

VAB Agenda – 6/10/2021

- (info) I. Call to Order/Invocation/Roll Call
- (action) II. Approval of May 13, 2021, minutes
- (info) III. Veterans Therapeutic Court presentation
- (info) IV. Committee Reports – Appeals/Policies
- (info) V. April 2021 Contractor & Fund reports
- (action) VI. New VAF Funding proposals
- (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 May 13 minutes

Approval April 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve by Darren Wertz, motion seconded by Steve Slegers, April 8, 2021, minutes approved as written.

Board Member Handbook (State Law)

Samantha Whitley presented a review of the Board Member Handbook. Each time a new Board member is initiated, Sam will review the handbook with them. In addition, she will provide a brief reminder about the handbook annually. The handbook describes board members' roles and policy-making guidelines. It also discusses staff functions, legal counsel, and laws affecting Board activities. The handbook incorporates the Bylaws, and describes public disclosure, open public meeting requirements, lobbying, use of public resources, and media guidelines.

Committee Reports

Appeals: There were two denials in March and no appeals. **Policies and Procedures:** No report

March 2021 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 29 Veteran households in March with \$32,132.49 in assistance provided. Year-to-date, three Veterans have exited homelessness. The Veterans Assistance Center saw 152 Veteran visits for essentials and food; 132 meals served. Volunteers provided 302 hours for a value of \$7,469. The Free Clinic billed \$710. The first quarter VSO filed 690 claims with 86% approved for a total of \$645,533 in VA payments. The fund balance at the end of March was \$699,420.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

CCVAC hired a new CSO and is looking to hire help for the T-RAP program, please refer people to Judy.

The T-RAP Program is rental assistance that allows up to 12-months' of rent: back rent owed and up to 3 months future rent. CCVAC has helped 22 Veteran families with over \$133,000 in rent. All Veterans are eligible, regardless of discharge status.

The dates for the Stand Down will be October 1 and 2, at River City Church. Same format as last year, outdoor walk/drive through.

May 26 and June 2 from 9 am to 1 pm, a pop-up vaccination clinic will be held at the Center.

CCVAC made \$3,500 from the online auction. A second one will be held in the fall. Contact the Center with donations.

VVA VSO Erin Nolan has resigned; her last day was May 14.

Open Forum

Bruce Maas stated that the VA has a dedicated appointment line for Covid-19. The gym at the Vancouver VA is being used for vaccinations.

The VVA/MCL carwash fundraiser has been moved to June 5, in Hazel Dell on Highway 99.

CMAC is planning a Memorial Day event at the Artillery Barracks, however, there will be limited guests this year.

Leslie Luo is the new Outreach Coordinator for Transitions Projects. They work with various grants for housing and supportive services for Veterans and families.

Post #44 will have their normal Memorial Day service at the Ridgefield cemetery at 10 am.

Post #176 has meetings the second Thursday of each month. Bingo is now open 5-days a week.



Agenda Item III. Veterans Court

- Judge Parcher, Veterans Therapeutic Court Judge
- Beth Robinson, Court Coordinator



Agenda Item IV. Committee Reports

Appeals

- One appeal in June

Policies and Procedures



Agenda Item V. April Contractor & Fund Reports

• **CCVAC Services**

- 23 Veterans served in March, services totaling \$13,591. 5 denials.
- 5 Veterans exiting homelessness year to date – 3 in April.
- 36 men, 10 women Veterans
- 116 Veteran visits to center, 99 meals served, **1,246** phone calls/emails!
- 324 Volunteer hours, totaling \$8,000 value

• **Free Clinic Dental Program**

- One Veteran served, one cancelled – exam, x-rays and extractions performed
- Value of service provided: \$1,001. Program costs billed: \$822

• **VAF Fund**

- Revenue: \$277,807. Expenses: \$7,163. Balance: \$970,064



Agenda Item VI. New VAF Funding Proposals

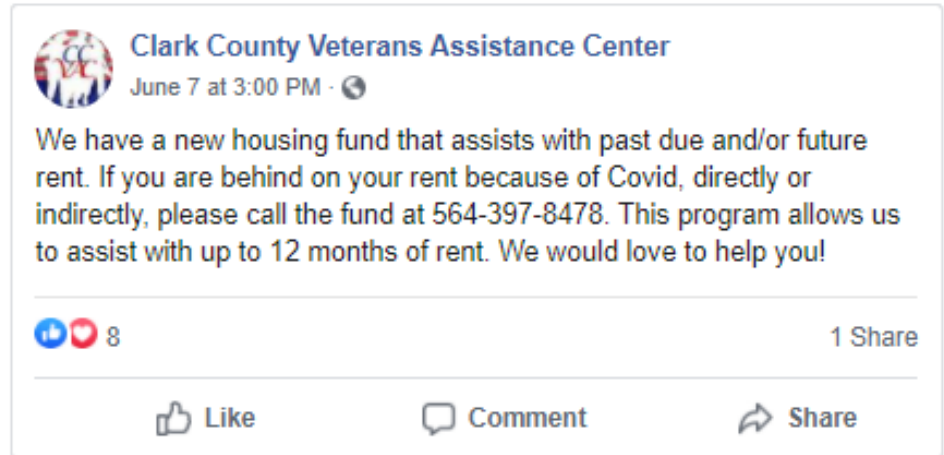
- Fund balance approaching \$1M.
- CCVAC expending T-RAP funding for rental assistance
- Budget office checks balance first Tuesday in September


Suggested Service	Amount
CCVAC hire a full-time homeless outreach staff	\$45,000
CCVAC increase half-time CSO to full-time	\$25,000
CCVAC purchase additional Stand Down/outreach supplies: clothing/tents, etc.	\$10,000
CCVAC increase wages for current staff	\$15,000
WDVA hire additional full-time Veteran Service Officer	\$70,000
Planning? Other service providers?	



Agenda Item VI. CCVAC updates

- **Judy Russel**

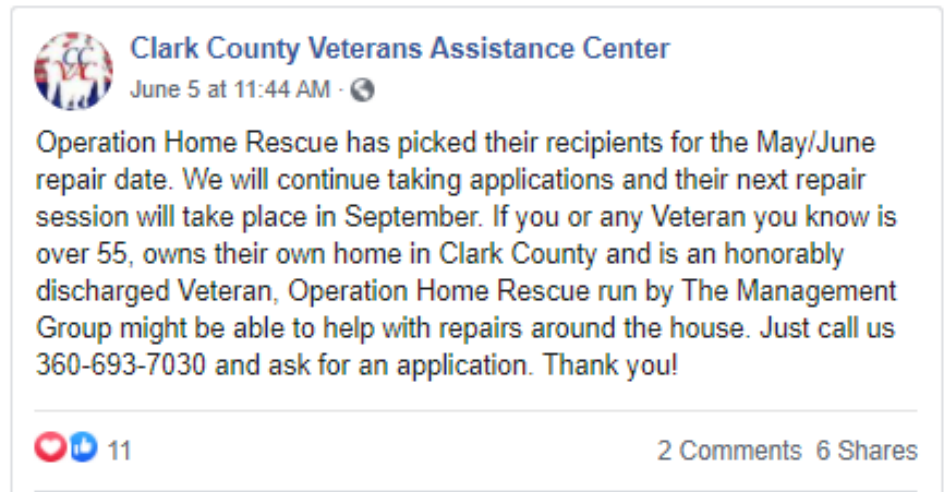



 **Clark County Veterans Assistance Center**
June 7 at 3:00 PM · 🌐

We have a new housing fund that assists with past due and/or future rent. If you are behind on your rent because of Covid, directly or indirectly, please call the fund at 564-397-8478. This program allows us to assist with up to 12 months of rent. We would love to help you!

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 **Clark County Veterans Assistance Center**
June 5 at 11:44 AM · 🌐

Operation Home Rescue has picked their recipients for the May/June repair date. We will continue taking applications and their next repair session will take place in September. If you or any Veteran you know is over 55, owns their own home in Clark County and is an honorably discharged Veteran, Operation Home Rescue run by The Management Group might be able to help with repairs around the house. Just call us 360-693-7030 and ask for an application. Thank you!

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Agenda Items VIII. – XI.

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

Next meeting: July 8, 2021

