

SSVF Community Planning Survey

Submission and Continuum Involvement

* 1. Name of Person Completing this Survey

* 2. Organization of the Person Completing this Survey

* 3. Email of the Person Completing this Survey

* 4. Continuum of Care Number (one submission per CoC):

* 5. Was this survey completed with support from the CoC Governing body or Collaborative Applicant?

Yes

No

* 6. If yes, who is the CoC Point of Contact (name, organization, email)? If no, please explain why the CoC Governing body or Collaborative Applicant did not support this this survey.

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Leadership Team

* 7. Does your community have a Veteran Leadership Team or other group charged with community planning efforts related to ending homelessness among Veterans?

Yes

No

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Leadership Team

* 8. Does this leadership team function as part of the Continuum of Care (ex: a formal committee of the CoC or otherwise includes CoC Governing involvement)?

Yes

No

* 9. Was this survey completed with support and input from the Veteran leadership team?

Yes

No

* 10. Please list all of the entities or organizations who are actively part of the Veteran leadership team. For example: Mayor's Office (Director of Social Services); House the Homeless (CoC Lead); Corporal SJ Smith Medical Center (VAMC); Department of Veteran Services (County Veteran Services); St. James Shelter (Emergency Shelter); Help for Veterans (SSVF)

* 11. Who is the Veteran Leadership Team Point of Contact (Name, Organization, Email)?

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* 12. Please explain any current or past efforts related to establishing a formal Veteran Leadership Team and the reason such a group still does not exist:

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Mayoral and Other Executive Support

* 13. Does your community have a commitment from the Mayor's Office or other local Public Officials in support of your efforts to end homelessness among Veterans?

- Yes - Very Involved
- Yes - Somewhat Involved
- No - Public Officials Refuse to Support
- No - Public Officials Never Asked to Support

* 14. Please describe the Mayor's Office or other local official's organizing and planning role within the leadership group, if applicable:

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Summary of Planning Efforts

* 15. Does the Continuum of Care or community for which you are responding have a written Community Plan related to ending homelessness among Veterans? If responding on behalf of the Continuum of Care, the response should reflect whether there is a plan in place for the full Continuum of Care geography.

- Yes
- No
- In-Progress

* 16. Indicate whether representatives from the following VA funded programs are present at Case Conferencing or Master List Management Meetings (Note: A single person may represent multiple programs/projects):

- HUD and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
- Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) VAMC Staff
- Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Contract Bed Providers
- Grant and Per Diem (GPD)VAMC Liaison
- Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Providers (YWCA _ Bill Reed _ GPD)
- Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC)
- Domiciliary Care for Veterans (VA-Dom)
- Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Representation through VAMC staff, i.e. Wilkes-Barre collaboration internally
- Safe Haven Invite Crisis Services, Save Haven thru ReDCo Group to VLEC)
- None of the Above

* 17. Indicate whether representatives from the following VA funded program are present for strategic planning or policy related meetings related to Veterans (Note: A single person may represent multiple programs/projects):

- HUD and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
- Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) VAMC Staff
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- Domiciliary Care for Veterans (VA-Dom)
- Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)
- Safe Haven
- None of the Above

Data Quality and Coverage

* 18. Does your community have an Master or By-Name list of Veterans experiencing homelessness?

Yes

No

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Master or By-Name List Activity

- * 19. Please list who in your community uses the Master or By-Name List, the types of service provided by those organizations (Veteran Housing Inc.- PSH, Local VAMC, Housing for Veterans, Inc.-RRH):

- * 20. Please give a general description of how your Master or By-Name List is used to ensure quick access to permanent housing for Veterans:

- * 21. Has your community implemented data sharing policies and practices that include your local VA Medical Center and other VA programs that allow you to share data for the purposes of the Master or By-Name List?

- Yes
- No
- In-Progress
- Other (please specify)

- * 22. How often is the list updated?

- Weekly
- Every Two Weeks
- Monthly
- Every Three Months or Longer
- Never

- * 23. How many days does the community wait to change a Veteran's status to missing/unknown when s/he can no longer be located or contacts (provide number of days)?

* 24. Your data should be comprehensive. That is, it should include all Veterans experiencing homelessness, including those who are in unsheltered and sheltered locations (i.e., transitional housing, emergency shelter, and safe haven), and including those identified through coordinated entry, periodic canvassing and outreach efforts, at a VA Medical Center, or any other point in the homelessness entry system. Is your data comprehensive as described here?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

* 25. Are there any programs in your community that are not accounted for in your data?

