

# VAB Agenda – 8/12/2021

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- (info) I. Call to Order/Invocation/Roll Call
- (action) II. Approval of July 8, 2021, minutes
- (info) III. Community Roots presentation
- (info) IV. Cowlitz Tribe presentation
- (info) V. Portland Stand Down – September 10
- (info) VI. Committee Reports – Appeals/Policies
- (info) VII. June 2021 Contractor & Fund reports
- (info) VIII. Veterans Assistance Center update
- (info) IX. Old and New Business
- (info) X. Open Forum



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

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# Agenda Item II. Approval of July 8 minutes

**Approval of June 10, 2021, Meeting Minutes** Motion made to approve by Les Schreiber, motion seconded by Steve Slegers, minutes approved as written.

## **SWACH Navigator Presentation**

Michelle Ahmed and Nichole Peppers presented on the HealthConnect Hub and Pathways program. HealthConnect Hub is a Community Care Coordination System. This program: Identifies, screens, engages people who are likely to have multiple health and social needs (housing, healthcare, mental health, education, social services, etc.); Connects patients with community organizations that can help address their needs; Follows up to ensure people are connected and facilitates completion of activities; and Tracks outcomes. The Pathways Community Hub Model works to improve whole-person health. There are 20 standardized Pathways, each with outcomes that are tracked. The program model only pays for outcomes that are achieved. **Motion made by Darren Wertz seconded by Michael Gibson, to establish a \$30,000 budget for a pilot program to be offered to Veterans in partnership with the CCVAC; motion passed.** The pilot program would run for six months, then the Board will review the program's outcomes to determine if it is a good fit for Veterans. *Editor's Note: Program contract was set up for 12 months for \$30,000 to allow time for participants to achieve successful outcomes.*

**Committee Reports: Appeals:** There was one appeal in June, and it was approved.

**Policies and Procedures:** Samantha Whitley to research/review policy and procedures to determine whether to include Veteran families, including Goldstar members and widows, in eligibility.

**May 2021 Contractor Reports & Fund Report:** The fund assisted 18 Veteran households in May with \$10,988 in assistance provided; there were four (4) denials. Year-to-date, six Veterans have exited homelessness, two housed in May. The Veterans Assistance Center saw 103 Veteran visits for essentials and food; 93 meals served and 1,077 calls/emails. Volunteers provided 304 hours for a value of \$8,395. The Free Clinic Dental Program served three Veterans and billed \$671. The fund balance at the end of May was \$979,145.

**Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update:** CCVAC is still looking for a new building, approximately 8,000 sq ft. Construction has begun nearby making parking at CCVAC very difficult. CCVAC is open from 9 to 3 pm daily for phones and at the door only. Due to Covid, there are not enough trained volunteers to allow folks to come/go in the Center. Re-training new volunteers is taking place and the Center hopes to fully re-open soon. CCVAC will host an online fundraiser auction Sept. 1 through Sept. 14. Stand Down will be October 1 and 2 at River City Church. Judge Parcher and Beth Robinson from Veterans Court toured the Center. Judge Parcher is very excited to get started making changes to help Veterans. The Center received an Art Fund Grant for \$22,500 to assist in the Center's expenses.

**New Business:** Portland Stand Down is September 9 & 10, 2021, at the Memorial Coliseum. Flyers will be sent out when they become available; Veterans can attend both and are encouraged to do so.



# Agenda Item III. Community Roots

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- Chris Thobaben, Treasurer



## COMMUNITY ROOTS COLLABORATIVE



# Agenda Item IV. Cowlitz Tribe

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- Teri Graves, Cowlitz Tribal Veterans Representative



# Agenda Item V. Portland Stand Down

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- **Transition Projects, Inc.**



## 2021 PORTLAND VETERANS STAND DOWN

*Presented by HFO Investment Real Estate*

**Join us on September 10th at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum from 9 AM - 2 PM.**



# Agenda Item VI. Committee Reports

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**Appeals:** No appeals in July

**Policies and Procedures:** Follow-up from last month:

**RCW 73.08.010 County veterans' assistance programs for indigent veterans and families—Requirements.**

(1) For the relief of indigent veterans, their families, and the families of deceased indigent veterans, the legislative authority of each county shall establish a veterans' assistance program to address the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.



# Agenda Item VII. June Contractor & Fund Reports

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- **SWACH Contract Update**

- 6-month recommendation – 12-month contract executed.

- **CCVAC Services**

- 24 Veterans served, services totaling \$25,041. 1 denial.
- 6 Veterans exiting homelessness year to date, total expended \$2,935.
- 43 men, 4 women Veterans
- 126 Veteran visits to center, 148 meals served, 946 phone calls/emails
- 448 volunteer hours, totaling \$11,073 value

- **Free Clinic Dental Program**

- Three Veterans served – exams, x-rays, extractions, and restoration performed
- Value of service provided: \$2,053. Program costs billed: \$703.

- **WDVA VSO**

- Second Quarter: 430 claims, 83% approved, \$217,101 in VA payments to Veterans

- **VAF Fund**

- Revenue: \$6,242. Expenses: \$36,436. Balance: \$948,951





# Agenda Item VIII. CCVAC updates

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- **Judy Russel**
- **Sharon Tyre**



**Clark County Veterans Assistance Center**

August 1 at 12:57 PM · 🌐



Our Stand Down will be on October 1 and 2 this year, from 9am till 1pm. It will be a walk through/drive through event, like last year. We do hope to have more in-person vendors this year. It will be held at the same location, River City Church parking lot, 2400 E Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA. If you are interested in being a vendor, please send your information to [standdown@ccvac.net](mailto:standdown@ccvac.net). We will have very limited vendor space.



## Agenda Items VII. – X.

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

***Next meeting: September 9, 2021 – in person?***

