

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
An advisory board to the Clark County Board of Councilors
July 12, 2018

1300 Franklin Street, Room #680
Vancouver, Washington

Chair: Morris Giesler

Vice Chair: Kelly Jones

Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

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American Legion #14
American Legion #176
American Veterans #6
DAV Chapter #4
Korean War Assoc. #321
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
VFW # 12028
Vietnam Vets #512
Members at Large

PRIMARY

Steve Slegers
Dixie Hotaling
Michael Gibson
John Lovejoy
Morris Giesler
Earl Edwards
Ron Brandon
Shannon Roberts
Bruce Maas
Skip Benge
Greg Whitson
Kelly Jones
Kevin Lawson
Alan Martinez
James Mead
David Daly
Michael Harding
Bryan McGillis

ALTERNATE

Patrick Locke

Jonathan Frederick
Michael Langsdorf
Frank Hyatt
Jason Atkins
Steve Slegers
Sarah Aktepy
Tonja Wark

Nick Herber

Clark County Representative: Rebecca Royce

Guests: Judy Russel, Sharon Tyre, (Veterans Assistance Center); **Tiffany Plous** (WorkSource)

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The minutes were approved on a motion by Steve Sleger that was seconded by David Daly.
The VSO contract will be sent to members for review.

Homeless Veterans presentation

Veterans by Name List meets twice a month to list and contact Veterans needing resources and housing. Between January 1 and June 30, the CCVAC reported 160 Veterans seeking assistance in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). During the same period, Council for the Homeless identified 224 veterans who were supported through housing programs such as diversion, rental assistance programs and shelters. Of those seen through the Council, 94 were served in permanent housing programs such as VASH.

HUD and the VA are providing \$43 million in additional funding to 325 local housing agencies to house more than 5,200 veterans. In April 2018, the Vancouver Housing Authority received an additional 25 VASH vouchers.

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Clark County Community Services consulted with an agency to do an assessment of housing options currently available in Clark County for those with behavioral health issues. The report included several recommendations to assist persons with behavioral health conditions. The report will be emailed to the board.

Veterans Assistance Center 2018 Budget Modification Request

A motion was made by Shannon Roberts and seconded by John Lovejoy to add \$3,000 to the Stand Down budget. Motion carried.

An increase of \$33,151 to the Veterans Assistance budget was approved following a motion by Michael Harding that was seconded by John Lovejoy. This increase funds a second part time service officer and additional administrative hours.

Committee Reports

Appeals: Two appeals for storage costs were approved, and eight appeals for rental assistance, specialty medical equipment, and auto assistance were denied.

Policies and Procedures: No discussion at this time. Alan and Dixie will review the two newer contracts, Council for the Homeless for diversion services and the WDVA Service Officer contract, as well as the policies and procedures and notify the board of any updates that may be needed.

May 2018 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund provided assistance to 47 Veteran households at a cost of \$21,883. The Veterans Assistance Center received 576 Veteran visits, including 321 visits from Veterans who are homeless. The Free Clinic treated six patients for services costing \$2,234; however the fund was only charged \$812. The Veterans Assistance Fund balance was nearly \$700,000 at the end of the month.

Veterans Assistance Center Update

- There is a VSO volunteer training, July 27-28, at the American Legion
- Denise Bender was hired as the new outreach case manager
- The Warriors and Wheels car show is August 25, on SE 164th Avenue and SE Village Loop
- The Center is sponsoring a booth at the Clark County Fair, August 3-12

Old Business

CVTV projects that they will have enough budget to broadcast board meetings in 2019-2020 at no cost to the fund but the Veterans Advisory Board would have to pay for the cost to broadcast if they want the remaining 2018 meetings aired. **A motion was made by Michael Harding and seconded by Bruce Maas to purchase broadcasting through the end of 2018 at \$3,070, and to continue holding meetings in the Public Service Center to facilitate broadcasts. Motion carried.**

New Business

No discussion at this time.

Open Forum

- Wenatchee WDVA conference August 1-2, 2018
- A fundraiser to support the Boys and Girls Club is being held September 8, 8:30-5:30, at the Hazel Dell car wash

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Thursday, August 9, 2018.