

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.

Monthly COC meetings are held to coordinate homeless services, and leadership meetings are held on a quarterly and monthly basis with the VA to discuss Veteran homelessness and collaborative efforts to meet Veteran needs. Within Saint Louis County, shelters are already identifying Veterans at intake, and referring them to the local VAMC for services. St. Louis County Housing Authority will also convert HUD VASH vouchers into Sec. 8 vouchers, in order to utilize the existing VASH vouchers for other homeless Veterans. Coordination is also made with the local GPD programs, and US VETS is establishing more units to provide housing for low income Veterans. St. Louis County's Veteran Program receives referrals for the homeless Veterans and then provides case management, rental and utility assistance along with other supportive services. In August, a pilot program for Coordinated entry assessments was started within this COC. This is being conducted through the utilization of the VI-SPDAT, and in conjunction with 4 other COC's. A priority population in this program is homeless veterans...which should expedite the ability to quickly obtain services through 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)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	108
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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):	40	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:	35	0	35
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	7	0	7

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 strengths within this COC are that they have an organized strategy for overcoming homelessness within the community. Once a homeless Veteran is recognized on the streets, or at shelter intake, they are immediately referred to the VA for resources, or to the SSVF program. Referrals also come to the County Veterans program and Veterans are referred from there to the appropriate agencies for assistance. Efforts have already been made to establish each Veteran by name, but in the past, the release forms that were signed did not give release to the VA. These are being changed in order to provide referrals. Overall, we are pushing to decrease the length of stay in shelters and overall time homeless (whether in shelter or on the street). As a part of that process, we need to realign our transitional, rapid and permanent supportive housing so people will have a place to go, rather than just staying in shelter for an extended period of time. We started the pilot program of integrated assessments this month, and, if successful, will deploy this CoC-wide very shortly. Being able to enroll homeless veterans from the County into the SSVF P2 grant has been a great help as well, and has allowed us to engage and enroll more homeless Veterans from STL County. With the addition of the coordinated assessments, and further outreach into the shelter system, we hope to be able to keep a list of all homeless Veterans updated within the COC and ensure that they all have housing plans once engaged.

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.

Monthly meetings are currently being held with stakeholders, developing an operational plan, and quarterly meetings are held with other agencies within the community. In collaboration with the stakeholders, the following plans have been developed to fill the gaps for any homeless veteran: 1) Whenever a homeless veteran is found on the streets, immediate connections are made to the VA on their behalf. 2) St. Louis City Housing Authority has agreed to convert some of the current HUD VASH vouchers into Sec. 8 vouchers, thus enabling the HUD VASH vouchers to be used for current homeless veterans. 3) US VETS is working to secure additional housing units to house low income veterans in the community. 4) HEROES Care and DAV will continue to assist with needed items for establishing their homes once they move in. 5) Efforts are made within the homeless shelters, that once a veteran is identified, that they are referred to the VA for services. 6) The COC is currently in the process of working on a coordinated entry program utilizing the VISPDAT-in conjunction with 4 other COC's. In this pilot program, Veterans is one of the populations which will be prioritized.

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:	96
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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:
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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	50	days
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C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	50	0	50
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	20	0	20

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.

Various strengths exist within this COC: 1) There is a strong willingness to coordinate housing within the Continuum to house homeless veterans. 2) The public housing authority converting HUD VASH vouchers will allow us to utilize even more VASH vouchers for Veterans. 3) Plans are being established for the 2016 PIT to rapidly rehouse any Veteran who may be found on the street that day, with plans to transition them in place. A few of the challenges have been that the largest area where we have gaps for housing is within permanent supportive housing; we will use the HUD VASH vouchers to fill this gap. Housing Veterans who have legal or justice involvement, zero income, and numerous evictions often cause them to have to wait longer to secure permanent housing. Often individuals who are presenting with homelessness congregate to the City where homeless services are more accessible. SSVF is strategically working with the shelter systems now, to develop ROI's and communication as to when a Veteran enters into shelter.

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/1/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren Counties CoC	CoC Number:	MO-503
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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:	St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren Counties COC		
Principal Members	Affiliation		
Greg Schowe-President	God Cares Ministry		
Melissa Kaufman-Resource Specialist	Bridgeway Behavioral Health-women's center		
Jenny Thompson-Headway Program Director	Crider Health Center		
Miriam Mahan-Executive Director	St. Joachim & Ann Care Service		
Matt Miller-Coordinator	Neighbor Helping Neighbor-Calvary Church		
Peggy Sherwin-Shelter Director	Salvation Army Shelter- O'Fallon		
Cheryl Moellenhoff; Dave Fitzgerald	Volunteers in medicine-Lake St. Louis, St. Charles		
Judy Johnson	Dept. of Mental Health		
Jessica Hawkins-CDBG administrator	City of O'Fallon		
Anita Telcamp-CDBG administrator	City of St. Charles		
Amy Heckart-CDBG administrator	City of St. Peters		
Kathy Thompson-Director	LINC-St. Charles County		
Karen Craven-Disability specialist	Developmental Disabilities Board		

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.

