

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

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Continuum of Care Name:	Boise/Ada County CoC	CoC Number:	ID-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:	Boise/Ada County Continuum of Care		
Principal Members	Affiliation		
El Ada CAP, Inc.	BO SSVF Grantee, HUD SHP partner, Homeless ER Services provider		
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	HHS services provider		
City of Boise Housing and Community Development	CoC entitlement and RCO		
Ada County Jail	Ada County Law enforcement		
Interfaith Sanctuary Housing Services	Shelter		
Women's and Children's Alliance	Shelter		
Boise Rescue Mission	Shelter		
Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority	PHA		
Terry Reilly Health Services	Clinic		
Salvation Army	CBO		
Mountain States Group	Refugee Svcs org		
Idaho Office on Refugees	Refugee Svcs org		
Boise VAMC HCHV	VA		
HUD rep	HUD		
Supportive Housing and Innovative Partnerships	CBO		
City of Meridian	Municipal rep		
Charity Assistance to Community's Homeless	Transitional HSG		
Corpus Christi House	Day Shelter and ER 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.

The CoC Working Group meets at least monthly to coordinate and to review community planning progress. In addition, the Housing Working Group meets at least every other month and includes local housing providers who are involved with CoC in increasing the availability of housing and affordable housing. CoC ID-500 is currently working on a City of Boise specific plan to end homelessness under guidance from HUD. This includes implementation of a Coordinated Entry system that is being designed to identify veterans at point of contact and streamline referral and coordination of services. El-Ada and Boise VAHCHV staff meet regularly to coordinate Veteran planning and to strategize increasing the involvement of CoC ID-500 leadership in planning to end Veteran Homelessness and incorporate VA planning tools. El-Ada and VAHCHV outreach staff meet and coordinate with staff of both local shelter providers to identify and engage every identifiable veteran in services.

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:	126
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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:	63	0	63
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	5	0	5

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

	Yes/No/Under Dev
A. Has your community identified every Veteran who is homeless right now by name?	Under Dev
B. Does every Veteran who is homeless now have a Housing Plan and access to safe (and low barrier as needed) shelter and/or permanent housing?	Under Dev
C. Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	Under Dev
D. Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-always?	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.

Community planning in CoC ID-500 is currently intensive and requires many hours of time and attention from CoC members, including El Ada. the CoC ID-500 community coordinates closely and is committed to ending Chronic homelessness and reducing and preventing area homelessness. VA Planning as a separate and distinct activity with its own planning tools and processes represents yet another layer of non-direct service activity that potentially draws resources away from actually housing homeless Veterans. While we have not yet had to turn away any eligible homeless Veteran from SSVF, we are concerned about the increasing burden of non-direct service activities on our SSVF allocation.

A NOTE ABOUT NUMBERS REPORTED IN THIS UPDATED SUMMARY: The numbers reported in this update are based upon the January 2015 PIT numbers for ID500 (released 6/15/15) that reported 126 total homeless Veterans. Recent VA reports that Boise will reach "functional Zero" (having no unsheltered Veterans who are eligible for VA services) by January 2016. In addition, SSVF prioritizes unsheltered homeless Veterans seeking case management and housing assistance and ensures that all area sheltered Veterans have current SSVF program information and regular access to Outreach, pre-screening, screening and enrollment in SSVF, in addition to immediate referral to BVAMC and VAHCHV. Question: Our program has concerns about the confidentiality of Veterans data with the change in ID500 CoC HMIS releases that enables "CoC Administrator" to view client detail, as well as aggregated data. "CoC Administrator" is a non-service providing staff member residing at Boise City Hall. We would like written guidance from the SSVF Program Office that the scope of these HMIS releases is authorized by the VA

SSVF: Community Plan Summary

Date Completed/Revised: 8/3/2015

Continuum of Care Name:	Idaho Balance of State	CoC Number:	ID-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:	Idaho Balance of State	
Principal Members	Affiliation	
Region 2: Debra Monniere; Steve Bonnar	Blue Mountain Action Council; Sojourners' Alliance	
Sylvia Evers; Ty Williams;	YWCA of Lewiston Idaho; Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare	
Steve Thomas; Brian Dale	Family Promise of Lewis-Clark Valley; HUD	
Heather Cochrell; Christeena Miller	Goodwill Industries; Salvation Army	
Kylie St. Paul; Tanner Bramell	Nezperce Tribe; Disability Action Center	
Steve Nelson	VA Walla Walla Medical Center	
Region 4: Leanne Trappen; Deb Latin	SCCAP; ID Dept of Health & Welfare Navigator	
JoAnn Gemar; Matt Hicks	Twin Falls Schools; Twin Falls PD	
Sonia Knowland; Jody Warthen	ID National Guard; HUD/VASH outreach	
Tricia Swartling; Mary Linn	The Advocates; Positive Connections	
Jesse Vallez; John Hathaway	Crisis Center of Magic Valley; IDHW Director	
Linda Fleming; Brian Dale	Habitat for Humanity; HUD	
Lorie Jeske; Lynn Hedberg	LINC; First Federal Bank	
Debbie Drown; Linda Culver	Consumer Credit Management Services; Congressman Simpson's liai	
Robert Smith	Jerome County Veterans Service Officer	
Region 5: Bobi Pace; Sy Williams	HVF SSVF; VA HUD/VASH VJO	
Sunny Shaw; Kale Bergeson	Housing Authority of Pocatello; SEICCA	
BJ Stensland	Aid For Friends; Work Force 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.

Region 2: Meets quarterly to discuss homelessness, numbers, programs, resources and staff cases. Region 4: Meets bi-monthly and more often depending on project or need. Data is reviewed and ongoing committee work at the CoC level. CoC work has included the development and implementation of the coordinated assessment that will become a more prominent piece in moving forward to help identify gaps in services and prioritizing what is needed to address our homeless populations. Resources are always on the agenda for discussion along with discussions outlining barriers to permanent housing and circumventing some of those barriers. Ongoing outreach and development of housing resources for both temporary and permanent shelter/housing options. This coordination involves the eight southern most counties in the ID BOS CoC. Region 5: Major's Challenge task force committee meets monthly to discuss resources, coordination and community events. In addition, agencies frequently communicate and refer to one another. There is not a coordinated assessment system in place at this time.

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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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:	50	49	99
Of number above, how many will also be counted as chronically homeless:	3	15	18

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?	No
C. Is every Veteran who becomes homeless rapidly engaged and offered shelter and/or housing that meets their needs?	No
D. Are sufficient SSVF resources allocated to ensure there are no RRH gaps or turn-aways?	No
E. Are you using SSVF to rapidly re-house Veterans who are waiting on VASH or other PSH assistance if VASH/PSH is not available immediately or in near future?	Yes

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

Region 2: the priority 2 grant covers Nezperce, Clearwater, Lewis, and Idaho Counties in Idaho. We have no shelters and few resources and services in this very rural area of Idaho. Since the beginning of the grant year, SSVF has served 22 veterans in this region and is currently serving 9 veterans. We continue to network with community partners and continue to do aggressive outreach in these counties. Region 4: Strengths: Homeless providers use Coordinated assessment scoring barriers to housing to assist with appropriate referrals and defining the need for homeless programs and housing options across the state. In this region of the CoC impacted by this SSVF provider (8 of the 43 counties), homeless and healthcare providers coordinate resources and often partner resources, working together to assist one family or individual to obtain or sustain permanent housing. Landlord and property management relationships with homeless providers are strong and continue to be defined with ongoing communication, advocacy and collaboration. Challenges: Resources are limited. Employment rates are at an all time low with large businesses coming in to an area. However, housing availability is also an obstacle. Region 5: Strengths: The Mayors of Pocatello and Blackfoot have joined the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. In this region we have a Veterans Task Force committee that meets regularly to discuss veteran homelessness and resources. Community providers in this area communicate and coordinate well. Pocatello has declared functional zero. Housing is relatively affordable and landlords have been willing to work with our clients...even offenders. Our SSVF program works well with the VA HUD/VASH outreach worker and often refer to one another. Challenges: at this point we do not have a coordinated assessment system or list of names of homeless veterans.