

VAB Agenda – 4/8/2021

- (info) I. Call to Order/Invocation/Roll Call
- (action) II. Approval of March 11, 2021 minutes
- (info) III. Women Veterans presentation
- (info) V. Committee Reports – Appeals/Policies
- (info) VI. February 2021 Contractor & Fund reports
- (info) VII. Veterans Assistance Center update
- (info) IX. Old and New Business
- (info) X. Open Forum



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



Agenda Item II. Approval of March 11 minutes

February 11, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Steve Slegers that was seconded by Les Schreiber.

WDVA Veteran Service Officers VSO)

Steve Gill, Veteran Services Administrator for the WDVA gave an update on the Clark County Service Officers that work out of the Center. Clark County Veteran benefits are now on par with the state average (29%) of Veterans who are receiving VA benefits compared to before the contract. In 2020, the VSOs filed 1,767 claims which resulted in over \$2M in VA benefit payments to Clark County Veterans.

Chronic Disease/Pain Self-Management Program

Zena Edwards with Clark County WSU Extension described the disease and pain management virtual workshops that are starting soon. Classes are held through Zoom and can help people better manage physical and mental health conditions. Flyers were sent out with registration information.

Myofascial Release Treatment (MRT)

Katie Allen described how MRT can help the body heal past trauma. Katie offers sliding scale prices for Veterans and provided several resources for further information about this type of therapy.

Committee Reports

Appeals: No appeals; **Policies and Procedures:** Policy recommendations from February were approved by the Council on March 2.

January 2021 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 33 Veteran households in January with \$33,595 in assistance provided. The Veterans Assistance Center saw 119 Veteran visits for essentials and food. The Free Clinic billed \$649. The fund balance at the end of January was \$727,258.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

CCVAC has partnered with TMG on Operation Home Rescue. This program will provide volunteer labor to Veterans over 55 who own their home and need minor improvements such as landscaping, clean up, or accessibility modifications. CCVAC is looking for a new service officer to help qualify Veterans for assistance and provide federal rental assistance to respond to COVID. The online auction will be April 1 – 10, a link will be sent out mid-March.

Open Forum

Bruce Maas mentioned that deployed military members may not find out, or may not be able to take leave to be home with family members who are sick or dying from COVID. The Returning Veterans Project has volunteer service providers in our area who donate health and wellness services to Veterans. <https://returningveterans.org/> John Lovejoy mentioned that the Portland VA also has whole health services listed on their website at https://www.portland.va.gov/services/Whole_Health.asp



Agenda Item III. Women Veterans information

- **Elizabeth Estabrooks, Acting Executive Director, Center for Women Veterans**
- Elizabeth Estabrooks leads development and implementation of new initiatives that support and enhance the Center for Women Veteran's mission and vision. She advocates for cultural transformation both within and outside the VA to recognize the service and contributions of women Veterans and servicemembers and raise awareness of the responsibility to treat women Veterans with dignity and respect. Elizabeth is team lead for staff supervision, development, and creative performance, as well as organizational and strategic planning that will continue to move the Center for Women Veterans forward in successfully meeting their goals.



Agenda Item V. Committee Reports

Appeals

- 2 denials in February, no appeals

Policies and Procedures



Agenda Item VI. February Contractor & Fund Reports

- **CCVAC**

- 22 Veterans served in February, services totaling \$14,726.47
- 21 men, 2 women Veterans
- 126 visits to the center for essentials and food, 110 meals served
- 254 Volunteer hours, totaling \$6,284 value

- **Free Clinic**

- Two Veterans – exams, x-rays and extractions performed
 - Estimated value: \$198. Billing: \$681.

- **Fund**

- Revenue: \$33,854. Expenses: \$51,299. Balance: \$709,814



Agenda Item VI. CCVAC updates

CLARK COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER 2021 ONLINE AUCTION

WE HERE AT THE CLARK COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER WISH TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR NATION'S HEROES. WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM INDIVIDUALS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE HELPING OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY MEETING THEIR DAILY NEEDS ALONG WITH WORKING TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

WE DEPEND ON THE GENEROSITY OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO STAY OPEN. SINCE MARCH OF 2020 WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FUNDRAISE. WHEN THE COMMUNITY CAN OPEN UP AGAIN WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A GALA, BUT UNTIL THEN HERE ARE SOME ITEMS FOR AUCTION.

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



Online bidding ends in:

1
DAYS

12
HOURS

42
MINUTES

4
SECONDS

<https://charityauction.bid/ccvac2021auction>



Agenda Items VII. – X.

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

Next meeting: May 13, 2021

