

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

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Continuum of Care Name:	Philadelphia CoC	CoC Number:	PA-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:	PhillyVetsHome2015 - Philly Bootcamp/25 Cities Team	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Roberta Cancellier	CoC, Office of Supportive Housing, City of Philadelphia	
Casey McCollum	VA	
Rob Greco	VA, HUD-VASH	
Lyn Kirshenbaum	HUD	
Marcella Maguire	Department of Behavioral Health, City of Philadelphia	
Kathleen Salerno	Veterans Multiservices Center (Community Partner)	
Jaclynn Ries	Veterans Multiservices Center (Community Partner)	
David Holloman	Office of Supportive Housing, City of Philadelphia	
Brett Holden	Philadelphia Housing Authority	
Sue Smith	Project HOME (Community Partner)	
Jeanne Ciocca	Project HOME (Community Partner), PASSVF1	
Matt Tice	Pathways to Housing PA (Community Partner)	
Tina Floyd	UESF (Community Partner), SSVF	
Steve Culbertson	Impact Services Corporation (Community Partner), SSVF	
Kyle O'Garro-Moore	Impact Services Corporation (Community Partner), SSVF	

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

The PhillyVetsHome2015/Philly Bootcamp/25 Cities Team has been meeting on a weekly or bi-monthly basis since August 2013 to plan strategy and sustain progress towards goals related to ending Veteran Homelessness in Philadelphia by December 31st, 2015. (Note: We have recently announced our intention to end Veteran Homelessness in Philadelphia by November 11th, 2015). In addition, the Veterans Outreach and Navigation team (VONT), (a subsidiary of the strategy group that includes all outreach workers, navigators and some case managers reaching homeless Veterans) has been meeting on a bi-monthly basis since January 2014 to case conference and coordinate all outreach efforts in the City of Philadelphia. In addition, the SSVF recipients in Philadelphia are meeting in a "Surge Coordination" Meeting on a bi-monthly basis to develop an integrated assessment and intake system for all SSVF Program in Philadelphia. Information reviewed at the various meetings includes the total number of homeless Veterans housed and the total number of Veterans left to house before Philadelphia reaches functional zero. Discussion then revolves around the appropriate strategies we are employing to reach functional zero (Outreach, coordinated assessment and intake, case conferencing, housing matching, a coordinated communications strategy and on-going discussions about sustainability after reaching functional zero).

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

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

Estimated Annual Total:	735
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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):	90	days
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C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	173	10	183
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	0	10	10

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	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.

Over the next six months, Philadelphia will undertake a coordinated media and outreach campaign to bring in any and all homeless Veterans who still require permanent housing, further streamline the "veterans-specific" coordinated assessment and matching system within SSVF using the VA's Homelessness Risk Assessment Tool, integrate Veterans into the City of Philadelphia's coordinated assessment and matching system and reach functional zero homeless Veterans in Philadelphia.

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 occur with all regional SSVF providers attending. This group is developing procedures to maintain and review more detailed "by name" lists of all homeless Veterans identified in the PA-501 CoC and overall South Central Pa region. This group is also developing protocols to quickly determine which service provider is best positioned to meet the immediate needs of the Veteran. In addition at least one Team Member is present at every monthly CoC meeting with active involvement in the development of specific Veterans sub-committee or team whose role will be to maintain focus on Veterans homelessness. Currently a high level of coordinated outreach, PIT and other identification efforts exists with Veteran and Mainstream providers of services. Collaboration within the PA-501 CoC includes rapid identification and referral of all homeless and at risk Veterans and their families. This level of coordination includes development of rapid shelter or establishment of safe housing with coordinated transition to Permanent housing or other housing options based on the Veterans' needs. Efforts are coordinated with the local VA Medical Center homeless staff who often conducts outreach alongside SSVF and other Veterans program providers. Significant by name POCs exist with VA Medical Center staff including the Domiciliary, and other providers of services. Coordination also occurs with the local Veterans Court and other Re-entry programs. Outreach is conducted on-site at local shelters and street locations. Walk in hours are provided at the local VA Medical Center and are also provided at the Annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down and SSVF program sites. Based on feedback from all community partners it is anticipated that PA-501 will reach "Functional Zero" before the end of this calendar year.

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Estimated Annual Total:	39
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3B. Community/CoC Goals: Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

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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:	37	2	39
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	10	1	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, within the boundaries of outreach/engagement. A high level of effort is focused across the COC to rapidly identify all homeless and to designate and connect homeless Veterans to available resources.	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? Minimal GAPS are to be met with use of Non-SSVF housing resources.	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: A very high level of collaboration between Veteran and mainstream service providers exists in PA-501. This includes joint outreach, team focused and coordinated service delivery and access to significant housing resources. The VAMC staff conduct outreach, provide immediate verification of eligibility status and help Veterans determine best choices for housing options. Referrals for all Veterans takes place rapidly with a very high level of community awareness on available resources. Collaboration between SSVF and other Veteran Specific providers continues to improve this awareness and helps ensure that all Veterans are quickly identified and connected to needed resources. It is anticipated that PA-501 will achieve "Functional Zero" before the December 2015 goal. Challenges: The CoC is making progress towards single point of entry status for program participants. This process is under development and will improve efficiency when completed.

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.

At the onset of the "100" Day Boot Camp initiative the group meets on a bi-weekly basis. At the end to the 100 days the group meets monthly to discuss data and review practices and policies around homeless veterans. The goal of these meetings is to identify and break barriers to permanently housing homeless veterans. During each meeting targets are set and reviewed at the following meeting. This work group discusses issues related to developing a data sharing procedure that will allow community partners access to Veteran demographic information. The group continuously identifies new venues for outreach to homeless veterans in Delaware County. These meetings have afforded the group the opportunity to develop a Resource Guide for homeless veterans in Delaware County. The goal of this group is to define and achieve functional zero. Included in the functional zero discussion is :How long does it take to engage a Veteran once they enter the homeless system? Once engaged, how long until the veteran is stably housed?

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Estimated Annual Total:	45
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3B. Community/CoC Goals: Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

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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:	4	0	4
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	4	0	4

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	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.

There is ongoing communication with the CoC and homeless agencies in Delaware County. The ongoing communication among the community groups has helped to decrease the number of duplicated services between Veteran Affairs services and community resources, while increasing veteran access to community and VA resources. We have developed systems to prioritize and align interventions for homeless veterans. We have increased the probability that the most appropriate services are provided to Veterans by the most appropriate service providers. We are faced with the challenge of veterans not meeting the requirements to receive VA medical benefits. Discharge characteristics and time served are barriers hindering homeless veterans from gaining access to other veteran benefits. The absence of income is the biggest challenge in ensuring veterans are stably housed.

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Continuum of Care Name:	Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton/Luzerne County CoC	CoC Number:	PA-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:	Luzerne County CoC Board	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Douglas, Kermit	Commission on Economic Opportunity- VA Transitional Housing	
Duffy, Noel	Commission on Economic Opportunity- SSVF Program	
Gomb, Barbara	Commission on Economic Opportunity- CoC	
Griffith, Christine	VAMC Health Care for the Homeless Program	
Kendra, Mike	Catholic Social Services	
Lipski, Pamela	Luzerne County Office Of Community Development	
Newcomb, Crystal	VAMC Health Care for the Homeless Program	
Tona, Jackie	VOA- Ruth's Place	
Warabak, Jennifer	Commission on Economic Opportunity- HVRP	
Wetzel, Carlie	Community Volunteer	
Yaworski, Jennifer	Housing Development Corporation of NEPA	
Howard, Leigh	Diana T. Myers and Associates Inc.	
Hodas, Barbara	Diana T. Myers and Associates 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.

Historically the planning process for planning and coordinating efforts to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in our CoC has been coordinated through the VA CHALENG as well as Continuum of Care processes. Our community benefits from the presence of a regional Veterans Medical Center with Veterans Homeless Programs that have brought a strong integration with the HUD Continuum of Care process and has led to the development of a number of housing resources able to address various housing and supportive service needs for homeless veterans. We plan to use the above Veterans Coordination Team to build upon our established coordination and further integrate the VA, HUD and community needs identification, coordination, service availability and performance measurement process as we strive to develop the best system of response possible to prevent and end homelessness for veterans. Starting in April 2015, the Luzerne County CoC with CEO as the SSVF provider will establish a meeting schedule for the balance of 2015 with the above members. Preliminary coordination efforts began at the quarterly Luzerne County CoC April 21, 2015 meeting with the discussion focused on continuing or increasing outreach efforts and making sure that all agencies who may encounter a veteran gather demographic information and make a referral CEO or the VAMC HCHV program to ensure that a veteran does not remain unsheltered or in need of services. At present the CoC board meets monthly and will incorporate further discussion to reach and house any homeless veteran. With all information from CoC organizations being compiled in the Luzerne County CoC HMIS, CEO who administers the HMIS will run reports on veterans who are in the system and exchange lists with the VAMC HCHV program approximately the 15th of the month to ensure tracking is coordinated and maintained.

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Estimated Annual Total:	75
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3B. Community/CoC Goals: Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	17	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	1	16
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	0	0	0

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Yes
Is this list updated regularly?	Yes
Is this list reviewed at least bi-weekly by key community partners to ensure Veterans have a permanent housing plan and those plans are achieved?	Under Dev
B. Does every Veteran who is homeless now have a Housing Plan and access to safe (and low barrier as needed) shelter and/or permanent housing?	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 include a well developed Luzerne County CoC system; a high level of cooperation between community agencies and the VAMC; and CEO, the SSVF provider agency's almost 50 years of experience in providing supportive services and responding to the needs of the low and moderate income households including children, elderly and veterans. CEO is also the designated lead agency on homelessness in Luzerne County and the collaborative applicant for the Luzerne County CoC. CEO and the VAMC have partnered to develop 2 transitional housing facilities on the campus of the VAMC. CEO will continue its efforts in collaboration with the VA and other community agencies to respond to veteran's needs in the community. Through the Luzerne County CoC, we have no chronic homeless veterans or chronic homeless in the general population identified in the 2014 or 2015 PIT counts. There are 23 veteran designated beds in HUD-PSH and an additional 258 HUD-PSH beds have been created over the past 17 years. CEO is also the HUD funded Emergency Solutions provider, State Homeless Assistance provider, LIHEAP and FEMA provider and in a unique position to provide supportive services and housing assistance to veterans and the community. **Weaknesses** include the definitional difference between the VA and HUD as to who is homeless especially when someone is in a transitional housing facility. Also the total 120 VASH vouchers listed on the gaps form are associated with the VAMC and the various housing authorities, only 26 vouchers with 32 beds are specific to Luzerne County at present. Other vouchers are in the other counties served by the VA. The differences in coverage areas also present coordination challenges. While Luzerne County CoC PA-503 hosts an SSVF Program that same program also serves two other Continuums of Care with the larger one being newly established and covering half of Pennsylvania. This presents great difficulty is obtaining certain information in a timely manner, especially initially and greatly complicates coordination efforts.

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Continuum of Care Name:	Lower Marion/Norristown/Abington/Montgomery County CoC	CoC Number:	PA-504
CoC Representative:	Tricia Bradley	Title:	Montgomery City Office of Housing & Community Dev, Your Way Home 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:	MontCo Homeless Veterans Action Team	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Charmaine Ijeoma	MontCo Dept of Veterans Affairs (campaign/group lead)	
Sean Halbom	MontCo Dept of Veterans Affairs (Director)	
Carolyn Mayinja	MontCo Housing & Comm Dev (Housing Programs)	
Tricia Bradley	Your Way Home program (cent intake, coord assess)	
Emma Ward-Williams	MontCo Housing & Comm Dev (PIT Count, etc.)	
Emma Hertz	MontCo Housing & Comm Dev (HMIS)	
Tim Pirog	MontCo Behavioral Health (Housing)	
Kelly Tuteurice	Coatesville VA Medical Center (CVAMC) (HUD-VASH)	
David Barker	CVAMC (Outreach)	
Robin Handwerger	CVAMC (HUD-VASH)	
Sharon Allen	Montgomery County Housing Authority	
Mo Gillen	Veterans Multi-Service Center (VMC) (SSVF)	
Frank Burke	VMC (SSVF - Outreach)	
Anna Kozlowska	VMC (SSVF - Case Management)	
Jason Alexander	Capacity for Change (MontCo strategy consultant)	

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.

Team meets bi-weekly - recently ended a 100-day campaign with a goal to place 25; placed 15 literally homeless veterans & prevented 15 veterans from becoming homeless. Next 100-day campaign started on August 1st - within three days, we had housed one literally homeless veteran who had been one of the top four priority Veterans on our list! Will likely restart next week with 100 days remaining until year end. Meetings begin with a review of Veterans on the common list, culled from the Montgomery County HMIS (Clarity) and refined through group review. Meetings include collaborative review of efforts and sharing resources. Recent allocation of HUD-VASH vouchers directly to the county, plus some recent action in ported vouchers, are helping.

2015 PIT Count (data used to support Estimated Annual Total, below):

Total veterans counted: 6

Total unsheltered veterans counted: 0

Total sheltered veterans counted: 6 (2 in emergency shelter, 4 in transitional housing)

NOTE: This CoC conducted a Summer PIT count on the night of August 27th, extended shelter count to some GPDs.

COG Gap Analysis Tool suggested 102 Veterans over 2014 and 2015; placements last year took out about half (38 placed in the first 100-day campaign); SSVF edition of Gap Analysis Tool suggest only 20 remaining, but we believe it's higher.

Average length of time homeless goal, from entry into system to exit to permanent housing, is based on need for some Veterans to enter transitional housing for a period of time. Some Veterans will be homeless only 2 days; others may be in a program for 200 days before exit to permanent housing.

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Estimated Annual Total:	30
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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	90	days
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C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	0	0	0
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	0	0	0

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Yes
Is this list updated regularly?	Yes
Is this list reviewed at least bi-weekly by key community partners to ensure Veterans have a permanent housing plan and those plans are achieved?	Yes
B. Does every Veteran who is homeless now have a Housing Plan and access to safe (and low barrier as needed) shelter and/or permanent housing?	Under Dev
C. Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	Yes
If so, is this true no matter where they are initially engaged in your community or what shelter or unsheltered location they may be in?	Yes
D. Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-aways?	Yes
E. Are you using SSVF to rapidly re-house Veterans who are waiting on VASH or other PSH assistance if VASH/PSH is not available immediately or in near future?	Yes

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

Strengths include active involvement of county director of Veterans Affairs and a number of other groups. Strong participation from the Housing Authority. Strong collaboration with Coatesville VA Medical Center staff, especially HUD-VASH and Homeless Outreach.

Challenges include use of single database (SSVF just starting to use this county's HMIS; VA does not have access). Actively working to engage county commissioners.

Recently began using SSVF as "bridge" to HUD-VASH in this CoC -- two in use so far.

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Now meeting every three weeks, still focused on efficient use of new HUD-VASH vouchers. Current 100-day campaign to house 125 Veterans ends on Monday - we've housed 120 so far. Team regularly reviews data but does not yet have a single working list. Other topics including marketing to landlords and process changes. In the final planning now for Chester County's annual Landlord Forum next Wednesday, and the Coatesville VAMC CHALENG meeting next Friday. This CoC has high homeless numbers due to VAMC presence.

Est total is based on 2015 PIT count: 0 unsheltered Veterans, 87 in emergency shelter, 211 in transitional housing.

We use adjusted settings in the CoC version of the Gap Analysis tool. (See previous submission for discussion.) The appropriate multiplier for Chester County should be 2.5, and the appropriate % of chronic should be 20%, due to the unique "draw" of the Coatesville homeless programs, including: the VA Homeless Domiciliary (formerly DCHV now MH RRTP – was 115 beds, now down to 75); three GPD transitional housing programs (185 beds); and some HCHV contract beds (10 emergency and 30 transitional associated with treatment). Coupled with the extensive MH RRTPs (PTSD, SATU, Power), Coatesville VAMC will always draw patients/residents from a wide region. For this reason, we know that a higher percentage of the Veterans will qualify for VHA – that setting should be 95% for this CoC.

