

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/14/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Charleston/Low Country CoC	CoC Number:	SC-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
Tiffany Major	Alston Wilkes
Anthony Haro	LHC
Selena Wilson	One80 Place
Rebecca Eilenberg	Family Services
Karen Medbury	Ralph H Johnson VA Medical Center
Maria Lundell	Ralph H Johnson VA Medical Center
Geona Shaw Johnson	City of Charleston
Andrea Jones	City of Charleston
Liz Stowe	One80 Place
Kazia Pierson	One80 Place
Aisha Thurston	YWCA Street Outreach
Denise Cromwell	YWCA Street Outreach
Jason Myers	Palmetto Warrior Connection
Chloe Garrison	Our Lady of Mercy Outreach
Nikki Grimbball	Neighborhood House
Odessa Haskins	City of Charleston Housing Authority
Selina Brown	City of Charleston Housing Authority

**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.

Ongoing review and coordination efforts occur through weekly coordination calls and monthly meetings. These meetings and calls focus on current and previous 30-day action plans. Key areas for consideration are outreach efforts which includes review of the by name list, HMIS coordination; housing stock updates, plans to increase landlord outreach efforts and public housing, Section 8, Housing Choice Vouchers, and HUD-VASH placements and availability. The final item discussed relates to supportive services and provision of services for those who do not receive SSVF or HUD-VASH assistance.

**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:	103
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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:			0
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:			0

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Under Dev
B. Does every Veteran who is homeless now have a Housing Plan and access to safe (and low barrier as needed) shelter and/or permanent housing?	No
C. Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	Yes
If so, is this true no matter where they are initially engaged in your community or what shelter or unsheltered location they may be in?	Yes
D. Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-aways?	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 Lowcountry Homeless Coalition (CoC) has organized a group of key players from our community to meet and discuss persons with the highest acuity in our community. This team represents a tremendous step for our community. The collaborative effort is exciting as community partners have come together fully committed and with a collaborative spirit to end Veteran homelessness. Areas of challenge are limited units of affordable housing and access to HMIS by all principle members of the coordinating group.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 9/15/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Greenville/Anderson/Spartanburg Upstate CoC	CoC Number:	SC-501
CoC Representative:	Linda Wilson	Title:	Interim Director of Resident Services/HMIS Administrator
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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
CAROLYN WASHINGTON	SC WORKS
TERESA TODD	GREENVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
DEBORAH PATTERSON	HUD-VASH
ROBERT KAPPEL	SEBAPRO
GEORGE CASE	SCANG
FRANK MATTOX	SC WORKS
STACEY GOODE	GREENVILLE CBOC
JAMES THOMPSON	ALSTON WILKES SOCIETY
CLINTON DAVIS	ALSTON WILKES SOCIETY
TIFFANY MAJOR	ALSTON WILKES SOCIETY
DEB RICHARSON- MOORE	TRIUNE MERCY CENTER
ROBIN BARTON	TRIUNE MERCY CENTER
DIVA WILLIAMS	ALSTON WILKES SOCIETY
JOY HEMPHILL	AFSC
VALERI COPEMAN	GREENVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

**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 Planning and Coordination Group met twice in July and anticipates meeting again in October 2015. The group has created a by name list of homeless veterans that everyone has access to. The list is maintained by a staff member at Alston Wilkes Society. The group will focus its future efforts on adding more names to the by name list, as well as developing or identifying a strong referral network of service providers in the Upstate area. The group will assist with outreach and help with identifying permanent supportive housing in their communities. The group has focused on discussing coordination efforts and any barriers that veterans face. The group will continue to focus on minimizing housing barriers, increasing outreach, and increasing access to rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing options. The

**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:	86
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
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<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	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:	10	15	25
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	4	8	12

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

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

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

Strengths: The Upstate Community is very eager to come together to resolve the issues of homelessness among veterans. The Upstate has a significant veteran population and are currently expanding their HUD-VASH program to better identify and house homeless veterans. Challenges: Finding landlords willing to house veterans with little to no income and outreach to veterans in rural communities with limited resources to employment. The VA has a GPD program in the Upstate, but it has limited beds. The community will need to work together to strategize and achieve successful housing placement. The group has had limited representation from the COC. Alston Wilkes Society will work to extend multiple offers to the COC so that they can be involved in developing and maintaining the Community Plan. In addition, Alston Wilkes Society will attend COC sponsored events to ensure that veteran's issues are at the forefront.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 4/29/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Columbia/Midlands CoC	CoC Number:	SC-502
CoC Representative:	Jennifer Moore	Title:	Senior Director
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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	
Tiffany Major	Alston-Wilkes	
Craig Currey	Transitions	
Julie Ann Avin	MIRCI	
Melani Miller	Salvation Army	
Roger Coulson	Salvation Army	
Nancy Stoudenmire	Columbia Housing Authority	
Doris Hill	Columbia Housing Authority	
Keisha Sheppard	Cooperative Ministry	
Angela Culbreth	The Family Shelter	
Kristen Connors	USC Office of Supportive Housing	
Donny Supplee	New Day on Mill/United Way of Kershaw	
Lisa Tindel	Nurture Home	
Ceceila Rodriguez	MACH	
Jennifer Moore	MACH	
Gina Amato	MACH	
Lauren Angelo Duck	MACH	
Ashley Thomas	SC Appleseed	
Andrea Richardson	Dorn VA-HUD-VASH	

**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.

There are many mechanisms in place to review progress and coordination efforts in the communities that make the Columbia/Midlands Continuum. Because the continuum serves a large geographical area, local coalitions meet monthly to address outreach, housing, services and other issues related to ending homelessness. The full continuum holds meetings quarterly where discussions center around homelessness issues among all population take place, gaps in services, CAS implementation and other ways to effectively address the issue of homelessness in each community. Local coalition meetings are held monthly, except during the month of the quarterly full continuum meeting. Monthly outreach meetings are held to discuss planning outreach events as well as to identify Veterans and non-Veterans who are in need of assistance. The Dorn VA staff also provides a list of Veterans needing housing assistance, in what is called a "Leads List" that continuum staff uses to link Veterans with appropriate service providers who can best meet their individual needs. Daily the local VA conducts walk-in clinics for homeless Veterans, as well as conducts a monthly legal clinic, in partnership with SC Appleseed, to assist with Veteran legal matters. The community has embraced Zero2016 and through a core planning committee with regular meetings that addresses placement stats, and strategies that are working to increase housing options.

**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:	131
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community's/CoC's key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
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<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	45	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	<b>Sheltered</b>	<b>Unsheltered</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC's January 2016 PIT count:			0
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:			0

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Under Dev
B. Does every Veteran who is homeless now have a Housing Plan and access to safe (and low barrier as needed) shelter and/or permanent housing?	Under Dev
C. Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	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 weaknesses are the limited housing stock for private landlords willing to accept VASH vouchers, the time it has taken to get SSVF assistance for those entering into HUD VASH and HUD VASH staff feeling as though they have no leverage when it comes to helping Vets maintain their housing. Because the majority of the counties in this continuum are rural, the lack of service providers, resources, transportation and housing is a challenge. Other challenges include Veterans who have been approved for assistance, but haven't signed their lease yet; the length of time it takes to complete HUD-VASH inspections, and uncertainty regarding Veterans HUD-VASH CM assignment.

# SSVF: Community Plan Summary

**Date Completed/Revised:** 9/14/2015

<b>Continuum of Care Name:</b>	Myrtle Beach/Sumter City & County CoC	<b>CoC Number:</b>	SC-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.

