

VAB Agenda – 2/11/2021

- (info) I. Call to Order/Invocation/Roll Call
- (action) II. Approval of 2021 Members at large
- (action) III. Approval of January 14, 2021 minutes
- (info) IV. SW WA Free Clinic dental presentation
- (action) V. Committee Reports – Appeals/Policies
- (info) VI. December 2020 Contractor & Fund reports and 2020 Year End Report
- (info) VII. Veterans Assistance Center update
- (info) VIII. Old and New Business
- (info) X. Open Forum



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



Agenda Item II. Approval of 2021 Members at Large

Members at Large Letters of Intent received:

- Jim Jensen
- Kelly Jones
- Michael Langsdorf
- Kevin Lawson
- Bryan McGillis
- Tonya Wark



Agenda Item III. Approval of January 14 minutes

December 10, 2020, Meeting Minutes - the minutes were approved

VA Portland Healthcare/COVID-19 updates

Over 95,000 Veterans are served by the Portland VA Medical Center and on the list to be vaccinated. They are being scheduled on priority basis, with Veterans over age 75 being seen now. Goal is to vaccinate 1,000 Veterans a day and get all Veterans who want to be vaccinated within 12 weeks.

Committee Reports

Appeals: No appeals

Policies and Procedures: Tonya Wark volunteered to chair policies and procedures committee

November 2020 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 42 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 183 Veteran visits for essentials and food. The Free Clinic assisted one Veteran, billing the fund \$2,010. The fund balance at the end of November was \$839,327.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

Center received many donations in December: CMAC donated \$500, used to stock pantry; Trader Joes donated groceries; Scotts Miracle Gro donated around \$10,000 in gift cards; Susan Obrist brought in food for Christmas meals. Toys and Christmas dinners were provided to many families. Request to review the emergency declaration assistance for utilities

Open Forum

Reach out to others during these difficult times

VFW7824 and PIC distributed 24 Christmas boxes to Veteran families



Agenda Item IV. SW WA Free Clinic Dental Program

- **Ann Wheelock, Director**

Veteran dental care provided in 2020:

- 24 extractions
- 4 fillings
- 4 total restorations
- 2 full sets of dentures and 1 partial denture
- 9 x-rays

The value of care provided, not including the dentures, was \$10,046.



Agenda Item V. Committee Reports

Appeals

- No appeals in January

Policies and Procedures

- Policy Chair: Tonya Wark
- Policy Committee, CCVAC and county staff met January 28, 2021
- Two policy recommendations sent to VAB



Agenda Item V. Policy Recommendation #1

CURRENT

- 3.4 Housing Assistance: Payment limited to one month's rent (either 3.4.2 or 3.4.3) or one security deposit as stated in 3.4.5 in a 24 consecutive month period. Additionally, up to \$1,000 in a 12-month period is available to assist a Veteran household in attaining or maintaining housing; other than rent assistance.

PROPOSED

- 3.4. Housing Assistance: Payment limited to one month's rent (either 3.4.2 or 3.4.3) or one security deposit in a 24 consecutive month period. Security deposits as listed in 3.4.5, for a Veteran in a permanent rental assistance program are not included in this limitation. Additionally, up to \$1,000 in a 12-month period is available to assist a Veteran household in attaining or maintaining housing; other than rent assistance.



Agenda Item V. Policy Recommendation #2

CURRENT

- 3.4.8 Emergency Declarations: During a state or federal declaration of emergency, limitations on rental assistance due to accommodations made by governmental bodies to restrict evictions will not interfere with providing rental assistance to those Veterans who otherwise are eligible. Veterans can be assisted with up to six months of rental arrears during an emergency declaration.

PROPOSED

- 3.4.8 Emergency Declarations: During a state or federal declaration of emergency, certain policy requirements (e.g., eviction notices, shut off notices) may be waived for Veterans who otherwise are eligible. Assistance of any type may be extended up to 6 months during an emergency declaration. Assistance may be further extended if requested by the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center and approved by the Veterans Advisory Board and Clark County finance staff.



Agenda Item VI. December Contractor & Fund Reports

• **CCVAC**

- 54 Veterans served in December, services totaling \$34,717.14
- 3 Veterans assisted from homelessness to housing
- 57 men, 9 women Veterans
- 149 visits to the center for essentials and food
- 320 Volunteer hours, totaling \$7,913 value

• **Free Clinic**

- One served in December: build up, crown, and upper partial.
 - Value: \$1,045, billed \$2,176

• **WDVA Service Officer**

- Fourth quarter – 515 claims, 80% approved, resulting in \$96,176 in VA payments.

