



## King County

### Veterans' Program

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## King County Veterans Program Advisory Board Meeting Summary January 18, 2017 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm WorkSource Renton

### Call to Order

King County Advisory Board **Sergeant –at –Arms-** David Waggoner called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Salute the Flag.

**Roll Call Board Members Present:** Chuck Murrell, Chuck Vitiritti, Carrol Stripling, Dion McNeeley, Gary Cashman, David Waggoner, Erik Campbell, Julia Sheriden, John Phillips

### Board Members Excused/Absent:

Todd Mitchell, Clark Silliman, Stan Gunno, Curtis Thompson, Monique Brown

### County Staff Present:

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

### Guest Present:

Celeste Leilani – CDS Military Liaison  
Roy Bumgrander – AL #159  
Jeff Ron -Veteran

### Review of Meeting Summary

ACTION: Minutes for December 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. The Consortium meeting last week provided information regarding a new program called Code of Honor (short term training program). Consortium will be launching a new website which will also have fancy new cards to continue building the community.

Programs Committee: No Meeting.

1. Housing/Homelessness Committee: No Meeting
2. Employment Committee: Had a short meeting today. Gary Cashman gave a brief overview. Meet with employers (Reverse Lunch and Learn) discussing how to work with veterans in the workplace.
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. Contrast to accomplishments in 2016 compared to 2015, the client base has stayed the same. Total office visits increased for both Seattle and Renton locations. Not much changed in demographics. Total amount of financial assistance has not gone up by much, but there has been an increase by other service providers.

We provide education and training surrounding many short term (4 – 8 week) programs for CNA, Flaggers, CDL Licensing and Food Handler permits. Additionally, we assist with any delays with the GI Bill or Post 911.

Grievances, how many clients are refused services and have appealed. No client is denied services. However, the cap for funding is set even if you are not eligible for financial assistance; we still provide case management and employment services.

Pat Lemus gave a brief overview on shelter beds provided by King County Veterans Program; this does not include any other County investments King County calculates unduplicated number served bed nights, number of unit nights. All contractors provide reports every quarter to the King County Staff Contractor Monitors. Contract for William Booth Shelter beds will not be renewed.

***Julia Sheriden, Motion on the floor to extend the 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
- Joint Meeting with the Advisory Board and Veteran Oversight Board to discuss housing and other projects
- Committee's report on updating By-laws. Best Practices for Legal or Quasi-legal Documents. **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.**

***Motion to extend meeting 5 minutes  
Motion passed***

## New Business

- Update on Levy Renewal next meeting
- Advisory Board members to work on the appeal process

## 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**

## Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm