone.

3. **Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

3A. **Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	80
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3B. **Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**

Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

**B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):**

30

days

<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	<b>Sheltered</b>	<b>Unsheltered</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	15	7	22
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	5	5	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?	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?	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 goal is to work as a well-coordinated and efficient community system that assures homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring and that no Veteran is forced to live on the streets. The number of homeless Veterans in St. Clair County that will need to exit homelessness and obtain permanent housing with assistance from the SSVF program annually is estimated to be 80 in FY15. The estimated maximum average days the Veteran will be homeless is 30, but each Veteran will be rapidly re-housed into permanent housing as quickly as possible. It is estimated that on any given night 7 Veterans can be expected to be homeless in St. Clair County.

\* Strategies identified: 1. Every homeless Veteran will be identified by name and placed on a list that will be updated regularly on a monthly basis at CoC meetings and VA Homeless Coordination meetings. 2. The length of time to initial Housing Plans creation after homeless system entry will be 48 hours and the length of time between rapid re-housing entry and permanent housing placement will be 30 days maximum. 3. The SSVF program average occupancy of homeless Veterans on the case load for St. Clair County will be 12-15 Veterans on any given day. 4. Every homeless Veteran that is engaged with the SSVF program will have a Housing Plan developed within 48 hours of program entry that will identify access to safe shelters and or permanent housing. 5. Every Veteran who becomes homeless will be rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs. Strengths/Assets: 1. HUD/VA has increase in the number of HUD/VASH Vouchers in the area which will help close the gaps in Permanent Supported

Housing. 2. The VA, CoC and community agencies are working together to end Veteran homelessness. The CoC has implemented a Coordinated Assessment/entry point policy which allows for prioritizing of high need categories, such as Veterans to receive services. Challenges/Barriers: 1. Lack of quality housing stock 2. Safe and affordable housing. 3. Lack of income/unemployment. 4. Significant legal/justice backgrounds of Veterans.



**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.

According to the SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 for the DeKalb County Continuum of Care, the annual estimate of chronically homeless veterans in DeKalb County is zero, the annual estimate of homeless veterans is zero. The Planning Scenario Summary of the Gaps Analysis Tool for DeKalb County indicates that zero homeless veterans require interventions in order to achieve permanent housing. Gaps Analysis indicates there is an excess in available assets (permanent housing placement) in the selected area when measured against the need for permanent housing placement. Technically the DeKalb County CoC has achieved functional zero. In the rare instances when veterans do find themselves literally homeless in DeKalb County they are rehoused within 30 days. Literally homeless veterans are so far and few between in DeKalb County that the VA has started to enroll "At Risk" veteran households in HUD VASH. The DeKalb County Housing Authority also has their own project based vouchers. Should a veteran find themselves literally homeless they could be put on a list for a project based voucher immediately. Even though DeKalb Co. is technically at a functional zero, MSHV SSVF and Hines staff regularly conduct outreach in the CoC. MSHV and Hines staff actively participate in DeKalb County CoC meetings throughout the year to advocate for continuing to make ending veteran homelessness a priority in the CoC.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

<b>Estimated Annual Total:</b>	0
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
 Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	0	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?	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?	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.

**Strengths:** According to the SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 for the DeKalb County Continuum of Care, has achieved functional zero. The 2015 annual estimate for homeless veterans in this CoC. is zero. DeKalb County has one 54 bed emergency shelter. This shelter reports they currently do not see any homeless veterans. When a veteran does enter shelter in DeKalb County Hines staff are notified by the shelter immediately. Hines staff notify MSHV immediately if there is a homeless veteran in emergency shelter (Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans is the only SSVF provider in the DeKalb County CoC). The homeless veteran is then outreached by SSVF within 24 hours. In the rare instance when veterans do experience literal homelessness they can get into the Hope Haven shelter the same day. They veteran household also has the option of going from shelter to transitional to permanent supportive housing all through Hope Haven.

