

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

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Continuum of Care Name:	Greenville/Anderson/Spartanburg Upstate CoC	CoC Number:	SC-501
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- 1. Primary Planning and Coordination Group:** Identify the primary group responsible for planning and coordinating efforts to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in the CoC. List the principal members of this group and their affiliation.

Primary Group Name:	
Principal Members	Affiliation
CHARLIE MCCRAE	UPSTATE WARRIOR SOLUTIONS
MARK ALVERSON	MIRACLE HILL MISSION
DEBORAH PATTERSON	HUD-VASH
KENNETH LEWALLEN	DAV
GEORGE BLEVINS	VSO
FRANK MATTOX	SC WORKS
PATRICK PRUITT	GOODWILL INDUSTIES
JAMES THOMPSON	ALSTON WILKES SOCIETY
CLINTON DAVIS	ALSTON WILKES SOCIETY
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DEB RICHARSON- MOORE	TRIBUNE MERCY CENTER
JONATHAN HELMS	MIRACLE HILL MISSION
TERRY BLACK	MIRACLE HILL MISSION
JOE QUINN	GREENVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
IVORY MATTHEWS	GREENVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
JOE JONES	DAV
GINA GRANGER	HABITAT GREENVILLE
SAMMY LEWIS	VSO

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 will meet on a monthly basis starting in June. No date has been set for the first meeting, but contact will have been made and a date set by May 15, 2015. Alston Wilkes Society will attend a Housing Fair scheduled to take place in the Upstate and add additional members as needed to the planning and coordination group. The Planning Group will review progress of SSVF and help with identifying homeless veterans in the upstate. The group will work together to create an ongoing list of identified homeless veterans that will be maintained by AWS. The list will be regularly updated to include progress and move in dates. The group will assist with outreach and help with identifying permanent supportive housing in their communities. The group will discuss coordination efforts and any barriers that veterans face. The group will focus on minimizing housing barriers, increasing outreach, and increasing access to rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing options.

UPDATE: The Planning and Coordination Group will hold its first meet on July 6th. We will have two meetings in July and meet once a month, thereafter. The Planning Group will review progress of SSVF, help with identifying homeless veterans in the upstate by developing a by name list, and discuss any coordination issues that may arise. The group will assist with outreach and help with identifying permanent supportive housing options that are present in the Upstate community.

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:
 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):	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:	6	20	26
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	2	6	8

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

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

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 came together on June 9th to provide an Housing Fair in Greenville at the TD Convention Center. VA HUD-VASH Greenville Housing Authority SSVF SC Works Upstate Warrior Solutions and many other Veteran Service Organizations and landlords from the community were in attendance. AWS SSVF used this event to launch our goal ending homelessness among veteran by this year in the Upstate. The AWS SSVF program received 9 referrals as a result of attending this event. In addition, AWS SSVF had an opportunity to discuss coordination issues with the Greenville CBOC. Since this launch, the AWS SSVF Office and the Greenville CBOC have been in constant communication to ensure timely housing of all HUD-VASH participants. Challenges: Finding landlords willing to house veterans with little to no income and outreach to veterans in rural communities with limited resources to employment. After attending the SSVF Regional Meeting in Raleigh, the SSVF Program Manager has shared new ideas to help engage landlords. In addition, we are attending as many meetings as possible within the COC to emphasize our focus on ending veteran homelessness by December 2015.

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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.

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B. Length of Time Homeless Goal (max or average days):	14	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
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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 aquisition/construction of a 240 unit complex in Horry County and a 137 unit complex in Florence County. These units witll be made up of 50% 1br, 25% 2br and 25%3br units and 75% of these total units will be dedicated to Vetrans 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 in June 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