Using this perspective, we believe there will be 750 Veterans this year experiencing homelessness (not 904, as suggested by the SSVF edition of the gap analysis tool).

Average length of time homeless goal, from entry into system to exit to permanent housing, is based on significant need for some Veterans in this CoC to enter transitional housing for a period of time. Some Veterans will be homeless only 2 days; others may be in a program for 200 days before exit to permanent housing. The reason they're in this CoC is for the TH, in many cases.

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:	750
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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):	90	days
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C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	220	0	220
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?	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?	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: Strong community commitment and open communication.

Challenges: defining "zero" for this area is the biggest challenge. More notes on the numbers above:

 Due to the nature of the CVAMC programs located in this CoC, there will always be a number of sheltered Veterans.

 We expect the GPD beds and the 30 treatment-focused HCHV contract beds to operate at 80% capacity by the end of the year – that's the lowest we can go without jeopardizing the programs, but we also expect that these programs will continue to draw Veterans experiencing homelessness from throughout the region because of the need the kind of outpatient programs that CVAMC provides. A great example is the Mary Walker House, which provides a residential program that complements Military Sexual Trauma therapy.

 We expect all GPD residents to be on a path to permanent housing (discharge planning begins at entry), and the high placement rates of these programs will continue.

 GPD census contributes ~ 170 to the total Veterans expected to be homeless at the end of 2015. Pending VA review, Homeless Domiciliary beds may be further reduced (census averages only about 55 now). Of those and the 10 emergency HCHV beds, we expect approximately 80% occupancy or a contribution of ~50 Veterans to the total.

 We expect 120 to need supportive housing, including 6 or 7 who may not qualify for VA options. Of the remaining 600, we expect approximately 150 to resolve without intervention, though this number may be high given the factors above. Of the 450 remaining, the models suggest we should expect between 45 and 150 to need SSVF RRH, plus ~40 who will need SSVF assistance in conjunction with HUD-VASH, etc. Given the expected number of Veterans who will be placed in, or remain in, transitional housing programs, we believe there is no gap between the needs and assets, but will continue to work on this effort as a group.

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

The group discusses Continuum of Care information. Unfortunately Catholic Charities is in the process of hiring a supervisor for the office located in Reading. The Catholic Charities SSVF caseworker has attended some meetings that occur monthly. Please note the Estimated Annual Number of Homeless is an estimate. Unfortunately I have tried to connect with the Reading Berks C of C and have not been successful with only the two week notice

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:	100
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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:	70	30	100
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	40	30	70

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	No
B. Does every Veteran who is homeless now have a Housing Plan and access to safe (and low barrier as needed) shelter and/or permanent housing?	Under Dev
C. Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	Under Dev
D. Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-aways?	Under Dev
E. Are you using SSVF to rapidly re-house Veterans who are waiting on VASH or other PSH assistance if VASH/PSH is not available immediately or in near future?	Yes

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

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

In March, the start of a Bootcamp initiative for Central Pennsylvania was discussed and initiated at the Altoona VA. Jesse Rodriguez with Veterans Leadership Program who also coordinates the Pittsburgh Bootcamp initiative, spoke on the importance of collaboration of veteran and homeless services to reach functional zero for the CoC. Bill Reed with YWCA of Greater Harrisburg has offered to help organize a CoC meeting for the SSVF grantees to begin discussing the best practices of each grantee and how we can better work together as grantees. With the split of South and Central RHAB in CoC-507, the data in the GAP and Inventory Worksheet reflects the split of counties. Some of the grantees in the CoC listed above meet and communicate with one another regularly since their SSVF grants cover bordering counties or the same counties. Ongoing communication occurs amongst the veteran agencies and organizations.

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

A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:
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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:	25	0	25
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	9	0	9

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.

Some of the strengths of the Central PA CoC are the willingness to collaborate within the SSVF grantees. Grantees already have a good working relationship with the local VA Medical Centers, CBOCs, Vet Center and Clinics throughout the CoC. Another strength is the connection between SSVF programs and employment programs in the CoC, both in office and with partnering agencies to assist in self-sustainability. Just through creating the Community Plan, grantees have communicated their overall plan and best practices to each other. Grantees are currently planning to meet in either Harrisburg or Altoona VA to continue the discussion of the community plan and bootcamp initiative. Both a strength and challenge has been the split of Central PA CoC that created areas of focus but a miscommunication amongst grantees of how that affects our overall goal. Another challenge is identifying veterans by name in most of the counties, since some of the counties are rural. With the current numbers, services, and projections, grantees believe that functional zero is obtainable by the end of 2015, especially as we strengthen our partnerships and combine our efforts. The current work group will be contacting the Altoona VA and HMIS system to see if a Master List can be created in CoC 507 to start assisting and referrals homeless veterans who may not be connected to services.

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.

Historically the process for planning and coordinating efforts to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in our CoC has been coordinated through the VA CHALENG as well as Continuum of Care processes. Our community benefits from the presence of a regional Veterans Medical Center with Veterans Homeless Programs that have brought a strong integration with the HUD Continuum of Care process and has led to the development of a number of housing resources able to address various housing and supportive service needs for homeless veterans. We plan to use the above Veterans Coordination Team to build upon our established coordination and further integrate the VA, HUD and community needs identification, coordination, service availability and performance measurement process as we strive to develop the best system of response possible to prevent and end homelessness for veterans. Beginning in April 2015, CEO, the SSVF provider, briefly discussed the need to establish a process to end veterans homelessness by the end of 2015 with the PA-508 Lackawanna County CoC at its April 14, 2015 meeting. At future meetings with this CoC, additional information will be shared in order to develop a stronger coordination of efforts to ensure outreach and engagement of any and all homeless veterans with referral to the most appropriate provider including both SSVF Programs currently operating within this Continuum. Additional members of the Veterans Coordination Team will be identified and invited to participate. Also, a plan to track and report outcomes will be formulated.

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:	180
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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):	31	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:	36	0	36
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	3	0	3

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Yes
Is this list updated regularly?	Yes
Is this list reviewed at least bi-weekly by key community partners to ensure Veterans have a permanent housing plan and those plans are achieved?	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 include the VAMC, CEO, Hope for Veterans and Catholic Social Services, who have a high level of cooperation and collaboration to address the needs of homeless veterans. The Team will also build upon its experience in other areas to assist Lackawanna County organizations to work towards housing any and all homeless veterans. SSVF Providers will continue their efforts in collaboration with the VA and the Lackawanna County CoC to respond to veteran's needs in the community. The Lackawanna County CoC, identified that 10% of the 2015 PIT Count numbers are chronically homeless veterans or approximately 3 individuals. There are 44 beds designated for veterans in 3 site based transitional housing facilities and 8 dedicated veteran beds in HUD PSH. Weaknesses include the definitional difference between the VA and HUD as to who is homeless especially when someone is in a transitional housing facility. Also the total 120 VASH vouchers listed on the gaps form are associated with the VAMC and the various housing authorities, but 41 vouchers with 67 beds are specific to Lackawanna County at present. Other vouchers are in the other counties served by the VA. The differences in coverage areas also present coordination challenges with other SSVF providers. Also, as CEO and Community Hope are not primary Lackawanna County community agencies they will have to develop a stronger presence in Lackawanna County and work with the VAMC to strengthen outreach efforts.

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 named group still meets bi-weekly to go over the current list of identified homeless veterans in the Lehigh/Northampton County area and discuss any current barriers, case-by-case, to each veteran's entry into permanent housing. Information gathered in this meeting is used to advise the greater Mayor's Homelessness Task Force, which now meets monthly in anticipation of reaching functional zero, to best allocate combined resources to alleviate homelessness for the identified veterans and their families remaining on this list. Also discussed during these meetings are friction points in the community that act as barriers to ending homelessness and how we can proactively overcome them. The Mayor's Task Force has also spawned three more subgroups, dealing with Outreach, Transportation, and Public Awareness as well.

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

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Estimated Annual Total:	75
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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):	21	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:	25	5	30
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	15	5	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?	Yes
Is this list updated regularly?	Yes
Is this list reviewed at least bi-weekly by key community partners to ensure Veterans have a permanent housing plan and those plans are achieved?	Yes
B. Does every Veteran who is homeless now have a Housing Plan and access to safe (and low barrier as needed) shelter and/or permanent housing?	Under Dev
C. Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	Yes
If so, is this true no matter where they are initially engaged in your community or what shelter or unsheltered location they may be in?	Yes
D. Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-aways?	Yes
E. Are you using SSVF to rapidly re-house Veterans who are waiting on VASH or other PSH assistance if VASH/PSH is not available immediately or in near future?	Yes

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

The greater Mayor's Homelessness Task Force is an incredibly comprehensive gathering of resources that will serve as a clearinghouse for veterans to receive homelessness-related services. From federal government representation down to grassroots social service agencies, no potential need is left out in advocating and supporting the future recipients of aid this group will serve. The only frictions points identified thus far is a resistance of local GPD programs to expedite the discharge of willing veterans from their programs so that we will be able to backfill those open beds with the chronic, eligible veterans in our community and beyond. We have also recently identified lack of public transportation to industrial areas during night/evening shift work as the main reason why many vets cannot rapidly return to work.

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 Lancaster city/county CoC meets bi-monthly and discusses issues related to homeless veterans. This included presentations and explanations of existing and new housing services for veterans as well as other community resources that may assist homeless veterans. There is regular contact with Keshia Kerr or a representative from the Lebanon VA Medical Center, at least 2 times per week. During this time, housing plans for homeless veterans are discussed and collaboration efforts are made to get homeless veterans permanently housed. This includes collaborative work with HUD/VASH and other subsidized housing, as well as work with local landlords.

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:	39
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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:		0	0
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:			0

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Yes
Is this list updated regularly?	Yes
Is this list reviewed at least bi-weekly by key community partners to ensure Veterans have a permanent housing plan and those plans are achieved?	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.

The strengths are that we have a great working relationship among all homeless, and other veteran services providers in the county. We also work closely with other nonspecific community service providers that veterans may use. On going, collaborative outrea has taken place in order to ensure that we have reached all homeless veterans. The coordinated assessment in Lancaseter City/county is also a strength.