Monthly COC meetings are held at which time Veteran services and coordination for homeless veterans is discussed. When leadership calls are held with the VA, coordination is made within this COC also, to end Veteran homelessness. Within this community, SSVF is the only resource for homeless veterans and therefore, when a Veteran is in need of these services, direct contact with the COC lead is made to obtain services. However, there is a deeper connection needed within Lincoln County, and this outreach is being conducted at this point in time. Further outreach has already been conducted in Warren county. The COC began the trial period of their integrated assessments this month. The hope is that once it is fully rolled out into the COC, that overall assistance for the Veterans will be obtained at a greater rate of speed.

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:	6
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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:
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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	20	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:	2	0	2

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 strengths in this COC is that the community has a strong commitment to end homelessness, developing strong ties among community providers; and providing appropriate referrals to assist homeless Veterans. There are many differences within the rural communities which makes it more difficult to locate and serve the Veterans in need: 1) Many Veterans do not want to ask for assistance and/or do not trust the VA and others who may want to assist. 2) Many homeless are doubled up within the rural communities, couch surfing, causing it to be more difficult to locate and assist Veterans. 3) There are very few homeless shelters within this region. 4) Most all permanent supportive housing has an extremely long wait list. Although the PIT count reflects a very low amount of Veterans within this COC, it is well-known that there are more homeless Veterans than the PIT count reflects. However, with SSVF within this region, and additional VASH vouchers, once a Veteran is recognized as homeless, they should immediately be engaged for services and work toward permanent housing. A list is being devised by SSVF for any homeless Veterans in the area, and shelters, along with other Social Service agencies are reporting any homeless veterans to the COC.

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/9/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Springfield/Greene, Christian, Webster Counties CoC	CoC Number:	MO-600
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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:		Springfield Ending Veteran Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Randy McCoy	The Kitchen, Inc.	
Ginger Risner	The Kitchen, Inc.	
Michelle Garand	CPO	
Jim Harriger	Victory Mission	
Jeff Smith	Salvation Army	
Kim Pearson	VA	
Michelle Reinmiller	VA	
Maura Taylor	Catholic Charities	
Jack Hembree	Veterans Task Force Chair	
Liz Hager-Mace	Department of Mental Health	
Marcy Van De Berg	VA	
Katrina Wolfram	Housing Authority of Springfield	
Matt Gass	Burrell Behavioral Health	
Romona Baker	Council of Churches	
Michael Tonareilly	One Door- Coordinated Assessment	
TBD	Veterans Coming Home Center	

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 oversight committee has not met since the last update. Attempts have been made to schedule meetings, but have failed to do so. Independently The Kitchen, Inc. and VA staff are working on several projects. The VA, with some assistance from The Kitchen, are working with the local PHA to address the length of time it takes for VASH voucher recipients to obtain housing. Currently it is taking just over 90 days. The hope is to reduce this to less than 30 days once vouchers are issued. The Kitchen is carrying through on the expanded outreach to unsheltered populations, especially veterans, in order to identify all those that are homeless and to develop housing plans with them. Internally The Kitchen is working on prioritizing veterans for its other PSH programs that can offer assistance beyond SSVF and may be better suited to meet the long term needs of the client.

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:	33
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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:**
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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	45	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:	30		30
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	15		15

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.

One strength is that The Kitchen's SSVF program has surpassed its target number of veterans to be served. The program goal is to serve 150 veteran households per grant year. This number was reached during August of 2015. The program expects to serve at least an additional 10 veteran households and perhaps more. This strength will help reduce the number of literally homeless veterans and prevent new veterans from entering homelessness. The CoC is still having some difficulties implementing the overall plan, although efforts are being made. Technical assistance has been requested through the VA and hopefully that will be approved and assist in local efforts. A local task force is being established by the Mayor of Springfield (CoC applicant) that will look at expanding emergency shelter and other housing assistance for homeless individuals.

