

VAB Agenda – 1/14/2021

- (info) I. Call to Order/Invocation/Roll Call
- (action) II. Approval of December 10, 2020 minutes
- (info) III. VA Portland Health Care presentation
- (info) IV. Committee Reports – Appeals/Policies
- (info) V. November 2020 Contractor & Fund reports
- (info) VI. Veterans Assistance Center
- (info) VII. Old and New Business - LOIs
- (info) VIII. Open Forum



Agenda Item I. Call to Order/Invocation/Roll Call



Agenda Item II. Approval of December 10 minutes

November 12, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The November minutes were approved on motion by Steve Slegers that was seconded by Kelly Jones.

Federal VA Homelessness Programs

The goal of the VA Homelessness Programs is to help Veterans attain stable employment, stable housing, and achieve community integration. The Program uses the Housing First Model. Veterans may be referred, walk-in, or located through Stand Downs or outreach. They are then assessed and connected with appropriate services.

Committee Reports

Appeals: Two appeals: one was approved; one was denied.

Policies and Procedures: No discussion. Chair Jones will reach out to Dixie.

Nomination/Election of 2021 Officers

Michael Harding was nominated for vice chair, Bruce Maas for secretary, and Kelly Jones for chair. Bruce will be primary for another VSO or Member at Large to avoid two officers that are representatives for the same post. **Greg Whitson moved to accept the nominations as stated. John Lovejoy seconded. Motion carried.**

October 2020 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 50 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 171 Veteran visits for essentials and food. The Free Clinic assisted three Veterans, billing the fund \$3,265. The Fund balance at the end of October exceeded \$895,000. The Stand Down walk/drive-thru assisted 104 Veterans in person and provided an additional 155 fully-equipped duffle bags to Veterans in Oregon who were homeless.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Calls and requests are going up for December
- Gave out 48 Thanksgiving meals. Remainders will be repurposed at Christmas
- Will receive Children's Sharing Project toys and Toys for Tots for 180 children
- Helping our Heroes telethon resulted in \$45,000 cash and 1,000 lbs. prime ground beef donations
- Vancouver Chamber of Commerce awarded a grant of \$27,000 to help veterans who would otherwise not be able to get assistance



Agenda Item III. VA Portland Health Care update

- **Darwin Goodspeed, Director**

VA Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS) serves more than 95,000 unique Veterans and 950,000 outpatient Veteran visits each year in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

VAPORHCS consists of the main tertiary care medical center overlooking the city of Portland, the Vancouver Campus in Vancouver, Wash., and ten outpatient clinics across Central and Northwest Oregon.



Agenda Item IV. Committee Reports

Appeals

- No appeals in December

Policies and Procedures

- Consider 2021 Chair for Policy Committee



Agenda Item V. November Contractor & Fund Reports

- **CCVAC**

- 42 Veterans served in November, services totaling \$22,992
- 40 men, 9 women Veterans
- 183 visits to the center for essentials and food
- 287 Volunteer hours, totaling \$7,098 value

- **Free Clinic**

- One served in October: exam, x-rays, root canal.
 - Value: \$1,155, billed \$2,010

- **Fund**

- Revenue: \$44,490. Expenses: \$100,487. Balance: \$839,327



Agenda Item VI. CCVAC updates



Agenda Items VII. – X.

- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Open Forum**
- **Adjourn**

Next meeting: February 11, 2021

