

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.

CoC # NM-500 homelessness resource organizations continue to meet on a regular basis. Meetings vary to include the VA Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program Coordinator and staff, the CoC organization, New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness (NMCEH), the Albuquerque Mayor's initiative Albuquerque Heading Home (AHH)/Veterans Heading Home (VHH) and non-profit service organizations. AHH and VHH are the city of Albuquerque homelessness initiatives, the Mayor's commitment to Zero 2016. VHH has started partnering with the Veteran's Integration Center to review the Coordinated Assessment list. GINM also reviews the Coordinated Assessment list at least bi-weekly to glean potential participants. NMCEH continues HMIS data sharing state wide to facilitate the coordinated assessment process. NMCEH is conducting monthly strategy and coordination meetings the third Thursday of each month in CoC 500. The Coordinated Assessment process continues to be a promising source identifying SSVF participants and a way for organizations to accurately identify homeless veterans, their level of vulnerability and guidance on what services they need most immediately. HUD VASH has reached its limit of vouchers in CoC 500, but the VA continues to identify and refer homeless veterans to the Grant Per-diem and SSVF programs. The management and staff of the VA homelessness programs continue to be pro-active partners with the two SSVF programs in CoC 500. The SSVF programs at GINM and the VIC continue coordinating their efforts to discover, identify and serve each homeless veteran. The Veteran's Integration Center is currently organizing the 2015 Stand Down. In 2014 the Stand Down served 323 homeless and nearly homeless veterans.

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:	490
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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:	30	10	40
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:			0

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Yes
Is this list updated regularly?	Yes
Is this list reviewed at least bi-weekly by key community partners to ensure Veterans have a permanent housing plan and those plans are achieved?	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: Communications among homelessness resource partners continue to be strong. Partnerships are ongoing for outreach and service coordination by government and private organizations. Based on the CoC data for January through July 2015, we have exceeded the target numbers for each month and are on track to reach functional zero for veteran homelessness in Albuquerque by the end of 2015.

Challenges: Coordinated Assessment process while growing, continues under development so a smooth referral process to appropriate agency partners is not clearly defined. However because robust communications continues among the current community partners rapid referrals of homeless veterans to appropriate resources are the norm.

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/3/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	New Mexico Balance of State CoC	CoC Number:	NM-501
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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:	NM Balance of State		
Principal Members	Affiliation		
Nicole Martinez	MV Community of Hope		
Aide Lechuga	MV Community of Hope		
Hank Hughes	NM Coalition to End Homelessness		
Tim Pesavento	NM Veterans Integration Center		
Elinor Reinors	NM Veterans Integration Center		
Jim Cochran	Goodwill Albq		
Terry Armstrong	Goodwill Albq		

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This group of SSVF grantees has a monthly coordinated phone call. The NM Coalition to End Homelessness is contacted as needed.

2.

Annual Demand, Goals, and Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining Functional Zero: Identify the estimated number of Veterans

Estimated Annual Number of Homeless Veterans: Identify the total unduplicated number of Veterans expected to be homeless in

Estimated Annual Total:	130
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3.

Community/CoC Goals: Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets. Goals and targets include identifying every homeless Veteran; housing Veterans within 30 days; continued coordination throughout the CoC BOS; reaching functional zero;

3A.	A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target: Complete and attach <i>SSVF Edition of Veteran Homelessness Gaps Analysis Tool FY15Q3 OR an CoC Gaps Analysis Tool – Strategy 4 (SSVF) Worksheet</i>
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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	90	days
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3B.	C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
	Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless	15	35	50
	Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	5	12	17

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	Under Dev

3C.	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

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

4. A major strength is that the Las Cruces area was able to declare Functional Zero. Another strength is that we have compiled a master list of all homeless Veterans. We continue to work with the CoC program, the state Linkages program, the HUD 811 program and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program. Some challenges that we are currently facing is getting all Veterans that we have identified are homeless to be involved with setting up a housing plan. Another challenge we are encountering is in getting these homeless Veterans a place to stay at an expedited rate. Also the lack of fair market housing available; as well as difficulties with background checks.