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/10/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Bristol/Bensalem/Bucks County CoC	CoC Number:	PA-511
CoC Representative:	Don Detweiler, Village of Hope Program Director	Title:	Chair, Homeless Continuum of Care - Bucks Cty (HCOC-BC)
Phone/Email:			
Person Completing this Summary:	John Maher	Title:	Program Coordinator, Hope for Veterans
Phone/Email:	973-441-0626 - jmaher@communityhope-nj.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: HCOC-BC	
Principal Members	Affiliation
Don Detweiler	HCOC-BC
Jason Alexander	Capacity for Change, LLC
Dan Fraley	Bucks Cty Dept of Military and Veterans Affairs
Stefanie Hendel	Bucks Cty Dept of Housing & Community Dev (HMIS)
Allen Johnson	Bucks Cty Dept of Mental Health (Outreach)
Erin Lukos	Bucks County Opportunity Council (Centralized Intake)
Mark Salvatore	Philadelphia VA Medical Center (Outreach)
Dan Schmidt	Philadelphia VA Medical Center (HUD-VASH)
Mo Gillen	Veterans Multi-Service Center (VMC) (SSVF)
Frank Burke	VMC (SSVF - Outreach)
Tjwana Reed	VMC (SSVF - Case Management)
John Maher	Hope for Veterans (SSVF)
Kevin Cope	Hope for Veterans (SSVF - Outreach)
Carissa Colby	Hope for Veterans (SSVF - Case Management)

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.

Various members of this working subgroup engage with the HCOC-BC at regular meetings. One off-line discussion between Jason Alexander, Dan Schmidt and Mo Gillen during HCOC-BC strategic plan "listening session" - the final plan will definitely include a section addressing the Veteran population.

HCOC-BC meets monthly, and various team members listed above try to attend. This has led to some great off-line actions, e.g., work-around with Erin to ensure direct-referred Veterans are captured in the centralized intake system and HMIS.

Separately, Congressman Fitzpatrick's staff has discussed the issue of homelessness within the Veterans Advisory group that meets quarterly.

2015 PIT Count (data used to support Estimated Annual Total, below):
 Total veterans counted: 13
 Total unsheltered veterans counted: 4
 Total sheltered veterans counted: 9
 (In sheltered category, 2 veterans were in transitional housing programs and 7 were in emergency shelter including Code Blue sites.)

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:	42
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3B. Community/CoC Goals: Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

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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:	2	0	2
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	1	0	1

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Under Dev
B. Does every Veteran who is homeless now have a Housing Plan and access to safe (and low barrier as needed) shelter and/or permanent housing?	Under Dev
C. Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	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 include active involvement of county director of Veterans Affairs and a number of other groups, e.g., DAV. Challenges include a lack of a coordinating mechanism - not all agencies participate in the CoC. One organization has created an emergency shelter specifically for Veterans, but it's not part of the CoC system, and may not even be safe. CoC is a little reluctant to engage (some resistance among some members due to Veterans "having resources" when other populations do not). Bottom line: lots of people wanting and willing to help, but no real system yet.

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 occur with all regional SSVF providers attending. This group is developing procedures to maintain and review more detailed "by name" lists of all homeless Veterans identified in the PA-512 CoC and overall South Central Pa region. This group is also developing protocols to quickly determine which service provider is best positioned to meet the immediate needs of the Veteran. In addition at least one SSVF providers is present at every monthly CoC meeting with active involvement in the ongoing development of 10 year plans, coordinated outreach, PIT and other identification efforts. Collaboration within the PA-512 CoC includes rapid identification and referral of all homeless and at risk Veterans and their families. This level of coordination includes development of rapid shelter or establishment of safe housing with coordinated transition to Permanent housing or other housing options based on the Veterans' needs. Efforts are coordinated with the local VA Medical Center homeless staff, Domiciliary, and other providers of services. Coordination also occurs with the local Veterans Court and other Re-entry programs. outreach is conducted on-site at local shelters and street locations. Based on feedback from all community partners it is anticipated that PA-512 will reach "Functional Zero" before the end of this calendar year.

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:	9
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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):	15	days
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C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:	0	0	0
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	0	0	0

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	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: Strong collaboration and growing levels of coordination between Veteran specific and mainstream providers of services. SSVF is playing a leadership role in improving rapid identification and referral of Veterans to all available resource providers. Increased collaboration has helped focus resources where they will do the most good. Anticipate achievement of "Functional Zero" before the December 2015 goal. Challenge: Predicting the 2016 PIT numbers is difficult due to recent fluctuations in overall homeless. The percentage of homeless who were Veterans was 5% in 2014 PIT and 7% in 2015 PIT. Overall growth is related to an overall increase in homeless during the 2015 PIT. Increased outreach, additional resources, and cold weather may have contributed to increase during 2015 PIT. Current resources are able to serve prior, current and anticipated Veteran Homeless numbers.

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 6/30/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC	CoC Number:	PA-600
CoC Representative:	Terri Laver	Title:	Department of Human Services
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Person Completing this Summary:	Christine Pietryga	Title:	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:	Bootcamp Initiative / Mayor's Challenge	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Jesse Rodriguez	Bootcamp Coordinator	
Christine Pietryga	VLP SSVF Program Manager	
Matt Buckley	Soldier On SSVF Director	
Mary Frances Pilarski	Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Coordinator	
Bob Gabianelli	Allegheny County Housing Authority	
Jane Miller	U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development	
Anne Fogoros	United Way/211	
Debra Martin	U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development	
Cynthia Haines	U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development	
Robert Thompson	SSVF Regional Coordinator	
Josh Rolon	Office of Mayor William Peduto	
Bonnie Rubin	Project for Freedom Program	
Stacy Pethia	Pittsburgh Housing Authority	
Chuck Keenan	Allegheny County Department of Human Services	
Rob Hamilton	Veterans Place	
Mary Esther Van Shura	County Executive 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 Bootcamp team meets twice a month to discuss the effectiveness and collaboration of veteran services in Allegheny County. With representatives from the SSVF grantees, veteran services and nonprofits, VA Medical Center/Healthcare for Homeless, county and city housing authority HUD, United Way, Mayor's office and veteran shelters, the team is able to share best practices in the field and create a system to eliminate homelessness in 2015. In the past, the team has discussed VA services available for veterans, services available for veterans experiencing homelessness, and strategic responses to the need of housing and landlords. With the county and city housing authority involved in the Bootcamp, landlord trainings and awareness have been promoted and implemented. The two SSVF grantees in the Coc (Veterans Leadership Program and Soldier On) meet monthly as well to discuss clients enrolled and best practices.

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:	546
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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:	150	0	150
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	50	0	50

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.

One of the strengths among the Bootcamp is the collaboration of a variety of services and organizations that focus on housing, veteran services, and landlord relations. According to the projections of SSVF assistance in 2015, we believe that Pittsburgh is able to reach functional zero. The SSVF case managers in Allegheny County are another strength to the goal at hand. Their effectiveness and hard work in the field is the reason functional zero is obtainable. Some of the challenges we faced in achieving this goal were naming and identifying homeless veterans by name, obtaining accurate numbers to define functional zero and locating affordable and safe housing for each veteran experiencing homelessness. As of September 15, 2015, the Bootcamp subcommittee working group has received data from HMIS and will be sending the VA the list to add their veterans with unique identifiers. The Bootcamp Initiative has successfully obtained landlords in Allegheny County who would like to work with veterans. A landlord portal has also been created through a local social service database, that case managers will soon be able to access. Starting September 17, 2015 the bootcamp subcommittee will be looking at the current master list and begin connecting veterans on the list to services. Every two weeks, the subcommittee and agencies will come together and case manage and discuss the clients on the list, making the proper referrals and offering services.

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/1/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Southwest Pennsylvania CoC	CoC Number:	PA-601
CoC Representative:	Tammy Knouse	Title:	Fayette Community Action
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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:	Western Pennsylvania CoC (601/602)	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Melissa Russell	SSVF Program Manager LCCAP	
Christine Pietryga	SSVF Program Manager VLP	
Matt Buckley	SSVF Director Soldier On	
Christie Beaver	Butler VA	
Melinda Houge	Butler VA	
Sandra Beham	Butler VA	
Maria Marsico	Pittsburgh VA- Hud/VASH	
Mary Frances Pilarski	Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Coordinator-Pittsburgh	
Mike Wehrer	Erie VA	
Virginia Vayda	Altoona VA	
Jesse Rodriguez	Director of Operations VLP	
Tom Peters	Veterans Multi-Service Center	
Maura Gillen	Veterans Multi-Service Center	
Linda Thompson	McKean County/COC Chair	
Amanda Feltenberger	Butler County Human Services	
Tammy Knouse	Fayette County/COC Chair	
Kim Stucke	Stairways Behavioral Health	
Kathy Presnar	LCCAP	

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.

Three SSVF grantees throughout the Western Pennsylvania CoC (LCCAP, VLP, and Solider On) meet monthly to discuss best practices and SSVF grant details. Since CoC 601 and 602 recently merged to create the Western PA CoC, the three grantees listed above went to the first meeting as a merged CoC in March. At the meeting many homeless, veteran, housing, and social service organizations were represented. SSVF grantees also meet and communicate regularly with the Pittsburgh, Butler and Erie VA's to discuss veterans in their catchment area that are enrolled in the SSVF program. The Butler, Pittsburgh, and Erie VA's catchment areas are well organized and effectively housing the veterans in need of assistance through SSVF and Hud/VASH. During Q2, SSVF grantees distributed a SSVF Referral form to the VA's and met with both the Butler and Pittsburgh Hud/VASH teams to collaborate and discuss possible improvements. In Southwestern Pennsylvania, SSVF grantees are working on building a partnership with the Washington County City Mission to better serve the veterans there. A strong partnership has already been created and maintained with Tomorrows Hope, a veteran's transitional housing program in Clearfield County where SSVF case managers visit bi monthly. At the next SSVF Grantee meeting, we plan on inviting and asking Veterans Multi-Service Center to call in or attend so that all of the grantees in the Western PA CoC are involved in the community plan moving forward. UPDATE 9/1/15: We are currently in the process of compiling lists of identified veterans through HMIS Client Track which will be placed on our master list and we will be heavily involved with the Governor's 100 day challenge.

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:	434
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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:	75	0	75
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	25	0	25

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Under Dev
B. Does every Veteran who is homeless now have a Housing Plan and access to safe (and low barrier as needed) shelter and/or permanent housing?	Under Dev
C. Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	Yes
If so, is this true no matter where they are initially engaged in your community or what shelter or unsheltered location they may be in?	Yes
D. Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-aways?	Yes
E. Are you using SSVF to rapidly re-house Veterans who are waiting on VASH or other PSH assistance if VASH/PSH is not available immediately or in near future?	Yes

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

Strengths: Having three VA catchment areas in the Western CoC is a strength for the overall goal to end Veteran homelessness by 2015. With shelters in Southwestern Pennsylvania, Tomorrows Hope, effective Hud/VASH programs and SSVF case managers throughout the counties, the functional zero is obtainable.

Challenges: there are limited resources in our more rural counties and we are lacking a single funding source that is able to serve all counties to ensure self-sufficiency. Naming each homeless veteran has already been done in some of the counties throughout Western Pennsylvania but is very difficult to do in others. Additionally, a barrier for the rural population is that there are far less housing options, available landlords and service providers (including shelters) to go around so consumer choice isn't always an option. It is also noted that VA (VASH programs/SSVF POC) access to the HMIS system would help streamline identifying homeless veterans.

Update: SSVF grantees continue to work on this endeavor and have enlisted the support of our newly formed COC -601. The action plan is as follows: at the local housing coalitions homeless veterans will be identified and reported to the local RHAB chairs. This information will be filtered through LCCAP and disseminated to SSVF grantees. We will then start compiling our collective list. For veterans in crisis : LCCAP updated the SSVF referral form (and distributed it out at the meeting) to include all the grantees that serve veterans in COC 601(602). . 9/15/15 UPDATE:DCED HMIS Client Track has been contacted and is currently working on compiling a master list of sheltered/unshelterd homeless veterans, This list will be compiled and reviewed with the CoC and SSVF Grantees. Additionally, veterans are still being identified in the most southwestren counties through Produce to People. Housing Developments are becoming available so we are seeing an increase in options for veterans.

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/1/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Beaver County CoC	CoC Number:	PA-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:	NA		
Principal Members	Affiliation		
Melissa Russell	SSVF/LCSS Inc		
Christine Pietryga	SSVF/VLP		
Matt Buckley	SSVF/SO		
Norah Miller	Beaver COC 603		
Christie Beaver	Butler VA		
Melinda Houge	Butler VA		
Sandra Beham	Butler VA		
Tom Kaminsky	Cornerstone		
Darcy Casey	Cornerstone		
Cathy Smith	Community Development Program Beaver County		
Maria Mursco	Pittsburgh VA		
George Beegle	The Cornerstone		

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.

All stakeholders need to meet at least monthly and discuss coordination of services and efforts between all parties. The group typically relays information consistently via email or phone. However, it is noted that a set date and time would be beneficial as well as opening up the meetings to include additional area service providers. During meetings an updated list of veterans are shared and reviewed between grantees to prevent the overlapping of SSVF grantee services. Additionally, community housing programs in regards to availability, targeted population, and services available are discussed. 9/1/15 Update: We are currently in the process of compiling lists of identified veterans through HMIS program through Beaver County which will be placed on our master list and we will be heavily involved with the Governor's 100 day challenge.

9/1/15 Update:

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:	16
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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:	1	0	1
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	1	0	1

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	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.

Challenges: Coordinating meeting schedules between grantees and local service providers and the COC on a consistent basis such as monthly rather than intermittently. Stakeholders would like to meet more frequently in order to assess any gaps in services rendered for our veterans. Strengths: Communication and collaboration between SSVF grantees, local housing authorities, agencies, and the VA is strong. This at first primarily consisted of outreach completed by the SSVF program grantees at the following places on a weekly basis: shelters, on the street, at the local area VA hospitals and programs. Our community as well as community service providers are very much aware of the resources SSVF has to offer and have integrated and utilized the program for area veterans when no other housing options exist. Coordination of services between grantees has been in place and grantees have created a referral system in order to reduce duplication and wait time of veterans served. A referral system with VA homeless services has been streamlined and implemented across the COC's and local VA's so the process is the same for all VA's, COC's, and grantees. This ensures an identical referral process for veterans and VA service providers and maximizes veteran satisfaction. 9/1/15 UPDATE: Grantees continue to work on this endeavor and have enlisted the support of PA COC -603. The action plan is as follows: at the local housing coalitions homeless veterans will be identified and reported to the CoC chairs. This information will be filtered through LCCAP and disseminated to SSVF grantees. We will then start compiling our collective list. For veterans in crisis : LCCAP updated the SSVF referral form (and distributed it out at the meeting) to include all the grantees that serve veterans in COC 603 . Beaver County HMIS has been contacted and is currently working on compiling a master list of sheltered/unsheltered homeless veterans, This list will be compiled and reviewed with the CoC and SSVF Grantees.

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.

Soldier On and the VA Homeless Team staff meet bi-weekly to discuss veterans currently being served and to coordinate resources. The above group intends to meet monthly to coordinate strategies in housing homeless veterans and overcoming barriers preventing this goal. Besides reviewing progress toward overall goals this group will work to develop a current list of homeless veterans within the community. The group will then be responsible for the maintenance of this list and tracking progress made towards achieving housing stability. The intent is that any veteran experiencing homelessness within the CoC will be added to this list and assigned a provider who will be responsible for tracking outcomes.

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:	113
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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:	13	0	13
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	4	0	4

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	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:
 The coordination among the SSVF grantees and the VA is a strength within the CoC. There are limited services locally due to the rural nature of the area and as result coordiantion between providers is essential in ensuring appropriate allocation of resources. This coordination also prevents any dupilcation of services.

Challenges:
 The rural geography presents a challenge as resources are not abundant and it can be difficult to locate/track veterans experiencing homelessness as they may not present for services.

Updates (7/1):
 SSVF has coordinated with the VA homeless team to send status updates on any shared veteran every Friday. Currently only one veteran is identified by SSVF as unsheltered homeless and is also enrolled with the homeless team/HUDVASH.

Update (9/15):
 The Erie VAMC and SSVF have continued coordination around homeless veterans within the CoC. To date a system has been established to ensure the rapid engagement of all veterans experiencing homelessness within the county with the VAMC acting as the coordinating body. Community providers encountering homeless veterans are engaged with staff of the VA homeless team who then triage appropriately for services both internally (VASH, employment, etc.) and externally (SSVF, Community Action Agencies, etc.). These agencies then report back on the status of these cases.