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| **Goal 1: Completing Applications and Training** |
| Build and sustain community capacity to implement SOAR and increase access to SSI/SSDI benefits for people experiencing or at-risk for homelessness, with a target on families, veterans, and people who are chronically homeless. |
| **Action Steps** | **Key People** | **Timeframe** |
| * Identify the right staff to train and have them complete the SOAR training
	+ *Use SOAR Online Course. review Expectations for SOAR Providers*
* Standardize a referral form for SOAR collaboration
	+ *Use the Identifying SOAR Applicants tool*
* Utilize a quick cheat sheet for assessment to assure quality applications
	+ *Use the Application Review Checklist for Quality Review*
 | Jane Smith, John JonesJane SmithAll SOAR caseworkers | Dec 2015Jan 2015Ongoing |

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| **Goal 2: Collaborations** |
| Develop and strengthen partnerships with Social Security Administration (SSA)/Disability Determination Services (DDS), medical providers, and community organizations to increase efficiency in processing SOAR applications.  |
| **Action Steps** | **Key People** | **Timeframe** |
| ***SSA and DDS*** |
| * Work with local SOAR contacts to establish an SSA liaison
* Outline the pre-release procedures with SSA
* *Use the sample Pre-Release Agreement from the SOAR TA Center*
* Identify DDS contacts and procedures for submitting medical records via barcode or ERE
 | Jane SmithJane Smith and SSAJane Smith and DDS | Dec 2015Dec 2015 |
| ***Medical Providers*** |
| * Educate doctors on why a co-signature is important
* *Share the Physician’s Role document; encourage the completion of the Documenting Disabilities for Medical Providers training*
* Create list of commonly used facilities and preferences for records requests
 | John JonesJohn Jones and SOAR caseworkers | Jan 2016Mar 2016 |
| ***Local and State SOAR Team; Other External Partners*** |
| * Have a community meeting with stakeholders to introduce them to SOAR and its benefits
* Get in touch with the Local and State SOAR Leads to learn more about local processes; join the local SOAR steering committee.
 | Jane Smith, John JonesJane Smith, John Jones | Jan 2016Dec 2015 |

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| **Goal 3: Tracking Outcomes and Sustainability** |
| Maximize resources to sustain SOAR-dedicated benefits specialists, and facilitate the collection and evaluation of complete, timely data on SOAR cases. |
| **Action Steps** | **Key People** | **Timeframe** |
| * Use the SOAR Online Application Tracking (OAT) program for all SOAR cases
* Use outcomes to support requests for additional or ongoing funding
* Track recidivism rates and cost-savings to show a greater impact
* Create plan for gathering this information on applicants
 | Jane Smith and all SOAR caseworkersJane SmithJane Smith, Leslie Masters | OngoingDec 2016Ongoing |

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