

VAB Agenda – August 8, 2024

- I. **Call to Order, Pledge, Invocation, Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of June 13, 2024 minutes (action)**
- III. **Committee Reports (info and action)**
- IV. **Discussion with Budget Office and Assessors Office (info)**
- V. **May/June 2024 Contractor and Fund Reports (info)**
- VI. **Veterans Assistance Center Updates (info)**
- VII. **Old Business (info)**
- VIII. **New Business (info)**
- IX. **Open Forum (info)**
- X. **Adjourn**



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



Agenda Item II. Approval of June 13th minutes

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes An advisory board to the Clark County Council June 13, 2024

Chair: **Bob Nichols**

Vice Chair: **Megan Anderson**

Secretary: **Bruce Maas**

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting; *italics indicates excused*]

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American Legion #14
American Legion #44
American Legion #168
American Legion #176
American Veterans #6
DAV Chapter #4
Korean War Assoc. #321
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
Vietnam Vets #512
Members at Large

PRIMARY

Bob Brennan
Gene Couture
Darren Wertz
Bob Nichols
Michael Gibson
John Lovejoy
Bruce Maas
Earl Edwards
Steve Slegers
Shannon Roberts
Greg Gilbertson
Greg Whitson
Kelly Jones
Bryan McGills
Tonya Wark
Tamara Elam
Megan Anderson
Eli Gonzalez
Michael Langsdorf
Lloyd Bowman

ALTERNATE
Steve Slegers

Charles Ingalls
Jonathan Frederick
Vanise Pratt
Tom Cousino
Dixie Hotaling
Ron Brandon
Dana Difford
Nick Herber

Clark County Representative: **Abby Molloy**

Guests: **Lori Pugh** (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); **Judy Russel** (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); **Dale Whitley** (Council for the Homeless), **Scott Thacker** (Council for the Homeless), **Glen Yung** (Clark Co. Dist 1 Elected Official), **Steve Hamrick** (citizen/veteran)

Approval of May 9, 2024, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Steve Slegers that was seconded by Megan Anderson.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None

Policies and Procedures: None

Nominations: None

Clark County Homelessness and Veteran's Housing Update (Dale Whitley and Scott Thacker, Council for the Homeless):

- HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) = Database which compiles data from coordinated entry, outreach, shelter, and housing programs.
 - Uses HUD's definition of homelessness.
- Annual System Number trends on Veteran Homelessness in Clark County
 - In 2022, 6% of people experiencing homelessness, 5% of people calling for rent assistance, 6% of people who asked for shelter, 6% of people who accessed shelter, 10% of people who were housed through

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diversion, and 7% of people who entered a housing program were Veterans.

- In 2021, 6% of people experiencing homelessness, 5% of people calling for rent assistance, 6% of people who asked for shelter, 7% of people who accessed shelter, 9% of people who were housed through diversion, and 5% of people who entered a housing program were Veterans.
- Veterans counted through outreach projects
 - June 2022-May 2023: 60 total veterans, 31 chronically homeless, 29 non-chronically homeless, 62% 55+
 - June 2023-May 2024: 46 total veterans, 22 chronically homeless, 24 non-chronically homeless, 54% 55+
- Veterans counted in emergency shelters
 - June 2022-May 2023: 51 total veterans, 23 chronically homeless, 28 non-chronically homeless, 63% 55+
 - June 2023-May 2024: 44 total veterans, 21 chronically homeless, 23 non-chronically homeless, 50% 55+
- Veteran By Name List (VBNL)
 - VBNL workgroup meets bi-weekly to discuss how to rehouse each veteran
 - The # of veterans changes monthly due to inflow and outflow
 - Goal is "Functional Zero": outflow is greater than inflow
 - On Oct 1, 2022, 146 veterans were on VBNL with decrease throughout year
 - On May 1, 2024, 72 veterans were on VBNL with slight decrease throughout year
 - VBNL core improvement team: partnership between CCVAC, TPI/SSVF, VA, PIC, and other local nonprofits
- Q&A
 - Q: Is there any info about a 5th safe stay community? A: No information yet.
 - Q: Do these numbers account for homelessness veterans seen at the CCVAC? A: Yes, and any disconnect is due to differences in the definition of homelessness between CCVAC and HUD.
 - Q: Do you have someone going out and finding veterans in the community? A: Yes
 - Q: How many outreach programs are there in Clark County? A: Many. CFTH, Columbia River Mental Health, Impact NW, Exchange, etc.