**Challenges:** Challenges associated with DeKalb County include its rural setting. The distance from DeKalb county to the closest VA hospital is 54 miles. This distance makes accessing services for low income and homeless veterans difficult. Employment opportunities can sometimes be a challenge for homeless and at risk veteran households given the rural geography, especially for households struggling with transportation barriers.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/15/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Chicago CoC	CoC Number:	IL-510
CoC Representative:	Lisa Mayse-Lillig	Title:	Vice President of Programs
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Person Completing this Summary:	Jessica Smith	Title:	Director, True North Project, Volunteers of America of Illinois
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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:	Chicago Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Jessica Smith	Volunteers of America of Illinois	
Susie Morales	Volunteers of America of Illinois	
Renee Heller	Heartland Alliance - SSVF	
Katie Durham	Heartland Alliance-Housing Division	
Jackie Huckabee	Heartland Alliance-RRH	
Lydia Zopf	Thresholds- PSH Project	
Andrea Holloway	Thresholds-SSVF	
Richard Ducatzenzeiler	Northside Housing	
Stephanie Sideman	Cooperation for Supportive Housing (CSH)	
Abraham House-El	Featherfist-SSVF	
Alexander Fuller	Featherfist-HMIS	
Bobbi Bell	Partners in Community Building	
Zuri Thompson	Partners in Community Building	
Kimberly Schmitt	Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness	
Hilda Ramos	Jesse Brown VA Medical Center - SSVF POC	
Robert Davis	Chicago Urban Day School	
Renee Jordan	Chicago Urban Day School	

**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 Chicago Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness Initiative group holds a weekly Systems Integration meeting every Friday at 10:00am. Meeting participants include representatives from all Chicago SSVF grantees, CSH, the Alliance, the VA, and other community organizations serving Veterans experiencing homelessness. In this forum, individual cases will be discussed in the form of case consultation as well as navigation through the coordinated access system. Team meeting locations will rotate between community partners located on the North, South, and West sides of the city. In addition to the weekly Systems Integration meeting, the Community Team will meet bi-monthly to provide oversight and systems-level communication to track progress towards rapid rehousing and to coordinate efforts between organizations. The Community Team will also review data as it relates to progress on the "One List" and rapid rehousing efforts.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	955
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	45	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	<b>Sheltered</b>	<b>Unsheltered</b>	<b>Total</b>
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	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.

Our strengths include having sufficient resources to be able to achieve our established goals. We have strong commitment from the VA, the CoC, and the SSVF providers to ending Veteran homelessness. Another strength is that we are open to learning about and establishing best practices from other communities that are further along in achieving VA goals. One challenge we face is that we are in the early stages of developing our "One List" and rolling out our coordinated access system. We do not yet have a complete understanding of the timeframe between identifying Veterans experiencing homelessness and their transition to permanent housing using the new coordinated access model. Another challenge is that while we have sufficient resources, we do not yet have full participation and coordination across those resources. The bi-monthly Community Team meetings and the Systems Integration meetings are designed to be inclusive with the hopes of strengthening our coordination. A third challenge is that Chicago is an urban area experiencing high fair market rents and we will need to continue to strengthen partnerships with landlords to transition our Veterans into permanent housing.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 7/1/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Cook County CoC	CoC Number:	IL-511
CoC Representative:	Jennifer Hill	Title:	Executive Director
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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:	SubCook Zero: 2016	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Millicent Ntiamoah	Catholic Charities	
Magalie Oscar	Catholic Charities	
Erin Vondrasek	Hines VA	
Jennifer Hill	The Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	
Tracy Emmanuel	Hines VA	
Bethany Maynard-Moody	The Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	
Colleen Joyce	New Foundation Center	
Anna Lunceford	The Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	
Polly Maschinski	Catholic Charities	
Caroline Ladky	Thresholds	
Julie Durkalec	Pillars	
Merridith Montgomery	South Suburban PADS	
Kimber Tough	housing FORWARD	
Edilberto Vasquez	Connections for the Homeless	
Monica Slavin	The Housing Authority of Cook County	
Dimitia McIntire	CEDA Inc.	

**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 SubCook Zero: 2016 team focuses on chronic and vulnerable homeless individuals, some of whom are Veterans. Hines VA and Catholic Charities are both active in this group. In this forum, individuals' cases are discussed regularly in the form of case consultation. In addition to the Zero: 2016 team monthly meeting, Catholic Charities, Hines VA, and other SSVF provider staff will meet monthly to discuss Veterans who are homeless but not on the Vulnerable List. These meetings will serve to track progress toward re-housing and continue to coordinate efforts between the VA and SSVF providers. The status of current clients, duration of homelessness and outreach efforts will be discussed during these meetings.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	533
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	90	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	83	0	83
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	27	0	27

**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?	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.

Currently, we have one list of chronic and vulnerable Veterans that is managed by the CoC and prioritized for housing through the SubCook Zero: 2016 team. We do not currently have one list that includes non-chronic, non-vulnerable homeless veterans. Since the majority of homeless veterans are engaged with Hines VA, Hines has agreed to maintain a list of all homeless veterans including those not eligible for VA care. Hines staff are working on getting proper consent protocols established so the list can be discussed with other partners. Hines and Catholic Charities will have to increase their coordination efforts by cross referencing our client lists on an ongoing basis and getting consent to share client data with each other.

The suburban Cook County CoC is part of the Zero: 2016 campaign to end chronic and veteran homelessness, and we were previously part of the 100,000 Homes Campaign. As a part of the campaign, the community expects additional hands-on assistance with coordinated assessment, data tracking, and adopting proven strategies to reach virtual zero on veteran and chronic homelessness in the next 24 months.



**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 challenge with this CoC is that it covers a very large geographic region throughout central Illinois. The CICOC Board meets quarterly with representation from PATH, Crosspoint, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and Chestnut Health Systems. The McLean Regional Planning Group meets monthly with representation from PATH, Collaborative Solutions, Home Sweet Home Mission (GPD), Crisis Nursery, Recycling furniture for Families, ROE 17, Chestnut Health Systems, City of Bloomington and The Salvation Army. The Vermillion Regional Group meets Quarterly with participants from The Salvation Army, Danville Housing Authority, Crosspoint Human Services, East Central Illinois Community Action, City of Danville, Danville Rescue Mission and Illinois Regional Office of Education. Regional issues and gaps in coverage, organize group for future point in time counts, monitoring renewal and provide awareness and education to community providers is shared during these meetings.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	146
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>		days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	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?	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?	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.

Strengths: Good collaboration with those agencies serving Veterans. Weaknesses: Very large geographic area with many "silos" - several programs serving Veterans in McLean County struggle accessing and engaging Veterans. Efforts have been made with community meeting to reach Veterans with limited results. Danville (Vermillion County) is breaking ground July 21, 2015 for new housing on the VA campus. This will address a large number of homeless Veterans needs. SSVF will continue to collaborate with the partnering agencies involved.



**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.

Meetings are held quarterly, unless circumstances dictate additional meetings. SSVF staff provide updates on statistics and services available for Veterans at meetings. No subcommittees are established at this time addressing Veterans specifically. However, SSVF outreach Worker (Archie Ford) will initiate developing a subcommittee of service providers addressing the needs of homeless Veterans during the fourth quarter of this fiscal year.

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**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

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Estimated Annual Total:	55
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	30	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	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?	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?	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.

Strengths: Excellent case management staff and increased outreach. As state capital, there are numerous agencies and services available for Veterans. Challenges: SSVF relocated May 1, 2015 and did not take occupancy at another location (office) until mid June. While services were still provided, numbers were limited as we did not have an office at that time. At the end of July, HUD-VASH vouchers will begin (brand new) and the VA HUD-VASH worker will have an office in the SSVF office to assist with collaboration and expansion.



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 Collar County SSVF Collaborative continues to meet on a regular basis to monitor combined and individual grantee progress towards re-housing homeless veteran households, as well as monitor progress made towards achieving functional zero in DuPage County. Additionally, beginning in August of 2015 our Hines VAMC POC initiated bi-weekly calls that include all grantees who serve the Hines catchment area. Calls were initiated in an effort to ensure that all homeless veterans identified within the catchment area are connected to services. During these calls VAMC staff confirm, using veterans' initials only, that referrals made to grantees are in fact enrolled or if not what the outcome of those referral was. The status of current SSVF cases, progress and or barriers to achieving housing stability are also discussed during calls. Additionally, grantees communicate their current funding availability, housing openings available to veterans within their respective agencies, as well as share outreach opportunities. These calls help bridge the gap to ensuring that veterans in need of SSVF do not "fall through the cracks" as we get closer to achieving functional zero.

3. **Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

3A. **Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

<b>Estimated Annual Total:</b>	37
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3B. **Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
 Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	90	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:	8	0	8
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	3	0	3



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?	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?	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.

**Strengths:** Since the Collar County SSVF Collaborative began meeting, communication between grantees and the CoC's emergency shelters has improved. Shelter staff are doing a much better job at connecting homeless veterans who access their shelter system to grantees. Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans launched a 4 unit scattered site HUD funded PSH program serving chronically homeless veterans July 1, 2015. Three chronically homeless veterans have been housed in that program since July first. During the July 16th CoC Needs Assessment Committee meeting MSHV and Hines staff gave a presentation on the VA's plan to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. The presenters advocated the need to prioritize housing options for homeless veterans within the CoC. On August 21st and 22nd DuPage County hosted its first ever Veteran Stand Down. This Stand Down served veterans from DuPage, Kane, Kendall, an Will Counties. The Stand Down provided an opportunity for SSVF grantees to outreach, screen and enroll veterans in need. Between DuPage PADS and Catholic Charities emergency shelters, MSHV's GPD program, Hines VAMC HCHV staff, the DuPage VAC's shelter outreach, and DuPage PADS and MSHV's street outreach programs all homeless veterans in the CoC are being outreached. Veterans who are literally homeless are offered immediate access to shelter and quickly connected to SSVF grantees. Every effort is being made to ensure that when homelessness does occur for a veteran, it is rare and brief.



**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.

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**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

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

<p><b>A. Permanent Housing Placement Target &amp; SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:</b>          Complete and attach <i>SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet</i></p>
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<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	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
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?	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?	Under Dev

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



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 COC does not have a designated sub-committee organized to specifically target and serve homeless Veterans. However, there is another collaboration outside the CoC working to target homeless Veterans. This group is The Coalition of Veterans' Concerns (CVC). It is a 501 (c)3 made up of citizens, agencies and Veterans from the community who meet together to discuss and attempt to address a range of Veteran issues, including homelessness among our Veterans. This group mostly deals with fund-raising and administering of the funds. They also organize the Veteran Stand-Down yearly, held at The Salvation Army in Decatur. The CVC meets every other month (bi-monthly) in a formal/semi-formal structure. There is a cabinet of officers or Board of Directors who are elected. An agenda is kept and minutes are recorded. The key players in the CVC include Julie Mavec (CoC member), Lucy and Dan O'loughlin (property owners/developer), Trish Bratton, Jeannie Robinson and John Buckles with The Salvation Army, Fred Spanaus, Joan Meeter. Key players in the community who work on homeless Veterans specifically are Jeanne Robinson, John Buckles, Trish Bratton (all SSVF), Julie Mavec, Steve Strahinich (VA) and Anina Blankenship (VA). Consisted outreach initiative by Steve Strahinich (VA) and Trish Bratton (SSVF Outreach) has been ongoing to identify homeless and at-risk Veterans in the community. Steve comes weekly to Decatur and meets with agencies and SSVF to get updates, meets with Veterans and completes assessments. The SSVF works collaboratively with Steve and other Veteran service providers in attempt to keep the information accurate. There is no current "system" that keeps multiple agencies abreast of these Veterans. Most information is case-by-case and is shared in attempts to meet the individual's needs.

3. **Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

3A. **Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	37
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3B. **Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
 Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

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?	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?	No
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.

Strengths: The agencies have a commitment to the Veterans they serve. There is cooperation and open communication between agencies regarding individuals. HUD-VASH vouchers were awarded this year and anticipation of usage to begin end of July/early August. Weaknesses: lack of knowledge about available resources, the current Veteran organization (CVC) has an independent agenda geared toward assisting economically disadvantaged Veterans by providing various supportive services with a cap limit (\$300) - not necessary the goals and services of SSVF. It has no infrastructure for continued care. Not all the agencies involved have an altruistic motive in helping the Veteran. Lack of vision. The challenge with the questions above is that we may not know EVERY Veteran by name or where they are staying (such as in a vehicle, tent city, etc), but for those we are aware of that are homeless, there is a strong push to know them by name and attempt to create a housing plan with them should they be open to this as well as accessing shelter and/or permanent housing. Some Veterans are simply not interested or willing to participate and engage - even after numerous attempts by staff.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

**Date Completed/Revised:** 9/8/2015

<b>Continuum of Care Name:</b>	Aurora/Elgin/Kane County CoC	<b>CoC Number:</b>	IL-517
<b>CoC Representative:</b>	Audra Hamernick	<b>Title:</b>	Continuum of Care Lead
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<b>Person Completing this Summary:</b>	Jane Tyschenko	<b>Title:</b>	Director of Programs
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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.

<b>Primary Group Name:</b>			
<b>Principal Members</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>		
Erin Silanskis	Hines VA - HCHV, VASH, SSVF, GPD		
Jane Tyschenko	Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans - Affordable Housing/		
Joy Sobczak	Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans - SSVF		
Don Donahue	Hines VA - VASH		
Patricia Wasisco	DuPage Vet Center		
Jessica Smith	Volunteers of America of Illinois - SSVF		
Jacob Zimmerman	Kane County Veterans Assistance Commission		
Audra Hamernick	Aurora/ Elgin/ Kane CoC		
Erin Vondrasek	Hines VA - SSVF Point of Contact		
Julie Thavong	Kane County		
Neil McMenamin	Hesed House - Emergency Shelter		
Jeff Gilbert	Hope For Tomorrow - Contract Residential		

**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 Collar County SSVF Collaborative continues to meet on a regular basis to monitor combined and individual grantee progress towards re-housing homeless veteran households, as well as monitor progress made towards achieving functional zero in Kane County. Additionally, beginning in August of 2015 our Hines VAMC POC initiated bi-weekly calls that include all grantees who serve the Hines catchment area. Calls were initiated in an effort to ensure that all homeless veterans identified within the catchment area are connected to services. During these calls VAMC staff confirm, using veterans' initials only, that referrals made to grantees are in fact enrolled, and if not what the outcome of those referral was. The status of current SSVF cases, progress and or barriers to achieving housing stability are also discussed during calls. Additionally, grantees communicate their current funding availability, housing openings available to veterans within their respective agencies, as well as share outreach opportunities. These calls help bridge the gap to ensuring that veterans in need of SSVF do not "fall through the cracks" as we get closer to achieving functional zero.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	65
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	120	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	20	0	20
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	6	0	6

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?	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:** Since the Collar County SSVF Collaborative began meeting, the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV) launched a 4 unit scattered site HUD funded PSH program serving chronically homeless veterans July 1, 2015. Three chronically homeless veterans have been housed in that program since July first. All three of those chronically homeless veterans came from Kane County. SSVF continues to provide on-going outreach to homeless veterans at Hesed House in an effort to offer immediate access to rapid re-housing services. SSVF continues to work closely with Hope for Tomorrow (VA Contract Emergency Shelter) and Lazarus House Emergency Shelter. Grantees are notified each time a new veteran arrives. On August 21st and 22nd DuPage County hosted its first ever Veteran Stand Down. This Stand Down served veterans from DuPage, Kane, Kendall, an Will Counties. The Stand Down provided an opportunity for SSVF grantees to outreach, screen and enroll veterans in need. Additional 25 VASH vouchers were allocated to Kane County over the last several months. 0/25 vouchers remain open for assignment, 5 veteran households are currently in the process of leasing up using their voucher.

**Challenges:** Additional outreach efforts should focus on the Elgin ares. Strong connections with shelters and service providers have been established in the Aurora area.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/15/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Rock Island/Moline/Northwestern Illinois CoC	CoC Number:	IL-518
CoC Representative:	Ronald Lund	Title:	Vice President Northwestern IL CoC
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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:	
Principal Members	Affiliation
Ron Lund	Project NOW, Northwestern IL CoC Vice President
Dean Wright	Northwestern IL CoC President, Freeport Area Churches
Jane Tyschenko-Mysliwiec	Program Director, Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans
Elaine Winter	Executive Director, Christian Care shelter, Rock Island, IL
Terri Lawrence	President/CEO, Tri-County Opportunities Council
Carol Ahren	Executive Director, Ottawa PADS
Terry Reints	Program Director, Peru PADS
Pam Busch	Freedom House, Princeton, IL
Charisse Jesiolowski	VA CBOC Sterling, IL
Cindi Gramenz	Program Director, Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.
Myles Newberry	Executive Director, Sterling PADS
Sarah Oliver	VAMC Iowa City, Homeless Coordinator, SSVF POC
Kathleen Brown	VA CBOC Galesburg, IL
Joy Sobczak	Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans- SSVF

**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 Northwestern IL Continuum of Care has conducted 2 conference calls with above members (in late May and June). This group has not been able to meet since June due to ongoing State of IL budget discussions. Many of the above agencies or programs have been unable to keep their doors open or their funding has been "frozen" so daily operations have not been able to continue. This has hampered the ability of this group to function and communicate. The two SSVF grantees identified in this CoC will continue to communicate and work towards achieving the VA goals until the budget crisis resolves in IL and this group's members will be able to fully communicate. A local functional zero target number has not been identified as of today's date.

**3. Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero:** Identify the estimated number of Veterans who are homeless annually and the community/CoC goals and strategies for achieving a functional end to Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (overall community/CoC goals, not just SSVF grantees). If one or more of the goals and strategies below have not yet been established for the community, leave blank and identify the date by which they will be established. See the *Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Overview* for additional guidance.

**3A. Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans:** Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in 2015 using data from the SSVF Edition of the Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	50
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
Complete and attach *SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet*

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	60	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	11	4	15
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	3	1	4

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?	No
C. Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	No
D. Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-always?	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:** CoC is showing interest in assisting SSVF grantees with targeting and identifying veterans experiencing homelessness to help achieve permanent housing stability. The CoC is currently working on coordinated entry and increasing efforts to gather Point In Time data to obtain accurate picture of homelessness in the CoC. SSVF providers have a strong relationship with VA staff throughout the CoC.

**Challenges:** Much of the continuum is rural area which provides unique and difficult challenges with identifying those veterans experiencing homelessness. Many rural areas do not have emergency shelters to provide safe, interim housing until a veteran can obtain permanent housing. VASH vouchers are not prioritized in the rural parts of the CoC. Two SSVF grantees cover 5 of the 15 counties in the CoC. Lack of safe and affordable housing is another challenge. Additional challenges relate to HMIS implementation. Several non HUD funded providers within the CoC do not participate in HMIS. This makes it difficult to obtain accurate statistics related to homelessness within the CoC.