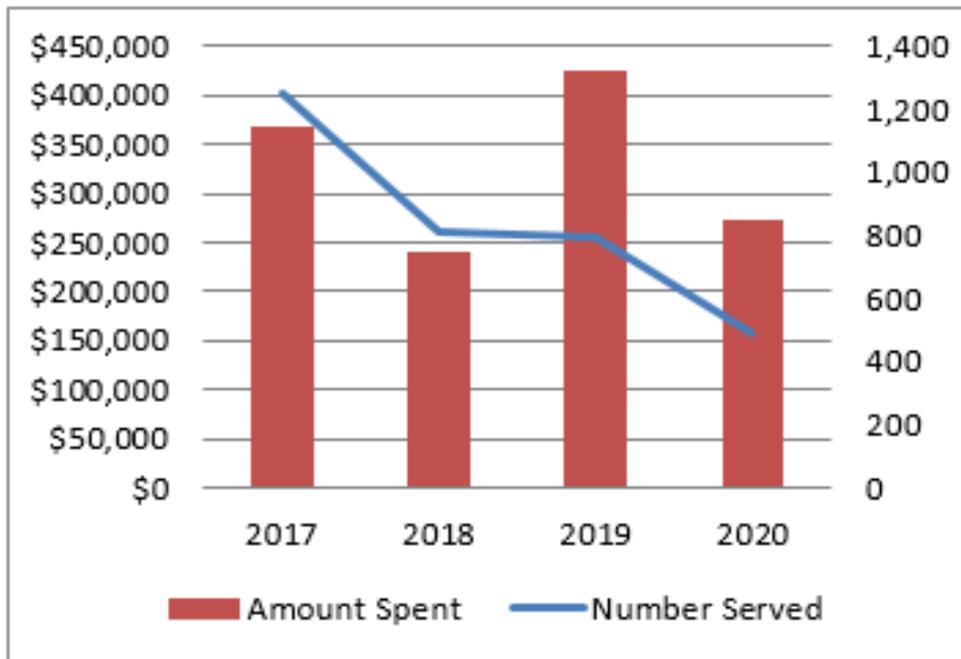
• **Fund**

- Revenue: \$3,498. Expenses: \$114,518. Balance: \$728,308



Agenda Item VI. 2020 Year End Report

Overview of CCVAC Assistance Fund Services



In 2020, the CCVAC rapidly adapted services to continue assistance during the Coronavirus pandemic. The eviction and utility cutoff moratorium resulted in a drop-off in assistance requests and CCVAC provided only \$271,637 to 488 Veterans in 2020. Services started to pick up at the end of the year around the holidays.



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Overview of CCVAC Assistance Fund Services

2020 VAF Services Provided – Compared to 2019

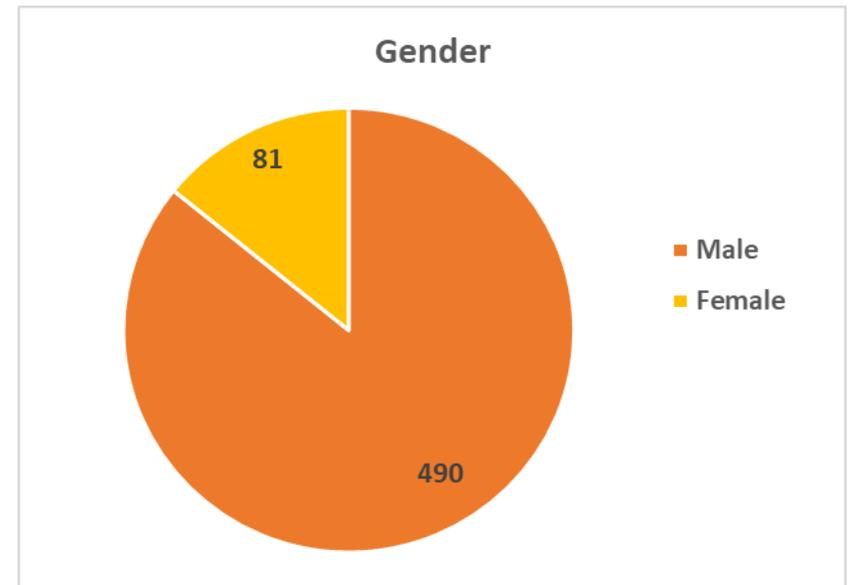
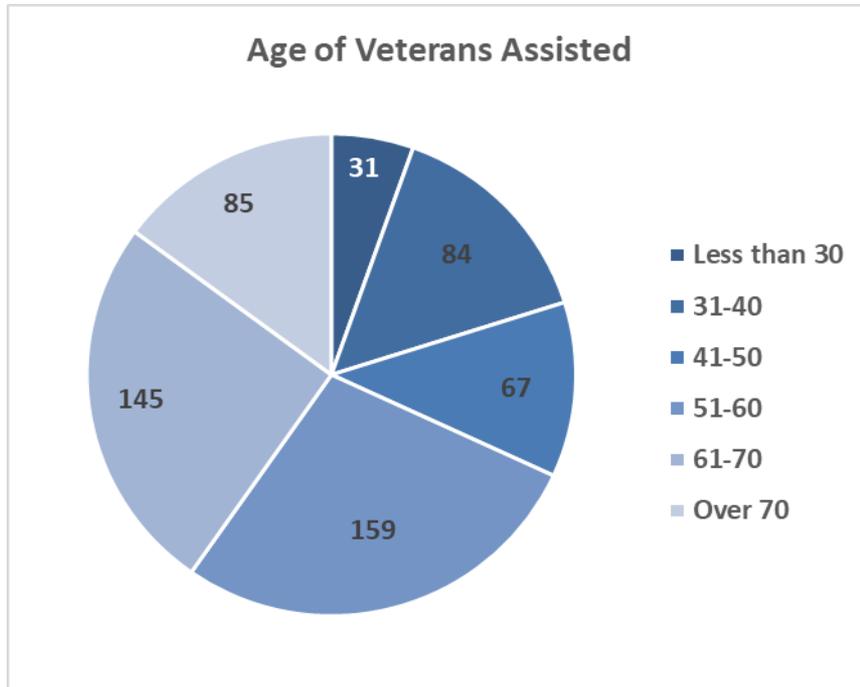
Type of Assistance	2019 Services	2019 Funding	2020 Services	2020 Funding	Service Difference
Housing	212	\$157,955.56	159	\$153,179.50	-25%
Utilities	117	\$34,666.31	70	\$14,529.23	-40%
Food	473	\$85,619.94	273	\$49,763.90	-42%
Transportation	85	\$4,962.25	35	\$1,879	-59%
Burial	19	\$18,367.20	21	\$27,713.43	+10%
Work-Related	56	\$15,347.19	26	\$6,396.93	-54%
Auto Repair	42	\$32,135.84	22	\$16,646.66	-48%
Prescription	11	\$1,741.47	0	0	-100%
Communications	6	\$600.00	2	\$384.45	-67%
Storage Unit	10	\$3,379.25	3	\$729.80	-70%
Textbooks	3	\$719.64	1	\$161.63	-33%
Totals	1,034*	\$355,494.65	618	\$271,384.53	-40%

**Number of services is greater than number of Veteran households served because some Veterans access more than one type of service.*



