



King County

Veterans' Program

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King County Veterans Program Advisory Board Meeting Summary February 15, 2017 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm WorkSource Renton

Call to Order

King County Advisory Board **Chairman** Stan Gunno, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Salute the Flag.

Roll Call Board Members Present: Chuck Murrell, Chuck Vitiritti, Gary Cashman, David Waggoner, Erik Campbell, Julia Sheriden, John Phillips, Monique Brown, Stan Gunno

Board Members Excused/Absent:

Todd Mitchell, Clark Silliman, Carrol Stripling, Dion McNeeley

County Staff Present:

Pat Lemus DCHS -KCVP
Rich Garmong DCHS- KCVP
Bryan Fry DCHS- KCVP
Rita Sanchez DCHS – KCVP

Guest Present:

Ken Yackle – DAV

Review of Meeting Summary

ACTION: Minutes for January 2017 were approved with one correction.

Committee Reports (Brief overview of the Advisory Board Committees)

Executive Committee: No Meeting

Budget & Finance: No Meeting

Appeals Committee: No Meeting

Veterans Consortium: John Phillips gave a brief overview from the February 9, 2017.

Dr. Murray of Northwest Network Mental Illness & Research is working with the VA Puget Sound Health MIRECC program. His presentation focused on the research being done for Veterans with mild traumatic brain injury (TBI) and headaches. Next week Veterans Consortium will be supporting a forum for student veterans.

Programs Committee: No Meeting.

1. Housing/Homelessness Committee: No Meeting.

Gary Cashman will be heading to Arlington, WA to find out more about the tiny homes/houses for the homeless. Other locations that have built tiny homes include Olympia, WA and Orting, WA. King County continues to look at all options for ending homelessness.

2. Employment Committee: No meeting.

3. Levy Renewal Committee: No Meeting. Looking into Curtis Thompson resignation from the King County Advisory Board and the outcome it will have on the Levy Oversight Board.



Program Overview & Monthly Update

Bryan Fry gave a brief overview regarding the King County Veterans Program. He discussed the current open position at the Renton Veterans program and also provided a brief job description.

Bryan discussed the client count and how clients are tracked in the database for job searches; employment placements have an average starting wage of \$20.20. KCVP has a 90 day follow up after employment; the retention in job placement has been very successful.

Due to the short staffing at KCVP, the computer lab is open and being utilized by veterans. KCVP staff is available to support our clients with resumes, job search and training.

Burial Assistance amount was increased to \$750.00. In January 2017, the program served 9 families with assistance totaling \$6000.00.

- Contrast to 2016 compared to 2017, there is a slight increase in our traffic flow.
- Homeless Veterans connecting with the Seattle office are slightly higher than the Renton location.

Bryan presented a brief overview on the report given to KC Counsel Members on Veterans & Human Services Levy renewal.

***Julia Sheriden Motion to extend meeting 15 minutes
Motion passed***

Old Business

- *Training and Guest Speakers – WDVA Overview/Summary of Programs/Upcoming Legislation scheduled for March.*
- Committees Roles and Responsibilities
- Advisory Board members to work on the appeal process
- **Advisory Board Members decide to keep the By-laws as written. Board will work on having By-laws resigned by the current Chair in March 2017.**

New Business

- Update Advisory Board website
- Brochures on Website
- KCVP Elections -13 open positions: 9 two terms positions and 4 one term positions
- Clark Silliman – resignation letter

Next Meeting

Advisory Board Election Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 pm

Good of the order

Recognition of service:

Dave Waggoner 11 years of service to the KCVP Advisory Board

Rich Garmong for 2 years of service as the Coordinator to KCVP Advisory Board

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm