

VAB Agenda – 10/14/2021

- (info) I. Call to Order/Invocation/Roll Call
- (action) II. Approval of September 9, 2021 minutes
- (info) III. Senior Veterans and homelessness
- (action) IV. 2022 VAF Contract Budget Approval
- (info) V. Committee Reports – Appeals/Policies
- (info) VI. August 2021 Contractor & Fund reports
- (info) VII. Veterans Assistance Center/Stand Down
- (info) VIII. Old and New Business - LOIs
- (info) IX. Public Comment



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



Agenda Item II. Approval of September 9 Minutes

The August 2021 minutes were approved with a motion by Steve Slegers seconded by Greg Whitson, motion passed.

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) 9/11 Remembrance (Mike Burton) The 9/11 Remembrance begins with a flyover of F15s at 9:00am. It includes a rifle salute, taps, release of doves, and music by the 204th Army band. Ceremony is at Vancouver Waterfront Park. C-Tran is providing a shuttle.

Veteran Homelessness (Jamie Spinelli) Vancouver is addressing homelessness by setting up sanctioned homesites. Columbia River Mental Health will begin providing street medicine outreach. Share's Talking Trash program provides employment for individuals who are homeless. Currently there are 7 sanitation sites available. First reading of changes to the camping ordinance goes before Council on 9/13. Veterans in need of assistance should call Council for the Homeless or Outsiders Inn coordinated outreach hotline (360.839.9964). Outreach is extending to weekends and evenings.

Committee Reports: Appeals: None, **Policies and Procedures:** No updates.

July 2021 Contractor Reports & Fund Report: The fund assisted 36 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 224 Veteran visits. The Free Clinic did not have any referrals in July. The Fund balance at the end of July was \$902,700.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

Volunteers are filling bags for Stand Down; Fall 2021 Auction ends 9/14. Website: charityauction.bid/ccvacfall2021onlineauction. Thanks to all Veterans organizations for contributing towards \$2,000 needed for Stand Down match. Vancouver's Stand Down event is October 1st and 2nd, 9am-1pm at the River City Church, 2400 E Fourth Plain Blvd. This event is a drive-thru/walk-thru event; Helped over 60 families with school supplies.

Old Business The Portland Stand Down is September 10, 9am-2pm outside at the Pagoda at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. They have scaled back the number of providers but will still have clothing, meals and resources.

New Business None.

Open Forum

- Thrive to Survive at River City Church is this Sunday, providing housing services and resources.
- Samantha has accepted a position with the City of Vancouver, effective November 1. Nominations for VAB officers begin in October.



Agenda Item III. VA Update

- Alan Martinez, CRS HCHV, Vancouver VA



Agenda Item IV. 2022 VAF Contract Budgets

Agency/Program	2021 Budget	2022 Request	Notes
Veterans Assistance Center Direct Veteran services and Stand Down	\$822,365	\$834,798	Passed program monitoring in September
WDVA Two full-time Veteran Service Officers	\$94,500	\$138,000	Added second VSO in July 2021
Free Clinic of SW WA Dental program for eligible Veterans	\$24,900	\$24,900	Looking for new subcontractor for dentures
SWACH Pathways Health Navigators for Veterans	\$30,000	N/A	Current pilot program ends July 2022
Clark County Veterans Therapeutic Court Mentor program training and supplies	N/A	Up to \$10,000	New request for mentor program startup in 2022



Agenda Item V. Committee Reports

- **Policies and Procedures**

Clarification to Emergency Declaration Policy #3.12:

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. **Assistance provided under this policy during emergency circumstances will not affect a Veteran's timeline for receiving additional assistance after the emergency declaration is ended.**

- **Appeals**
- **Nominations for 2022 Officers**



Agenda Item VI. August Contractor and Fund Reports

• **CCVAC**

- 25 Veterans served in August, 6 denials. Assistance total \$17,306.
- 5 Veterans exiting homelessness in August, 13 year to date
- 43 male, 7 females Veterans
- 186 visits to the center for essentials and food, 1,205 phone calls
- 605 Volunteer hours, totaling \$14,937 value

• **Free Clinic**

- 3 referred, 2 served – exams, x-rays, restoration services valued at \$735, billed \$674.44

• **Fund**

- Revenue: \$33,502. Expenses: \$104,642. Balance: \$831,561



Agenda Item VII. CCVAC updates/Stand Down

Veterans 2021 Stand Down October 1 – 2

- **101 Veterans served**
 - 49 of them were homeless
- **90 volunteers**
 - 40 providers
 - 564.5 volunteer hours

Dental Services	#	Value	Total
Exam/Education	13	\$166	\$2,158
Extractions	4	\$220	\$880
Total Restorations	3	\$336	\$1,008
X-Rays	5	\$36	\$180
Value of Care			\$4,226

Distributed:

- 203 meals
- 800# DOD clothing/supplies
- 1,425# civilian clothing
- 50 pairs of boots



Agenda Items VII. – X.

- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
 - LOIs for 2022
- **Open Forum**
 - Veterans Day parade cancelled; CMAC program at Artillery Barracks
- **Adjourn**

- **Next meeting: Not November 11**

