

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
An advisory board to the Clark County Council

October 8, 2020

Meeting held remotely. Audio at: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/veterans-advisory-board>

Chair: Kelly Jones

Vice Chair: David Daly

Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

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American Legion #14
American Legion #44
American Legion #168
American Legion #176
American Veterans #6
DAV Chapter #4
Korean War Assoc. #321
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
VFW # 12028
Vietnam Vets #512
Members at Large

PRIMARY

Morris Geisler
Dixie Hotaling
Darren Wertz
Bob Nichols
Michael Gibson
John Lovejoy

Earl Edwards
Steve Slegers
Shannon Roberts
Bruce Maas
David Daly
Greg Whitson
Kelly Jones
Kevin Lawson
Bryan McGillis
Michael Langsdorf
Jim Jensen
Tiffany Plous

ALTERNATE

Steve Slegers
Karla Bean
John Rose

Les Schreiber
Vannis Pratt

John Stofiel
Dana Difford
Michael Harding
Doyle Flemming
Tom Mielke

Clark County Representative: Samantha Whitley

Guests: Judy Russel (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Andy Silver (VHA); Alissa Page, Janet Snook (Clark County); Tonya Wark, Daniel Ledgett (Worksource); Rowan Coash

September 10, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Following correction that Darren Wertz was in attendance, the September minutes were approved on motion by Steve Slegers that was seconded by Bruce Maas.

Clark County Permanent Supportive Housing Overview

Andy Silver explained that Clark County has 14 units and 445 beds for housing people who were homeless and have high need for physical and/or behavioral health care. Of these, 233 are reserved for Veterans. Permanent supportive housing uses the Housing First model to place persons in a stable location to increase the likelihood of being successful in resolving their health concerns.

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2021 VAF Contract Budget Approval

Motion was made by Steve Slegers and seconded by Bruce Maas to fund the Veterans Assistance Center, the Free Clinic, and WDVA in 2021 at the same level as in 2020. Motion carried.

Contractor	2021 Budget
CCVAC	\$762,365
SW WA Free Clinic	\$24,900
WDVA	\$60,000
Total	\$847,265

Committee Reports

Appeals: No appeals.

Policies and Procedures: No discussion.

Nomination of 2021 Officers: Bruce Maas was nominated for secretary, and Kelly Jones was nominated for Chair. Additional nominations will be accepted at the November meeting. Members may also submit nominations or interest to Bruce Maas or Samantha Whitley.

August 2020 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 34 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 216 Veteran visits for essentials and food. The Free Clinic is referring Veterans to needed dental care. The Fund balance at the end of July was \$704,653.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC)/Stand Down Update

- The Center is open daily 9am-1pm, providing breakfast and lunch and delivering food boxes
- Stand Down will be 9am-1pm, October 19-20, at River City Church, 2400 E Fourth Plain. Providers for housing, mental health, dental, and employment will be available, with resources from 19 additional vendors. Food boxes will be given out

Old Business

No discussion.

New Business

- CMAC is seeking veterans to interview for a Veterans Day video
- Complete and return Letters of Intent to Samantha Whitley

Open Forum

The Clark County Prayer Breakfast is 7-9 am, November 5, at Church of Truth, 7250 NE 41st. Preregister at clarkcountyprayerbreakfast.org

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Thursday, November 12, 2020.