



## King County

### Veterans' Program

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## King County Veterans' Program Advisory Board Meeting Summary May 18, 2010 10:30 a.m. – Noon Renton WorkSource

### Call to Order

King County Advisory Board, Bill Wood called meeting to order at 10:45 am.

### Roll Call

**Board Members Present:**, Tom Leonard, Rick Woodruff, Art Dammkoehler, Lyle Stevenson, Debra Wood, Bill Wood, Eugene J Vojir, Harry Brown, Eddie Jensen, David Waggoner

### Board Members Excused/Absent:

Stan Gunno, Bill Metcalf, Roger Welles, Ray Tomlinson, Carroll Fisher, Doug Hoople

### County Staff Present:

Debra Gay DCHS – King County Veterans Program  
Fred Steele DCHS – King County Veterans Program  
Rita Sanchez DCHS – King County Veterans Program  
Frank Pratt DCHS – King County Veterans Program

### Guest Present:

Ray Miller – Project THRIVE

### Review of Meeting Summary

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#### ACTION:

One correction was made minutes were approved.

### Committee Reports

Appeals: No appeals.

Budget & Finance: Budget committee will meet in sometime in June 2010.

Programs: Programs Committee will meet sometime in June 2010, to discuss the benefit of the retreat and goals that should be considered as a result, getting feed back on what the Advisory Board would like to focus on going forward. Debra would like more members to be active in their participation and attendance at the Programs Committee meetings.



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Monthly Reports: Fred Steele - discussed the financial services for the Veterans Program and provided background information regarding services for the King County Veterans Programs and the comparisons between the different service locations which include Seattle, Renton, and all the Satellite Services from January 2010 – April 2010. Fred talked about the spikes in the different months and why March - April seem to have the highest spikes. These spikes are indicative of higher winter utility and housing needs that lag in posting to the accounting system. In addition, the income tax returns come back during this time of the year.

Fred discussed the Financial Assistance and compared 2009 to 2010 services, visits and unduplicated clients that were served. The categories were changed as follows: the first category is “clients seeking services,” the second category is “unduplicated clients receiving services.” Decreases in these categories from 2009 to 2010 were noted. Possible reasons for the decreases may be based upon the impact of an overall King County strategy that includes the ten year plan to end homelessness with permanent housing as its focus and increases in available resources throughout the county since the inception of the Veterans and Human Services Levy passed in 2005. It was also mentioned that the one night count that occurs annually each January reflected lower numbers in 2010 vs. 2009.

Fred provided an overview of the new VIBE data collection system and discussed the additional types of reports and information that this updated system will provide for the Board, team members and management.

Frank Pratt: Lead Social Worker for the Renton office provided background of all operations at the Renton WorkSource site of KCVP. Frank discussed the development of a comprehensive veteran’s orientation (which is offered twice a month) and the annual job fair as well as the partnerships that KCVP Renton has developed with the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). This partnership has led to the placement of a Service Office on site, which helps with service connected disability claims.

Levy: – Bill Wood- suggested that a report be developed to show what outcomes and success of King County Veterans Program as this information would be helpful for the Levy Oversight Committee. Bill also discussed the work of the Levy Oversight Board and the RFP’s that are in process. Homeless RFP’s have gone out and money being appropriated, adding that a number of housing projects will be coming online during 2010 and 2011; WDVA is getting the word out to veterans about other available programs.

Speaking engagements: Bill Wood discussed having speaking engagements at the American Legion in Snoqualmie and in Mercer Island where he spoke about the services the levy has provided for those cities. Joel Estey speaks at a number of city councils, senior centers, veterans’ service groups and human service agencies.

Publicity: We will need to get out mailers and contact colleges, getting online to get younger veterans to participate and join the King County Veterans Program Advisory Board. The

need to post an ad or announcement in the Newspaper for upcoming elections or meetings was mentioned.

Legislative: No Legislative and finance reports

**Old Business**

Website updates:

Updated Minutes

How to access the program

Applications

How to become a member (Bylaws, RCW)

Contact information

**New Business**

The 2010 Retreat was well received.

**Next Meeting**

June 15, 2010(evening meeting) Issaquah Watershed Science Center/Salmon Hatchery

**Good of the Order**

Ray Miller – discussed the program project THRIVE located in Lake City area that provides services and housing for dual diagnosed veterans and helps with treatment, housing, resources, and interventions.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.