Yes

No

If yes, please list the agencies and program types not represented on your Master List:

Master List or By-Name List Activity

* 26. Please describe how you keep track of Veterans experiencing homelessness given you do not have a Master or By-Name list.

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Current Number of Homeless Veterans

* 27. As of today, how many Veterans are known to be experiencing homelessness in your community?

* 28. Of those Veterans currently experiencing homelessness (noted above), how many are:

Unsheltered

Emergency Shelter

Service Intensive
Transitional Housing

Bridge Housing

Safe Haven

Chronically Homeless

Other

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Adoption of Best Practices and Strategies

* 29. Has the Continuum of Care implemented a CoC-wide prioritization strategy for ensuring the most intensive resources (HUD-VASH, other PSH) are targeted to the Veterans that need it most?

- Yes
 No
 In Progress

* 30. Has the Continuum of Care embraced a CoC-wide Housing First (ex: low barriers to entry, lack of sobriety or income requirements, using permanent housing as a primary intervention regardless of barriers, use of bridge housing) approach?

- Yes – fully embrace Housing First
 Yes – somewhat embrace Housing First
 No
 I don't know

Still deciding between Yes-Fully and Yes-Somewhat

- Embracing and practicing differentiate; not implemented across CoC, though accepted! "Somewhat"!

* 31. Does the Continuum of Care use frequent Case Conferencing to match Veterans to available housing resources?

- Yes – at least monthly
 Yes - less than monthly
 No
 Not Sure

* 32. Has the Continuum of Care implemented a coordinated entry process that meets HUD's requirements per HUD's recent Notice?

- Yes
 No
 In Progress

* 33. If applicable, are the Grant & Per Diem programs in your area integrated into the community planning process (Ex: working with CoC to understand bridge capacity, accepting clients from Coordinated Entry, Entering Data into HMIS, ensuring permanent housing offers made prior to enrollment into GPD)?

- Yes
- No
- In progress
- N/A - No GPD in CoC

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Federal Criteria and Goals

* 34. If applicable, when would you anticipate that your community could submit a Claim to the Federal Partners based on the Federal Criteria and Benchmarks in hopes of Federal Confirmation?

- Submitted - Approved
- Submitted - Pending
- Next Month
- Within Next 3 Months
- Within Next Six Months
- within the Next Year
- Longer Than a Year
- Never - pursuing goals but will not submit
- Never – pursuing goals but not attainable for our community
- N/A – not pursuing

Questions 34-45 will be deliberated and answered during participation with the entire VLEC for Eastern PA CoC and other reviewing participants w/in the CoC.

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Federal Criteria

Please indicate to what extent the Continuum of Care or the community for which you are responding has reached the following Federal Criteria. Note: Please review the Federal Criteria and Benchmarks published by USICH for additional context regarding these Criteria.

* 35. Criteria 1: Has your community identified all Veterans experiencing homelessness?

- Yes
- No - In Progress
- No - Not Pursuing This Goal

* 36. Criteria 2: Does your community provide shelter immediately to any Veteran experiencing unsheltered homelessness who wants it?

- Yes
- No - In Progress
- No - Not Pursuing This Goal

* 37. Criteria 3: Does your community only provide service-intensive transitional housing in limited instances?

- Yes
- No - In Progress
- No - Not Pursuing This Goal

* 38. Criteria 4: Does your community have the capacity to assist Veterans to swiftly move into permanent housing?

- Yes
- No - In Progress
- No - Not Pursuing this Goal

* 39. Criteria 5: Does your community have the resources, plans, and system capacity in place should any Veteran become homeless or at-risk of homelessness in the future?

- Yes
- No - In Progress
- No - Not Pursuing this Goal

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Technical Assistance Needs

* 40. What are some areas or challenges that are proving most difficult for your community in your efforts to end homelessness among Veterans?

* 41. Would your community be interested in receiving new or different Technical Assistance related to ending homelessness among Veterans?

Yes

No

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Technical Assistance Needs

* 42. What areas of focus would technical assistance be most useful?

- Master list development/management
- Case conferencing
- Understanding the Federal Criteria and Benchmarks
- Needs assessment, action planning, and implementation
- Data Sharing (including VA coordination)
- Integration of transitional housing and GPD into planning process
- Prioritization strategies
- Outreach strategies
- Landlord Engagement Strategies
- CoC Capacity Building and Leadership Team Development
- Implementing Housing First Approaches
- Cultivating Political Leadership

Other (please specify)

43. If TA is available for this community, who should VA or other partners contract to discuss TA needs and next steps (Name and Email)?

44. Please tell us anything else related to your Veteran planning efforts that we should know:

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