Principal Members	Affiliation
EASTERN CAROLINA HOMELESSNESS ORG., INC.	CoC and SSVF Grantee
ONE 80 PLACE	SSVF GRANTEE
AUSTIN WILKES SOCIETY	SSVF GRANTEE
HOME ALLIANCE	CoC GRANTEE
HUD/VASH HORRY COUNTY	VASH
WACCAMAW CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH	CoC GRANTEE
ANY LENGTH RECOVERY, INC.	CoC GRANTEE
PATRICIA BRADFORD	VA VISIN 7 NETWORK COORDINATOR
LIGHTHOUSE Ministries	cOc MEMBER/FAITH BASED ASSISTANCE
LITTLE RIVER MEDICAL	PRIMARY HEALTHCARE/OUTREACH, COC MEMBER
CITY OF FLORENCE	COC MEMBER/MUNICIPAL GOVERNEMENT
CITY OF CONWAY	COC MEMBER/MUNICIPAL GOVERNEMENT
VAMC CHARLESTON	VAMC
M.O.A.A.	OUTREACH VETS
VA CLINIC MYRTLE BEACH	VA HEALTHCARE/OUTREACH
VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER LITTLE RIVER	OUTREACH VETS
VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER FLORENCE	OUTREACH VETS
Veterans Housing Development Corporation	Member Agency

**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 Primary Planning and Coordination Group meet on a bi-weekly basis to review the status and progress of the SSVF program. Information reviewed is: Overall housing/ assistance goals, Veterans list, outreach/referral efforts and scheduling, developing and augmenting current network of benefit/ assistance resources, and applying “best practice models” to streamline processes and efficiently target re-housing Veterans and their families or helping them maintain housing as well as connecting them with needed services, benefits and assistance. We also focus on a more intensive Outreach Program as well as the implementation of the Demand and Analysis tool. We have developed a tool to use that we think is equal to, but much more simple based on reviewing the Demand and Analysis Tool, the Zero 2016 tool and our own custom HMIS Reports. It shows all dates entry/exits, housing status/plans, take down numbers, etc.

**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:	186
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**3B. Community/CoC Goals:** Identify your community’s/CoC’s key goals and targets.

**A. Permanent Housing Placement Target & SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Placement Target:**  
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<b>B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):</b>	21	days
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<b>C. January 2016 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Goal</b>	<b>Sheltered</b>	<b>Unsheltered</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of Veterans expected to be counted as homeless during the CoC’s January 2016 PIT count:	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?	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:**  
 ECHO recently received Technical Assistance from TAC through HUD on performance, monitoring, written standards and prioritization. This meeting and resulting actions taken will greatly help us in our effort to house the homeless veterans/families population. We also have increased the number and scope of our Outreach Workers to get the job done. ECHO continues to develop and expand a network of landlords through our network already in place with our Permanent Housing Programs, ESG Programs, Realtor Associations and Faith Based Organizations. We are partnering with a private investor/developer (a Veteran) in the acquisition/construction of a 240 unit complex in Horry County and a 137 unit complex in Florence County. These units will be made up of 50% 1br, 25% 2br and 25% 3br units and 75% of these total units will be dedicated to Veterans and families. We are working with all city, county and state agencies and depts in this effort. We have met with Howard Metcalf, South Carolina Dept of Veteran Affairs Director in our efforts to work hand in hand with the county VA offices in our 12 county service area. We continue to work well and get positive results with the most difficult cases; ie. criminal history, credit and income. ECHO's CAS will be implemented later this year and we are strenuously making an effort to get all agencies in our 12 counties onboard, even if not members. We have also met with Christ Central Ministries in Lexington and One80 Place in Charleston to make use of some of their GPD beds since we have no GPD beds in our service area.

**Weaknesses:**  
 Public Housing Agency support (outside of Myrtle Beach and Georgetown) has been nonexistent and adversarial. Update: Sharon Forest, Executive Director of the Myrtle Beach Housing Authority will be assisting in efforts to work with Sumter and Florence County Housing Authorities as well as the other smaller rural PHA's. One other tough spot, not necessarily a weakness, is the high rent/low income situation in the greater Myrtle Beach area. The tourist season is upon us and rents are rising and availability is