

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/14/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Eugene/Springfield/Lane County CoC	CoC Number:	OR-500
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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:	Veteran Services for Lane County Affiliates	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Kitty Piercy	Mayor of Eugene	
Pat Farr	Lane County Commissioner	
Larry Abel	HACSA Executive Director	
Cindy Leming	HUDVASH Case Manager	
Amanda McCluskey	Program Services Coordinator	
Carmen Kendell	Veterans Administration HCHV	
Jeff Tennant	Eugene Mission	
Lise Stuart	Lane County HMIS Administrator	
Eric DeBeor	Community Supportive Shelters	
Tod Schneider	City Managers Office Veteran Liason	
Chuck Hauk	HACSA	
Stephanie Jennings	City of Eugene	
Lesa Wheeler	VA	
Pearl Wolfe	Lane County Health and Human Services	
Lamonte Morgan	Sponsors GPD Case Manager	
Joseph Reiley	Lane County Veteran Service Office	

**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 executive members of this group meet monthly at the Poverty and Homelessness Board discuss recent events and changes within the community related to homeless services. These meetings are used as a way to keep community leaders involved in the conversation to end veteran homelessness with updates from the SSVF program and the VA HUDVASH/HCHV teams. Any planning decisions related to veteran issues are seminated amongst the supervisory staff of each program with the goal implementation by the next meeting if possible.

The Veteran Sub Committee includes direct service providers and program supervisory staff. The monthly meeting occurs after the monthly check in call for communities involved with the Mayors Challenge. Topics of discussion include updates on the current SSVF program, local veteran services providers, and HMIS administrators. The goal of each meeting is to come up with a plan to get to functional zero and determine what steps need to be taken to ensure that happens by the 2016 Point in Time Count. Items reviewed in the meeting include current progress according to HMIS for veterans housed monthly, updates from city planning and government regarding homeless issues, and what progress the VA and SSVF programs have made in the strategic planning stage to increase housed numbers every month and decrease time veterans households are unsheltered.

**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:	184
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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:	45	0	45
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	40	0	40

**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?	Under Dev
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?	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.

Strong working relationship with the local VA. Active involvement with the local Human Services Divisions. Existing veteran supports in the community are well established. Our community has a Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program that assists with finding employment for clients. Lane County Stand Down continues to grow and serve a higher number of veterans every year. St. Vincent de Paul runs a Veteran Housing Project that assists low income veterans with affordable housing. Challenges include lack of SRO units for veterans unable to afford or live in traditional permanent housing. Lack of openings leading to long wait lists for PSH units. VA and SSVF outreach teams are meeting on regular basis to develop coordinated approach to engaging all veterans in community. Current focus is on the process to further develop the Homeless Veteran Master List that has been created and begin bi weekly meetings with veteran service providers to go over the list to create housing stabilization plans for each individual household.



**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.

This group meets on a bi-weekly basis to review progress and coordinate efforts. Topics discussed are: VASH utilization, SSVF placement rate, veterans registry and coordinated assessment, access and creation of new local resources. We have a housing group consisting of SSVF, VASH, Corrections, Housing Authority, CRRC, and Housing Bureau that meets weekly to review our veterans master list.

**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:	690
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

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<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:	63	16	79
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	28	6	34

**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: We have a strong Core Group that meets regularly. We have very open communication and are willing to be flexible throughout our programs in order to achieve our goals. Our Mayor has joined the challenge and his office has been involved in creating new resources from the city and the county. Challenges: We continue to experience a shortage in our affordable housing stock. The SSVF program is continuing to serve more chronically homeless veterans, veterans with no income, and high barrier veterans than we have in the past; taking longer to house veterans rapidly.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/14/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Medford/Ashland/Jackson County CoC	CoC Number:	OR-502
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1. **Primary Planning and Coordination Group:** Identify the primary group responsible for planning and coordinating efforts to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in the CoC. List the principal members of this group and their affiliation.

Primary Group Name:	(1) CoC Core Group, (2) S. Oregon Outreach, (3) SSVF Outreach	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
(1) Heather Everett	CoC Chair / Rogue Retreat	
(1) Jackie Schad, David Mulig, James Raison, Vicki D'Alessandro	ACCESS	
(1) Jackie Agee	Salvation Army	
(1) Christie Van Aiken	Housing Authority of Jackson County	
(1) Connie Saldana	Rogue Valley Council of Governments	
(1) Darin Dale	VA - Homeless Programs	
(2) Jeff Nichols	ACCESS	
(2) Cliff Juno	La Clinica	
(2) Chuck Hanger	Oregon Employment Department	
(2) Lance Gallo	Southern Oregon University	
(2) Heather Jenard	VA - Homeless Programs	
(2) Raul Tovar	The Maslow Project	
(2) Gregory Brown	Student	
(3) Christopher Readus	ACCESS	
(3) Michael Swick	Rogue Valley Veteran and Community Outreach (RVVCO)	
Case Managers	ACCESS and RVVCO	

**2. Ongoing Review and Coordination:** Briefly describe how often (e.g., monthly) the above group meets to review progress and coordinate efforts. Include a summary of what information is reviewed during these meetings.

The Homeless Task Force is the governing body for CoC-502 with Heather Everett as the chair. The HTF core group (1 – list above) meets monthly to discuss items pertaining to homelessness in our region and plan the agenda for the full HTF that occurs monthly. The core group is responsible for overseeing the larger community plan ensuring that we are accountable in meeting our goals by using monthly data. The HTF core group approved the first draft of this community plan already, and will present it and have it approved by the larger HTF group. The larger HTF is a committee that includes approximately 29 public and private non-profit social services agencies and non-profit housing providers. The HTF is broken into subcommittees that work on different areas for assisting the homeless and each share their work at this monthly meeting. At this meeting, agencies share information that is helpful for others who are working with our population. A Veteran's Sub-committee (2 – listed above) meets between HTF meetings to work on Veteran homelessness issues. The sub-committee created the initial community action plan and now will assist in implementing the action steps. They are responsible for reporting updates to the core group. The veteran subcommittee or new Rapid Response Team and the case team will work to create the master list using both HMIS and VA data. We also will subcontract with those agencies working with the homeless in the community to help us identify veterans to be added to the master list. We finalized the process for subcontractors to gather this data and will work with them starting mid-July. Weekly, the Veteran Care team consisting of SSVF providers, the VA and others review the master list of homeless veterans one that list has been created. At this meeting, the team (3 – listed above) discusses and updates current veteran's statuses, reviews the housing availability list and together assigns new veterans to the SSVF providers.

**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:	464
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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>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:	172	52	224
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?	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?	Yes

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

Strengths  
 ACCESS is in third year of SSVF grant and an experienced grantee.  
 Active CoC in 5th year of 10 year plan to end homelessness.  
 Local VA is an active partner with the CoC  
 Many agencies embrace collaboration, recognizing this as a best practice to serve clients and an effective use for resources.  
 "Veterans" day already occurs twice a month. Veteran's day is a smaller version of Project Homeless Connect.

Challenges  
 Veteran seem numbers are too low. Unreliable PIT numbers. Cannot answer question C yet.  
 Lacking affordable housing and Single Resident Occupancies (SROs) in Jackson County  
 Locating property managers willing to rent to veterans with little or no rental history and other barriers  
 Finding veterans who are homeless and are not visible  
 Gaining trust of homeless veterans who do not trust available resources  
 Lacking reliable public transportation in community  
 Establishing long term income source to maintain housing stability  
 Housing veterans who have resided in treatment programs longer than 30 days

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/15/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Central Oregon CoC	CoC Number:	OR-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:	Homeless Leadership Coalition	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Gwenn Wysling	Bethlehem Inn Homeless Shelter	
Colleen Hogan	Deschutes County Mental Health	
Jon Shea	Bend CBOC	
Renee Moore/Andrew Durham	HUD-VASH/GPD/HCHV Liaison	
Patty Schouviller	Housing Works (PHA)	
Matt Searfus	Shepherd's House Homeless Shelter	
Elaine Knobbs	Mosaic Medical	
Keith MacNamara	Deschutes County VSO	
Kenny Lapoint	Oregon Housing and Community Services	
Wendy Rudy	St. Charles Health System	
Darlene Strupith	ORARNG FRG Support	
Rachael Baker	Legal Aid of Central Oregon	
David Greaves	Portland VAHCS, Mental Health and HUD-VASH	
Eilene Devine	VISN 20 Homeless network Coordinator	

**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.

HLC meets once monthly to discuss trends, available resources and ongoing efforts to coordinate services for the homeless population in Central Oregon. Availability of shelter beds, funds, grant opportunities, housing market and local organizational efforts to address homelessness are among the topics reviewed monthly. PIT count numbers, population shifts and referral processes between organizations are also frequently discussed topics. In addition; HLC members network with each other in order to ensure organizations have a clear understanding and awareness of what partnerships are working and what partnerships may need to be strengthened to meet the needs of homeless Veterans in the area.

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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:**  
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<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	89	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?	Under Dev
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 include a strong alliance between providers to ensure gaps that exist in services are filled at the earliest possible time. Networking between providers across the spectrum of services allows for efficient delivery of services/resources to aid Veterans who are literally homeless as well as those who are at-risk. Challenges we face in our efforts to meet functional zero include an extremely low rental vacancy rate (less than 0.5% currently), lack of affordable housing, lack of living-wage jobs and high cost-of-living prevail in our region, making it very difficult for Veterans to find and sustain housing. Shelter beds are also insufficient for the population of homeless Veterans, due to fiscal considerations and lack of space. While the population of **female** Veterans is relatively low in our CoC; there are no dedicated beds to serve this population specifically. There are currently **six** transitional beds (all male) in our area, and the need for additional space is evident through consistent demand voiced by Veterans, service providers and the CBOC staff.

JULY 1 UPDATE: Central Oregon Veterans Outreach (COVO) is leading planning with community partners on putting together a proposal and funding for low-income housing site that would double the number of low-income housing units in the city of Bend within the next year.

September 15 update: The plan for the low-income housing site mentioned in the July update has changed. The site was purchased by a for-profit entity, who has verbally committed to Veteran-set aside units in the development, but no formal agreement has been made as of this date. COVO has secured funding for a smaller property purchase and is looking for a 6 bedroom house that will either be Veteran transitional housing, or long term supportive housing for the increasing number of elderly homeless/low-income Veterans. The goal is to have the house open by the beginning of 2016. Locally a Veteran's hospice is opening, with 5 beds, 2 of which are for Veterans with 30% or less AMI.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/14/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Oregon Balance of State CoC	CoC Number:	OR-505
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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:	Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC) - OR-505 Balance of State CoC - Oregon's most rural 28 counties		
Principal Members	Affiliation		
CoC grantees, interested community members and providers: Veteran sub-committee to be added	Interest in broad CoC work and/or in local/regional work with CoC grantees and providers. This group exists currently.		
The following list of participants may already exist within ROCC structure and/or in local/regional areas within the CoC but/and will be more directly engaged through the process of community planning regarding targeting Veteran homeless. Clarity will be developed as intentional conversations and engagements are scheduled in the coming weeks and months.			
Local government leaders, officials (Mayors, County Commissioners)	Habitat for Humanity		

Local providers – housing, supportive services	Local homeless, veteran planning committees
Relevant State programs – OHCS (additional homeless funds)	Faith-based organizations and communities
Public Housing Authorities	Academia for research and alternative thinking
Community Action Agencies	Veteran's Court (Klamath County)
VA – Hospital liaisons, medical clinics, local VSOs, program reps (GPD, HCHV, VASH), VFW, American Legion, CBOCs	Crisis Centers
United Way	
Legal – representation, enforcement, court	
Domestic violence reps	
DHS: child welfare, self-sufficiency, services on aging	*** UPDATED Info September 2015
Food banks	
National Guard family resources rep	
Employment offices – State and local, private	
Landlords, association reps, property managers	
Governor's office/state legislative reps	
Other SSVF services providers	

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.

While some counties within Oregon's balance of state CoC - Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC) - are already operating SSVF programs (see the inventory worksheet), the CoC's lead agency, CAPO, only received SSVF P1 funding early April 2015 to service the remaining 10 counties not covered by other SSVF programs. ROCC is further divided into 7 regions, and so it's likely that regional/local subcommittees will be convened that will filter information and input up into the ROCC and its soon-to-be-convened veteran services subcommittee.