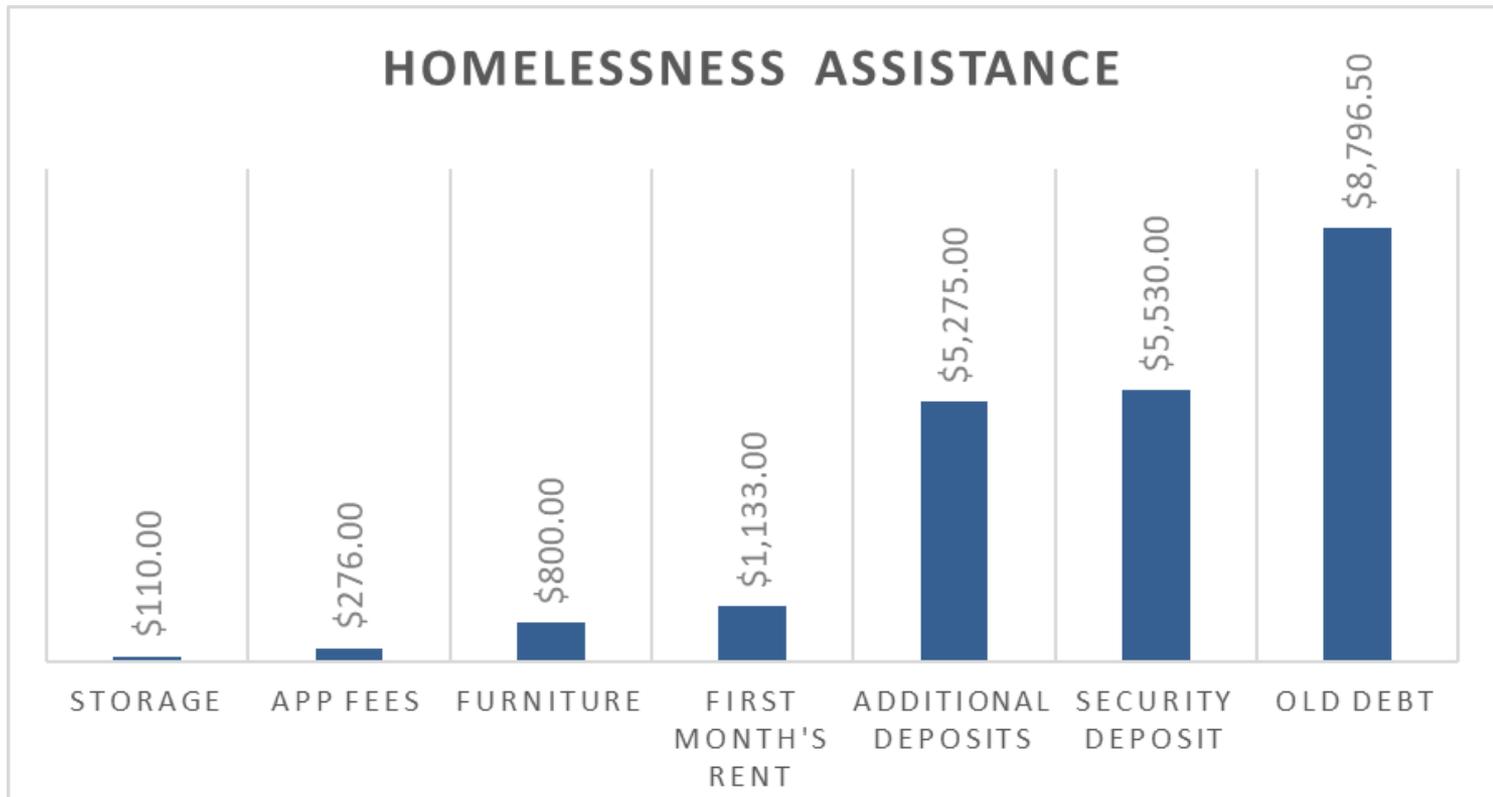
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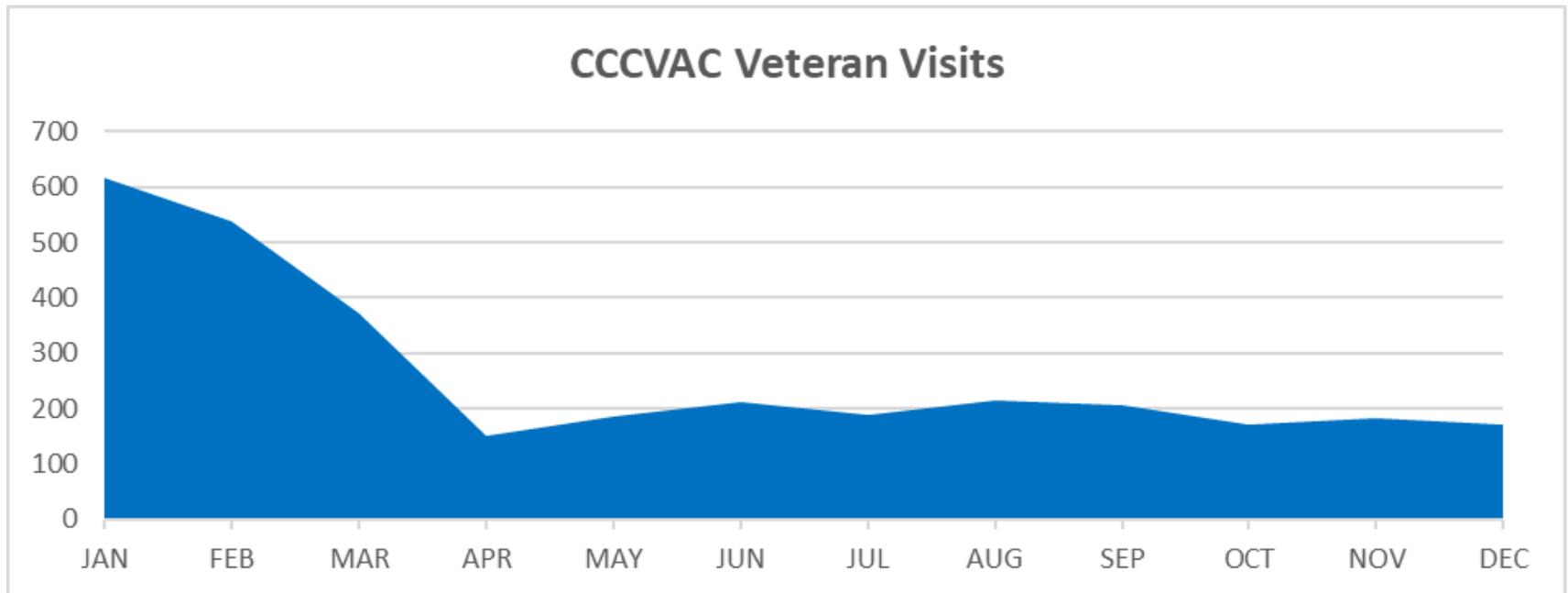
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Homelessness: CCVAC assisted 19 Veterans moving into housing. Total cost in 2020 was \$21,920.50.



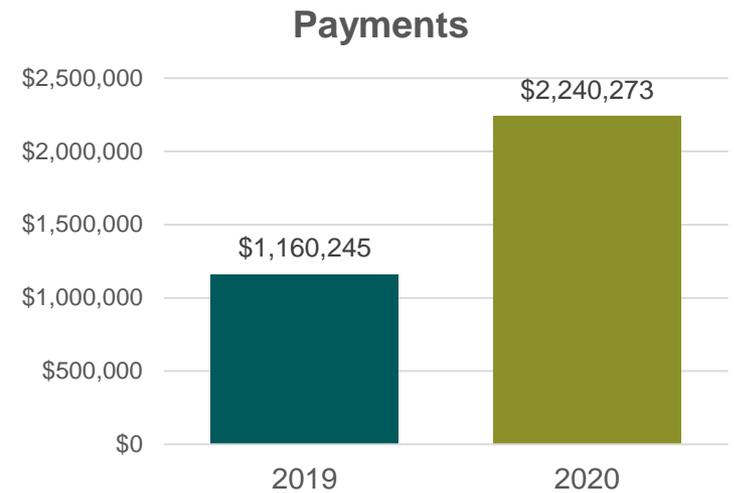
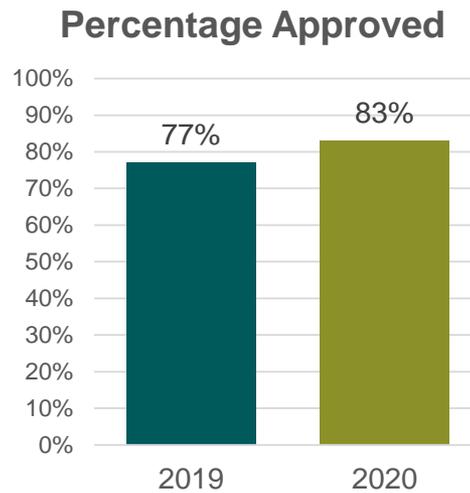
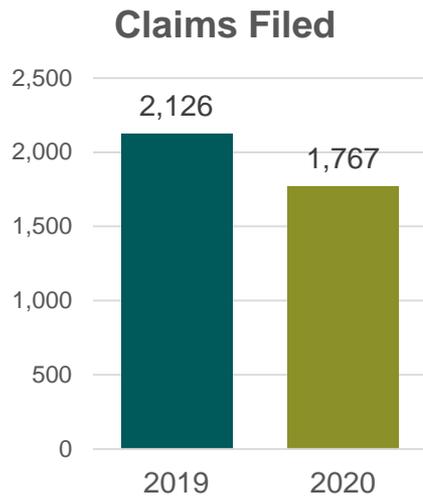
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The CVCAC saw a total of 3,208 Veteran visits in 2020, this is less than half of the 7,747 Veteran who visited in 2019.



Agenda Item VI. 2020 Year End Report

WDVA Service Officer



Agenda Item VI. CCVAC updates



Agenda Items VIII. – XI.

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

Next meeting: March 11, 2021

