



King County

Veterans' Program

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King County Veterans Program Advisory Board Meeting Summary November 18, 2015 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm WorkSource Renton

Call to Order

King County Advisory Board Chairman Stan Gunno called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Salute the Flag.

Roll Call Board Members Present: Stan Gunno, David Waggoner, Chuck Vitiritti, Gary Cashman, Julia Sheriden, Erik Campbell, Doug Hoople, Curtis Thompson, Don-Michael Bradford, Chuck Murrell, John Pruitt,

Board Members Excused/Absent: Fred Pepper, Todd Mitchell, Beth Shepard, Nick Sullivan, Monique Brown, Scot Pondelick

County Staff Present:

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

Guest Present: None present

Review of Meeting Summary

ACTION: Minutes for October 21, 2015 meeting were approved

Committee Reports (Brief overview of the Advisory Board Committees)

Executive Committee: Schedule to meet at 6:00 pm today 10-21-2015 to discuss the Program Committee's Survey. Not enough members in attendance will reschedule, meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Budget & Finance: No Meeting

Appeals Committee: No Meeting

Programs Committee: No Meeting - Gary Cashman discussed the survey for veterans. Gary provided a small presentation of the survey, with examples of questions and responses. Next steps Program Committee will create a draft proposal and timeline, for the Advisory Board members to review and discuss at the January 21, 2016 meeting.

Program Overview & Monthly Report

Rich Garmong - Program Overview & Update – Rich gave a brief update on the financial report. Housing and homeless continues to be a challenge. We continue to see a trend on spending going downward due to reduce number of veterans needing service because of the economy.

Legislative update: No update



Levy update: Curtis Thompson will be meeting with others to discuss observations and changes from when the training program was first put in place. The purpose is to ensure local counselors, social workers and other professionals dealing with veterans and their families, know who they are and how to approach them. Other topics that will be discussed:

- Redmond Together Center and proving staffing.
- PEARLS Program / outreach house calls
- Suicide Prevention (comparison to other counties)
- Levy Oversight Board/Membership positions filled

Old Business

- Identify Advisory Board Committee's roles and responsibilities
- Advisory Board Bio's
- KC Veterans Advisory Board members need support for email's

New Business

- Program Committee will provide a working model for the Veterans Survey at January 2016 meeting
- Training and presentations for Advisory Board members
- Veterans Program in Seattle has moved to new location
- Function Zero Homelessness – we have housed 717 homeless veterans
- KC reaching out to Habitat for Humanity – Veteran Housing
- Habitat for Humanity to speak to the Advisory Board in January 2016

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Good of the order

- Seattle Stand Down December 17 & 18, 2015 (Seattle Community College)
- Pearl Harbor Day December 7, 2015 Public Luncheon
- Veterans Legislative Collation meeting on the November 27, 2015
- 50 Anniversary of the Vietnam War events - donated painting
- Change in Healthcare laws – no more home made goods
- Veterans & Human Services Levy renewal Manager Position closed last Friday
- The Clemente Project is recruiting 25 veterans to attend 5 courses in Humanity at Antioch University
- Rich Garmong will be obtaining his certification as a credited Veterans Service Officer and will be working with our King County Veterans

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm