

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

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Continuum of Care Name:	Rhode Island Statewide CoC	CoC Number:	RI-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:		
Principal Members	Affiliation	
John McDonough	OSDRI/Chair CoC Veterans Sub-committee	
Bill Carr	VAMC Homeless Clinic/VASH/Co-Chair Vets Sub-Com	
Bill Molloy	North Providence Housing	
Carlos Hernandez	Rhode Island Housing	
David Gendreau	Providence Center	
Heather Salva	Veterans Inc.	
Donna DeLaRosa	Providence Housing Authority	
Erick Wallin	Executive Director OSDRI	
Jim Ryczek	RI Coalition for the Homeless	
Don Laliberte	Crossroads Shelter RI	
Justion Barros	Pawtucket Housing	
Kerrin Charptier	VA	
Laura Archambault	RI Housing	
Mary Bray	RI Dept OF Housing and Community Development	
Sean Lonergan	VA VASH	
Andrea Lewandowski	Gateway to Independence	
Maria Cimini	RI Coalition for the Homeless	
Erik Hirsch	RICH HMIS	

**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 RI CoC Veterans Sub-Committee has had a very successful forth quarter. The Committee meets every Thursday leading the way in identifying homeless Veterans. The Committee is executing a by-name listing of homeless veterans, identified through the HIMS system. We also have HMIS specialist on the Board to ensure placed veterans are removed from the VI-SADAT. All the Housing Authorities continue to participate in Board Meetings, to include the Homeless Shelter Representatives that are helping connect veterans to the Board then collaborate with the Housing Authorities to mate veterans with housing. The Board will continue to meet once a week until the end of December. RI is executing a very aggressive plan and have all the major players involved. VAMC has greatly contributed to the Board referring numerous Veterans through the VAMC Homeless Clinic. All Veteran Sub-Committee activities are briefed to the RI CoC Board of Directors. Volunteer's continue to visit places/areas homeless Veterans are known to harbor.

**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 FY15Q4 or data assumptions that have already been adopted by the community, such as the *VA CoC Gaps Analysis Tool (GAT)*.

Estimated Annual Total:	575
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

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

<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	30	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:		150	150
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:		75	75

**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: RI Strength are the numerous Sub-Committees (Veterans Sub, Cronically Homeless Sub, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, etc.) collaborating to indentify and place veterans in permanent housing, while similtaneously providing suportive services to sustain/maintain long term housing. The RI CoC Sub-Committee has taken charge of the Community Plan. As stated above, all the major homeless agencies within the state have a seat on the committee. The RI Coalition for the Homeless has done a great job at facilitating the Veterans Sub process. We have been very aggressive with the shelters in identifying homeless veterans and pushing the Housing Agencies into housing the veterans. We meet on a weekly basis and scrub the homeless list by name. We are making great progress in meeting functional zero.