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/15/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Joplin/Jasper, Newton Counties CoC	CoC Number:	MO-602
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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	
Louise Secker, Alison Malinowski Sunday	Lafayette House	
Krystal Sullivan	James 1:22 Project	
Amy Thompson	Children's Haven	
Anita Franson	UMOS, Inc.	
Renee White	Joplin Community Clinic	
Brian Ross	Harry S Truman Coordinating Council	
Carrie Graciano	Access Family Care	
Dan Pekarek	City of Joplin	
Debbie Marman, Robin Smith, Staci Miller, Tammy Walker	Economic Security Corp/Community Action Partnership	
Debra Gaskill	Salvation Army	
Dirk Cable	Dept. of Mental Health	
Lisa Badgley	Freeman Health	
Michelle Reinmiller	VA	
Roychaudhury Bhend	Legal Aide of Western MO	
Sandy Wilson	Institution of Community Alliances	
Sharon Subhaw	Joplin Schools	
Larry Thomas	H.O.U.S.E. Inc.	
Kathy Lewis	Crosslines	

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 Joplin/Jasper/Newton CoC (CoC 602) meets monthly. Representatives from a broad range of agencies and government are involved. The group shares updates regarding services, funding, grant applications/awards, unmet needs and trends and provides occasional educational opportunities. CoC 602 has a subcommittee which is advising the larger group re: Coordinated Assessment. Currently, the subcommittee is taking the lead in hiring for the position to staff coordinated entry for the CoC. The CoC participates in the Point in Time count and organizes the annual Homeless Connect event to provide resources to the area homeless. Additionally, the Mt. Vernon CBOC and Joplin Housing Authority work together to provide the HUD-VASH program in the Joplin area and Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri's SSVF program has worked with many of the HUD-VASH clients to facilitate rapid rehousing. The SSVF program also works with H.O.U.S.E. Inc., an HCHV contract residential treatment/GPD program to assist in rehousing veterans from those programs.

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:	85
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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:
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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	20	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:	27	3	30
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	9	2	11

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.

Since the last report, this CoC declined to create a subcommittee to focus specifically on veteran homelessness, opting instead to include a line item for Veterans on each month's agenda. The CoC also has registered to receive a TA from Vets @ Home. Initially, we hope this TA will help us develop and adopt an ROI so we can share information about homeless veterans accross agencies and and the VA, which in turn will allow us to creat a master list of homeless veterans so we can focus our efforts on the most vulnerable veterans and rapidly rehouse them. We also hope the TA assistance will help us develop and identify housing resources. The Jasper/Newton CoC also conducted a PIT count on 7/29/15. Results are still being tabulated, but it appears that there will be a larger number of unsheltered homeless counted in July than January. End of update 09/15/15. The city of Joplin is in this CoC, and Mayor Michael Seibert of Joplin is one of 5 Missouri Mayors who have signed onto the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. This CoC covers the urban Joplin area and very rural areas. The PITC may not accurately account for the rural homeless who tend to double up or stay with friends. Therefore, the PITC may provide an underestimate of the true number of homeless. That being said, this tool still produced an estimate of a shortage of 4 beds. Challenges in this CoC include a general shortage of housing especially since the tornado in 2011 which destroyed a large portion of the city's housing pool, especially affordable housing. Strengths are a local commitment to end homelessness including a participant in the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness, a housing department that is willing to be flexible and a strong HUD-VASH program.

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Date Completed/Revised: 9/15/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	St. Joseph/Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb Counties CoC	CoC Number:	MO-603
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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:	St. Joseph Continuum of Care	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Randy Sharp	InterServ, CoC Chair	
Megan Judd	MAACLink HMIS	
Jodi Bloemker	United Way of Greater St. Joseph	
Danny Gach	Crossing Outreach Ministry, Chronic Homeless Task Force	
Rachel Pederson/Rose Aker	The Salvation Army SSVF	
Mark Churchill/Laura Moore	Catholic Charities of Kansas City, St. Joseph SSVF	
Randy Crandall	VISN 15 Deputy Director Network Homeless Coordinator	
Mark Kay Griffin	City of St. Joseph	
Kim Kempf/Regina Shelton/Brandy Imlay	YWCA/Bliss	
Amy Copeland	Missouri Department of Mental Health	
Crystal Deets	Family Guidance Center	
Becky Courtney/Dave Howery	InterServ	
David Clevenger	MO Career Center	
Mark Dobbs/Linda Judah	Social Welfare Board	
Jean West	St. Joseph School District	
Todd Derr	St. Joseph Police Department	
Becky Poitras/Shannon White/Kristen Glick	Hillcrest Ministries	
Jerre Moore	Legal Aid of Western MO	
Trish Edwards/Michelle Cox	Community Missions	
Kelly Kibirige	Health Dept.	
Bill Lanning/Stacy Downey/Tasha Rube	VA HUD-VASH	
Dolly Mitchell	Leavenworth VAMC GPD Liaison and VAMC POC	
Jennifer Maagee/Heather Wilkerson/Miriam Koontz	Social Security Administration	
Penny Adams	AFL CIO Community Service	
Anita Jolly	Youth Alliance	

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 on a monthly basis. There are also various committees that meet to work on special initiatives, such as the Chronic Homeless Task Force, HMIS, and Coordinated Intake. HUD CoC funding applications are reviewed and ranked based on established CoC priorities by this group in addition to special projects such as a "summer outreach" plan. In addition, the group establishes an annual CoC action plan that directs many of the CoC and agency member efforts. In 2014, the CoC included in their strategic plan a "Goal to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Veterans in 5 Years", along with other similar goals regarding homelessness and chronic homelessness that align with the Federal Strategic Plan. The CoC adopted plan incorporates timelines to address and end homelessness for various targeted populations, including the goal of ending Veteran homelessness (reaching "functional zero") by the end of 2015. In 2014 the following goals have been set and/or progress has been made: adoption of a tool developed by the MO Department of Mental Health to use as a prioritization tool, working to reduce barriers for placement in permanent housing programs, increasing partnerships with the local public housing authority to ensure acceptance of HUD-VASH vouchers and to increase available housing, increase utilization of SSVF for rapid re-housing, utilization of ESG prevention and rapid re-housing funds, and finalization of a coordinated assessment tool (yet to be fully implemented but is in progress).

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:	74
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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:
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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	30	days
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C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	6	0	6
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	2	0	2

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.

Strengths: The CoC is a very close-knit group of providers, government agency representatives, and other stake-holders who have been long time members of the CoC and who have been very invested in goals of ending chronic homelessness and increasing resources in the community. While a smaller community, the CoC is typically ahead of other smaller communities in responding to new HUD and VA initiatives. The community has an action plan for ending homelessness. **Challenges:** The community has poor housing resources and most of the affordable housing stock is taken or is in need of repair somewhat related to a significant economic decline in the community at large (there is little community development occurring, the business/industry sector has seen a decline in past years with no rebound, and the job market has experienced a similar decline). *UPDATE 6/30/15: The community is making progress toward a coordinated assessment system. UPDATE 9/15/15: The plan has been submitted to CoC leadership for review, and will be presented to the larger CoC in order to gain increased community buy-in as we near the final push toward reaching goals.*

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/15/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Kansas City/Independence/Lee's Summit/Jackson County CoC	CoC Number:	MO-604
CoC Representative:	Vickie Riddle	Title:	Homeless Services Coalition Executive Director
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Person Completing this Summary:	Evelyn E. Craig	Title:	President & CEO, reStart, Inc.
Phone/Email:	816-472-5664, ext. 252/ ecraig@restartinc.org		

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:	Zero 2016/Continuum of Care/Regional Task Force	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
The Hon. Scott Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem	ess Task Force Chair/Zero:2016/Mayor's Challenge to End Vetera	
Megan Judd	MAAC	
Howie Howard	MAAC/Zero:2016/Regional Task Force	
Jennifer Tidwell	HUD Regional Director	
Jason Bohn	MARC/Regional Homeless Task Force/Zero:2016	
Debra Fester	Salvation Army Dv. Veterans & Recovery Services	
Evelyn Craig	reStart, Inc., Zero:2016/Regional Task Force	
Cindy Spencer	Kansas City Veteran's Administration/HUD VASH	
Sondra Robinson	Kansas City Veteran's Administration/Zero:2016	
Karen Gettinger	United Way of Greater Kansas City/2-1-1	
Patricia Becher	reStart, Inc.	
Rachel Pederson	Salvation Army	
Sophia Stachofsky	Salvation Army	
Ed Lowndes	Housing Authority of Greater KC/Regional Task Force/Zero:2016	
To Be Determined	Law Enforcement	
Stuart Bullington	Kansas City, Missouri Neighborhood and Housing Dept.	
Mark Churchill	Catholic Charities	
Laura Moore	Catholic Charities	
Frank Piper	VA VISN 15 Network Homeless Coordinator	
Anne Rogers	reStart, Inc.	
Sara Schwab	Truman Medical Center/Zero:2016	
Robin Johnson	reStart, 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.