April 2024, Contractor & Fund reports

- CCVAC: 55 Veterans served in April, services totaling \$27,076. 48 male veterans, 7 female veterans, 0 other veterans. 13 denials, 0 subject to appeals. 620 visits to the center for essentials and food, 875 sack breakfasts/lunches provided and 38 food boxes provided. 2872 total pounds of food. 813 volunteer hours, totaling \$32,748 in value.
- Free Clinic: 15 Veterans served in April. Services totaled \$3,179 in value; billed \$1,826.43
- VAC Fund: April revenue: \$315,758; expenditures: \$94,162; fund balance: \$716,474

Clark County Veterans Assistance Center Update

- Gala is July 16th. A lot of service organizations have not bought tickets or made donations. Hope to see some of all of you there.
- Stand Down: Met new DevOp Lever from WorkSource who will be participating.
- CCVAC has been talking with NAMI about obtaining a collaborative workspace. NAMI needs to move shortly. If they find a space, CCVAC will need to ask the board for \$3,000-\$4,000 more per month for rent. Looking space with ~12,000 sq. ft. with storage, kitchen, and conference room.
- Q: Do you borrow money from anyone and what is your debt? A: No, CCVAC is on reimbursement only.
- Q: Would the board be interested in seeing the total CCVAC expenses beyond just VAF? A: Potentially, CCVAC will need to get this approved by their board.

Preparation for Assessor's/ Budget Office visit

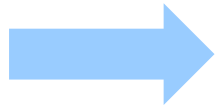
- Deadline for questions Wednesday, July 10th
 - Send questions to Abby and she will send to Assessor's/Budget Office

Old Business

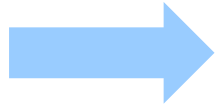
- Follow up on meeting with David Punte:



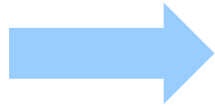
Agenda Item III. Committee Reports



Appeals – Gene Couture



Policies and Procedures – Kelly Jones



Nominations – Bruce Maas



Discussion with Clark County Budget Office and Assessor's Office



Agenda Item V. May 2024 Contractor Reports

- **CCVAC**

- 54 Veterans served in May, services totaling \$36,461.33
- 43 male Veterans, 8 female Veterans, 3 widows, and 0 others served
- 7 denials, 0 subject to appeal
- 639 visits to the center for essentials and food. 947 sack breakfasts and lunches and 33 food boxes provided. 2,305 total pounds of food provided.
- 813 volunteer hours, totaling \$32,748 in value

- **Free Clinic**

- 27 veterans served in May. Services totaled \$3,627 in value. Billed \$673.04

- **Fund**

- May revenue: \$88,695.08; expenditures: \$20,570.90; fund balance: \$784,598.1



Agenda Item V. June 2024 Contractor Reports

- **CCVAC**

- 38 Veterans served in June, services totaling \$15,261.47
- 30 male Veterans, 7 female Veterans, 1 widow, and 0 others served
- 5 denials, 0 subject to appeal
- 521 visits to the center for essentials and food. 817 sack breakfasts and lunches and 31 food boxes provided. 2,742 total pounds of food provided.
- 762 volunteer hours, totaling \$30,693 in value

- **Free Clinic**

- 26 veterans served in June. Services totaled \$2,964 in value. Billed \$715.70.

- **WDVA**

- Second quarter: 778 claims, 91% “batting average”, \$1,332,756 VA payments

- **Fund**

- June revenue: \$11,069.05; expenditures: \$100,369.33; fund balance: \$695,297.82



Agenda Item VI. CCVAC updates

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Agenda Items VII. – X.

- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
 - September meeting room change: Room 698
 - Vote to confirm new members at large: Buck Marr and Mike Burton
 - Clark County affordable housing - focus group recruitment
- **Open Forum**
- **Adjourn**

Next meeting: September 12, 2024