ROCC meets monthly to carry on business of the BOS CoC and also to review homeless plans, develop/implement action steps, review/discuss available/possible funding opportunities, talk about data (via HMIS: gaps analysis, PIT, HIC, now VA), etc. Additionally, as time and agendas permit, guest speakers are scheduled to talk about specific issues, data and analysis, different points of view, fair housing, and much more. Conducted via internet-based Go-to-Meeting conferencing system, the meetings are well-attended (required for CoC) and the seat of new ideas and energetic problem-solving discussions. In addition to the conferencing system, a minimum of two in-person CoC-wide conversations per year are had with broad agenda and heavy participation. The CoC coordinator regularly visits with grantees locally as opportunity presents and time permits, and there will be additional face-to-face conversations planned and scheduled with the SSVF coordinator and related programs, staff, and community members.

One new body of work currently anticipated for early engagement is the building of the homeless veteran master list, both for the CoC as a whole and especially more specifically in the local and regional areas. This list will be the central database used for tracking the progress of housing homeless veterans. Early thinking is that this list (regionally, locally) could be viewed against the most frequent users of courts, police interventions, courts, street crisis team interventions and detox facilities to identify veteran high users to continue targeted engagement and potential interventions.

Analysis of PIT and HIC data (as well as local on-the-ground truths) to determine number of homeless veterans and also whether current housing inventory is adequate and/or whether additional and alternative solutions are needed if significant gap exists between availability of safe and affordable housing inventory and numbers of homeless veteran households.

UPDATES - SEPTEMBER 2015: 'Round-table' meetings are currently being organized where veteran services providers, interested community members, and other providers to discuss services available, local needs, and how everyone can work together to better service the Veteran community. Some of the topics discussed and/or scheduled for discussion include: challenges, successes, total

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Estimated Annual Total: <i>*2014 PIT count used*</i>	208
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

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<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 (based on 2015 'unofficial' incomplete PIT)</b>	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	100	125	225
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	80	80	160

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
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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.

*UPDATES - SEPTEMBER 2015 – directly from some of the BOS SSVF programs:*

*KLCAS (Klamath and Lake Counties): One of the many strengths of the KLCAS SSVF program is our community involvement. KLCAS works closely with other community agencies such as HUD/VASH, employment office, Klamath Housing Authority, Klamath Basin Behavioral Health, and numerous others daily. We have found that coordinated assessments are very efficient and help avoid the risk of losing the Veteran between appointments. One of the challenges we have encountered is finding suitable housing for Veterans. The local housing availability changes often. Some weeks there seems to be several places available, while some weeks there is nothing available. KLCAS SSVF continues to work with local property managers and landlords to ensure they will work with us when housing is available.*

*MCCAC (Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco counties): Our big strength is that our local continuum is becoming stronger and more collaborative over the months and we are moving, at least in theory, toward a more centralized intake and assessment model. Our biggest challenge has been and will be finding housing, especially affordable housing, to place people in. Our area has a less than 1 %*

*vacancy rate, according to the local Housing Authority, and much of the available housing is over-priced or vacation rental only. Because landlords can accept the "cream of the crop," our homeless candidates (whose credit scores, rental histories and criminal backgrounds are compromised) are often overlooked for more "promising" tenant candidates. To date, we have identified and attempted to assist several veterans who are literally homeless. One did not qualify for SSVF because all of his time was in the National Guard. A second veteran is struggling with alcohol dependency, making it difficult for him to commit to the idea of getting off the streets, even though we are not asking for immediate sobriety. Two others who will qualify for SSVF funds and want to get into housing remain unhoused at this point in time, due to the lack of housing options. We stated above that a goal would be to get every homeless veteran family out of homelessness within 25 days of intake and screening. The reality is, this is an unlikely goal, given the challenges mentioned here. We are contemplating designating several of our transitional housing units for transitional housing for veterans, once vacated by the current transitional participants, but we need to clarify whether SSVF rental funds could be used on this building.*

*CCNO (Baker and Grant counties): Strengths: Strong working relationships with our long-term partners; Community Connection has been doing similar programs for many years now and has highly qualified staff to operate the SSVF program.*

*Challenges: Establishing working relationship with new partners (Boice VA ). Finding homeless Veterans in our rural areas especially in*

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/15/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County CoC	CoC Number:	OR-506
CoC Representative:	Annette M. Evans	Title:	Homeless Program Coordinator
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Person Completing this Summary:	Pat Rogers	Title:	Housing and Homeless Services 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:	Housing and Supportive Services Network (HSSN) Strategic Planning & Discharge Workgroup	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Annette Evans	HSSN Chairperson & CoC Collaborative Applicant	
Pat Rogers	Homeless and Housing Services, Community Action	
Mona Knapp	Director of Mental Health Services, Luke-Dorf, Inc.	
Marcia Hille	Executive Director, Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.	
Lana Winne	Director of Addiction Services, LifeWorks NW	
Vera Stoullil	Vice-President of Operations, Boys And Girls Aid	
Rick Stoller	Director, Salvation Army Veteran and Family Center	
Valerie Bundy	Director of Services, Domestic Violence Resource Center	
Jack Schwab	Executive Director, Good Neighbor Center Shelter	
Dennis Erickson	Assistant Director, Washington Co. Community Corrections	
Angie Harbin	Director of Housing, Cascade AIDS Project	
Judy Werner	Program Manager, Lutheran Community Services NW	
David Pero	Homeless Liaison, Forest Grove School District	
Adolph Valfre, Jr.	Executive Director, Housing Authority of Washington Co.	
Lisa Matisoff	Program Analyst, Oregon Department of Human Services	
Ron Rittenhouse	Sr. Employment Specialist, Goodwill Industries	
Karen Voiss	Executive Director, Housing Independence	
Saul Chavez-Hernandez	SSVF Program, Community Action	

**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 HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board) meets every two-months (6 times annually) to perform CoC strategic planning, coordinate with and/or assist in State and local discharge planning, review performance outcomes of the CoC system (referred to as Community Connect) and shelter/housing programs, seek out and prioritize funding, and work collaboratively with provider agencies to prevent and end homelessness for homeless populations, to include homeless veterans. The HSSN Workgroup is the administrative oversight Board to the HSSN membership at-large comprised of 60+ public, nonprofit and citizen volunteers who meet monthly to implement the jurisdiction's 10-Year Plan to End Homeless. The HSSN Workgroup reviews homeless demographics for people entering Community Connect, the outcomes of program exits to permanent housing, and prepares messaging for community leaders and the media.

**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>	77
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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>	57	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:	48	29	77
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	4	15	19

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?	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?	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.

CHALLENGES: 1) Washington County lacks affordable housing serving people at or below 50% AMI (area median income); 2) A tight rental housing market with less than 2% vacancy rate has caused housing rents to exceed Federal HUD Fair Market Rent standards; 3) A need for a Veterans Court or similar special treatment court is needed in response to a growing number of veterans entering the criminal justice system with serious mental-health and substance-abuse problems; 4) The 'Mayors Challenge' in providing leadership to develop policy and funding has not been adopted; and 5) The 30-day limit in transitional housing regulation restricts veterans in the Grant Per Diem program from accessing SSVF. STRENGTHS: a) Community Connect has worked efficiently as a centralized assessment system with a single-entry point for all homeless populations, to include homeless veterans. The veterans are provided with an array of services and housing within the CoC, as well as referred to the Veterans Resource & Referral Center in Portland, Oregon (a neighboring jurisdiction).



**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.

This group meets monthly to discuss coordinated entry, housing placements and resources, problem solving around landlord recruitment and our lack of affordable housing stock.

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<b>Estimated Annual Total:</b>	39
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<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	60	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:	14	6	20
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	6	2	8

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

Strengths: Awareness of barriers to obtaining housing in Clackamas County. Smooth coordinated entry system. County has funded veteran outreach staff positions. Challenges: There is a large gap in shelter/transitional housing/and safety off the streets options. Vacancy is currently .5%. Currently a VASH Social worker does not exist in this CoC, relying completely upon SSVF for housing location services.