UPDATED 9.15.15: Through collaboration between VA staff, SSVF staff and Zero: 2016 participants, there are two meetings a month to review the homeless Veterans that have been identified on the CoC's by-name registry, track outreach and housing placement success toward the goal of ending Veteran homelessness and to ensure that every homeless Veteran has been 1) engaged in assertive street outreach; 2) offered housing resources and provided with services to remove barriers to housing and 3) housed with appropriate services and after care (for at least six months). Preceding these meetings, the SSVF and VA teams meet to review progress and coordinate efforts. Once a month leadership of the community team meets to update assets and gaps to ensure that there are adequate and appropriate housing resources for all currently homeless Veterans and for those anticipated to be homeless through our projected inflow. Throughout the ongoing coordination efforts, it is understood that the need for continual revision to the plan will be based on the following: demand, utilization of SSVF services, homeless counts, unmet needs, trends, emergent best practices, and relevant research. There was a rebalancing of GPR beds in the community; however, the impact on overall Veteran homelessness is unclear.

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:	373
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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:**
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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	30	days
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C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	15	0	15
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	5	0	5

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?	No
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 have already implemented use of the VI-SPDAT across both continuums that are engaged in the SSVF programs. It is also already in our HMIS database. We have two Zero:2016 Communities, both communities participate in the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness and there are already coordinated regional efforts to end homelessness in place. **Challenges:** As a community we have not fully implemented Coordinated Assessment and we have to get up to speed on that quickly. Working to integrate SSVF within other already occurring efforts is a challenge. We are also finding that the majority of the veterans we are serving are extremely low income. **UPDATED 9.15.15: The community is now working to update all assets for Veterans and to ensure that non-VA housing resources (both PSH and RRH) are dedicated to Veterans, where appropriate. Further, the CoC leadership is actively engaged in ensuring that all CoC programs share information and resources in order to be able to declare that we have reached functional zero by 12.31.15. We believe this is within our grasp as a recent update of assets among a limited number of programs reduced the number of Veterans on our by-name registry from 121 to 101.**

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/15/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Missouri Balance of State CoC	CoC Number:	MO-606
CoC Representative:	Dustin Allen	Title:	Community Initiatives Coordinator
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Person Completing this Summary:	Naomi Ray	Title:	MVCAA/SSVF Program Manager
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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:	Mid-Missouri SSVF Shared Geography	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
John Osborn	Welcome Home	
Brandy Baker	Pathways Community Behavioral Health	
Jeff Bozarth	Pathways Community Behavioral Health	
Blake Witter	Harry S Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital/HUD VASH	
Naomi Ray	Missouri Valley Community Action Agency	
Michael Trapp	Phoenix Program	
Margaret Hart	Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri	
Rebecca Mosley	Catholic Charities of Kansas City/St. Joseph	
Lana Watson	St. Patrick Center	
Derral Van Pelt	Missouri Valley Community Action Agency	
Sherry Falke	Missouri Valley Community Action Agency	
Laura Cameron	Phoenix Program	
Ginger Risner	The Kitchen	
Craig Barwick	John J Pershing VAMC	
Michelle Reinmiller	VA Mt. Vernon CBOC	
Rose Aker	Salvation Army	
Lisa Patrick	Pathways Community Behavioral Health	
Rachel Pederson	Salvation Army	
Dustin Allen	Missouri Housing Development Commission	

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 Missouri Balance of State SSVF Shared Geography Team continues to meet on a quarterly basis. In addition, throughout the quarter information is exchanged via e-mail or telephone. MO BoS covers 101 counties in the state of Missouri. Due to the geographical separation of communities each representative works through their own networking groups within their respective communities. These networking groups include but not limited to local social service organizations, Veteran Service Organizations, VA's, and other locally established groups that meet on a regular basis and whose mission is to provide assistance to those in need. Many local groups consist of representatives from local businesses, churches, schools, social service agencies, citizens and students. These groups along with the Inter-agency Team meet on a monthly basis.

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:	371
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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:
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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	10	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:	96	8	104
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	32	3	35

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?	No
D. Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-aways?	No
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.

Missouri Balance of State CoC covers 101 counties throughout the state of Missouri. Due to the vast geographical separation of all the BoS communities each agency represented are compiling and maintaining their own AOR listing of homeless veterans. Initial community listings have been completed in some areas of BoS while the more vast AORs are still working within their regions with community partners regarding sharing of information and Release of Information forms. There are still 27 counties which are not covered under the SSVF program and have very limited, if any, shelters, transitional housing, or points of contact available for the homeless to access. As there are no SSVF funds available for these particular counties it is difficult to ensure there are no turn aways in these areas. Attempts are being made to acquire contacts throughout the area to assess Veteran homelessness in the area not covered by SSVF.