

VAB Agenda – November 9, 2023

- I. **Call to Order, Pledge, Invocation, Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of October 12, 2023 minutes (action)**
- III. **2024 Contract Budget Approvals (action)**
- IV. **Committee Reports (info and action)**
 - Nominations for 2024 Officers
- V. **September Contractor and Fund Reports (info)**
- VI. **Veterans Assistance Center updates (info)**
- VII. **Old Business (info)**
- VIII. **New Business (info)**
 - Discussion of nonattendance bylaws
- IX. **Open Forum (info)**
- X. **Adjourn**



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



Agenda Item II. Approval of October 12th minutes

Approval of September 14, 2023, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved with corrections following a motion by Steve Slegers that was seconded by Gene Couture.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None

Policies and Procedures: No discussion.

Nominations: New officers are elected at the December meeting. First nominations will be accepted at the November meeting.

August 2023, Contractor & Fund reports

The fund assisted 50 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 667 veteran visits. The Free Clinic billed \$716 for 1 veteran. The Fund balance at the end of July was \$702,996.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

Stand Down at Armed Forces Reserve Center, September 29, served 245 veterans.

Old Business

WDVA did not get HVRP (Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program) grant for Clark County. Need someone to apply for the grant next year.

New Business

- Members at Large must file Letters of Intent each year. Members will renew their LOIs for 2025.
- Shuttle from Vancouver VA to Portland VA needs volunteers. It is only running four trips per day. Contact Bruce Maas for more information on volunteering.
- Community in Motions, a Vancouver nonprofit, often provides transportation for Veterans.
- C-Tran offers free rides for Veterans using the HEROS pass.
- Abby Molloy is County staff taking over Veterans programs.
- 2024 contract budgets will be approved at the November meeting.

Open Forum

- Do Good Multnomah tiny homes construction behind Kiggins Bowl begins in November, with at least 5 beds reserved for Veterans. No children.
- Clark College Veterans Resource Fair, 10-2pm, November 7.
- Veterans Assistance Center hiring event at Veterans Reserve Center, 10-2pm, November 1,
- Next meeting is November 9, just before the Veterans Day events. Public schools seek volunteers to speak. Parade participation is still possible.
- Do Good Multnomah is a veteran-centric organization.



Agenda Item III. 2024 Contract Budget Approvals

- Projected 2024 Veterans Assistance Fund revenue: **\$1,374,913.23**

	2023 Budget	2023 Spending (projected)	2024 Budget (proposed)
Free Clinic of Southwest Washington	\$24,900.00	\$24,900.00	\$24,900.00
Clark County Veterans Assistance Center	\$900,933.00	\$780,000.00	\$800,000.00
WA Dept. of Veterans Affairs	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00
DCS Admin	\$106,383.30	\$50,000.00	\$89,137.30
Remaining Emergency Fund Balance	\$306,223.93	\$483,540.23	\$322,875.93
TOTAL	\$1,476,440.23	\$1,476,440.23	\$1,374,913.23

- Can increase budgets throughout 2024 if revenue is higher than expected



Agenda Item IV. Committee Reports

Appeals – Gene Couture

Policies and Procedures – Kelly Jones

Nominations – Bruce Maas

- 2024 Officer Nominations
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary



Agenda Item V. September Contractor & Fund Reports

- **CCVAC**

- 63 Veterans served in September, services totaling \$20,843.12
- 57 men, 5 women, and 1 other Veteran served
- 15 denials, 0 subject to appeal
- 514 visits to the center for essentials and food, 695 meals served
- 439 volunteer hours, totaling \$26,579 in value

- **Free Clinic**

- 5 veterans served in September. Services totaled \$1,057 in value. Billed \$693.62.

- **WDVA**

- Third quarter: 822 claims, 90% “batting average”, \$741,351 VA payments

- **Fund**

- September revenue: \$16,678; expenditures: \$67,924; fund balance: \$606,723



Agenda Item VI. CCVAC updates

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serving those
who served
honorably**



Agenda Items VII. – X.

- **Old Business**

- At-Large Member letters of intent for 2024

- **New Business**

- Discussion of nonattendance bylaws for at-large members
- Suggestions for 2024 speakers

- **Open Forum**

- **Adjourn**

- Happy Veterans Day!!



Next meeting: December 14, 2023

