



King County

Veterans' Program

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King County Veterans Program Advisory Board Meeting Summary October 21, 2015 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm WorkSource Renton

Call to Order

King County Advisory Board Chairman Scot Pondelick called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Salute the Flag.

Roll Call Board Members Present: Scot Pondelick, David Waggoner, Chuck Vitiritti, Monique Brown, Gary Cashman, Julia Sheriden, Erik Campbell, Doug Hoople, Curtis Thompson, Don-Michael Bradford, Chuck Murrell

Board Members Excused/Absent:

Fred Pepper, Todd Mitchell, Stan Gunno, Beth Shepard, Nick Sullivan, John Pruitt

County Staff Present:

Pat Lemus DCHS - KCVP
Rita Sanchez DCHS - KCVP
Rich Garmong DCHS - KCVP

Guest Present: None present

OMPA Training: Video and PowerPoint Presentation

Review of Meeting Summary

ACTION: Minutes for August 2015 meeting were approved
Minutes for September 2015 meeting were approved

Committee Reports (Brief overview of the Advisory Board Committees)

Executive Committee: No Meeting

Budget & Finance: No Meeting

Appeals Committee: No Meeting

Programs Committee: No Meeting - Gary Cashman discussed the survey for veterans. He is still researching the pros and cons. Will keep the Advisory Board updated.

Program Overview & Monthly Report

Rich Garmong - Program Overview & Update – Rich gave a brief update on the financial report. Pat Lemus also discussed providing services to veterans based on the individual circumstances. The Veterans Program is spending more on housing and preventing homelessness. KCVP is currently on budget for end of year.

Rich Garmong discussed the veterans training programs: There is a grant program at South Seattle College that is a sustainable building model, CNC Program at Shoreline College is continuing, Manufacturing programs are working with veterans and Renton Technical College is continuing to work with AIR Washington and the Water Center.

Pat Lemus gave an update on reaching Function Zero Homelessness this year. We are looking at what we need to do differently so we can better identify our homeless veterans, get them shelter and get them permanently housed as quickly as possible.

We are still having difficulty with the Landlord issues to house our veterans we have low vacancy and high rent. We are looking into what incentives we can provide to landlords and what models have worked for other states.

- Getting vans or transportation for our outreach providers to transport veterans (Vans, Carpools)
- Help with Mortgage Payments
- Help from Community Employers (Home Depot)

Legislative update: No update

Levy update: Curtis Thompson discussed Levy and Legislative updates. The new Levy will be going up in 2016 and this is an opportunity for the Levy Oversight Board to take on some heavy work this will include services improvements. Maybe shift the focus to other areas that we might not be doing well at.

Curtis discusses the Pearl Program and making house calls per individual that qualify for this counseling work.

RVI work will end at the end of the year we will continue to focus on homelessness.

Levy Oversight Board/Membership – What is the process? What openings are vacant?

Two more members will be chosen from the KCVP Advisory Board to serve with Curtis Thompson on the Levy Oversight Board. The County Executive is requesting to have four members to choose from.

Old Business

- Identify Advisory Board Committee's roles and responsibilities
- Best Start for Kids Levy
- Advisory Board Bio's

New Business

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Good of the order

Auburn Veterans Parade November 7, 2015

Boeing Everett /Veterans Day Celebration

Veterans Legislative Collation meeting on the November 27, 2015

Curtis Thompson – New position with Puget Sound Health Care System

Women Veterans Sunday Brunch November 8, 2015

Puget Sound Honor Flight will be in the Auburn Parade

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm