

VAB Agenda – 7/8/2021

- (info) I. Call to Order/Invocation/Roll Call
- (action) II. Approval of June 10, 2021, minutes
- (action) III. SWACH Navigator presentation
- (info) IV. Committee Reports – Appeals/Policies
- (info) V. May 2021 Contractor & Fund reports
- (info) VI. Veterans Assistance Center update
- (info) VII. Old and New Business
- (info) IX. Open Forum



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



Agenda Item II. Approval of June 10 minutes

Approval of May 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve by Kelly Jones, motion seconded by Tonya Wark, minutes approved as written.

Veterans Therapeutic Court presentation

Beth Robinson, Court Coordinator and Judge Kristen Parcher, District Court, presented on the Veterans Court. Treatment court integrates justice and treatment. Veterans work through the program meeting milestones and staying sober and their charges are dismissed if they graduate the program. The court is looking for Veteran mentors and there are trainings available. The court has recently expanded service for Veterans who may not be VA-eligible. Beth will send an invite to board members to attend an upcoming online Veterans Court graduation ceremony on June 28.

Committee Reports: Appeals: There were no appeals in May and one appeal in June. **Policies and Procedures:** No report

April 2021 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 23 Veteran households in April with \$13,591 in assistance provided. Year-to-date, five Veterans have exited homelessness, three housed in April. The Veterans Assistance Center saw 116 Veteran visits for essentials and food; 99 meals served. Volunteers provided 324 hours for a value of \$8,000. The Free Clinic served one Veteran and billed \$882. The fund balance at the end of March was \$970,064.

New VAF Funding Proposals

The board reviewed additional assistance requested from the fund to help Veterans recover from the pandemic. There is a large need for homelessness outreach, and VA claims filing. The following proposal for additional funding was discussed by the board.

CCVAC hire a full-time homeless outreach staff, increase half-time CSO to full-time, purchase additional Stand Down/outreach supplies, increase wages for current staff \$95,000. WDVA hire additional full-time Veteran Service Officer \$70,000. **Total \$165,000.**

This funding proposal was recommended by Bruce Maas and seconded by Tonya Wark, motion approved.

Jim Jensen suggested that Veterans would also benefit from Care Coordination and will connect staff with SWACH HUB Manager to learn more about the program services and cost.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

CCVAC will host a second online auction in the late fall. Online auction this spring raised \$3,500.

New social media chair has volunteered with the Center and is helping with outreach.

The Stand Down will be October 1 and 2, at River City Church, 2400 E Fourth Plain Blvd, from 9 am to 1 pm. The format will be like last year, an outdoor walk/drive through.

Open Forum

Bruce Maas stated it is difficult to get military records through the facility in St. Louis because of limited staff and backlog from COVID.

Tonya Wark mentioned NAMI Multnomah is doing Veteran peer support specialist training online on the weekend; highly recommended.

Kelly Jones shared that dragon boat races are happening August 7 at the Ridgefield kayak launch. Paddle for Life supports Veteran and other nonprofit causes.



Agenda Item IV. Committee Reports

Appeals

- One appeal in June

Policies and Procedures



Agenda Item V. May Contractor & Fund Reports

• **CCVAC Services**

- 18 Veterans served, services totaling \$10,988. 4 denials.
- 6 Veterans exiting homelessness year to date – 2 in May.
- 38 men, 3 women Veterans
- 103 Veteran visits to center, 93 meals served, 1,077 phone calls/emails!
- 340 Volunteer hours, totaling \$8,395 value

• **Free Clinic Dental Program**

- Three Veterans served – exam, x-rays, extractions, and restoration performed
- Value of service provided: \$4,072. Program costs billed: \$671.

• **VAF Fund**

- Revenue: \$86,665. Expenses: \$77,584. Balance: \$979,145



Agenda Item VI. CCVAC updates

- Judy Russel
- Sharon Tyre



Clark County Veterans Assistance Center

June 27 at 3:27 PM · 🌐

We are still looking for a larger building for the future. We could use about 8,000 sq ft. We would love it if someone could donate a building or lease it to us reasonably. Because we are losing our parking on Columbia St. for a bicycle lane, it is going to make it very difficult for our Veterans. The City says we will have some parking on our side of the street, however, with an apartment building and other businesses in the area needing parking, we know our volunteers and Veterans will be experiencing great hardships getting here. This is the main reason we need to move. If you know of any place, please let us know.

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Agenda Items VII. – X.

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

Next meeting: August 12, 2021 – in person!

