**King County Veterans Advisory Board**

September 19th, 2019, 10:00am – 10:45am

**King County Chinook Building, 401 Fifth Ave, Room 116, Seattle, WA 98104**

**Phone**: 206.263.8114 | **Conference ID**: 8877949

**Call to Order** Chair Alicia Starova

**Introductions** Board Members 5 min

* Present: Alicia Starova (Chair), Chris Porter (Vice Chair), Chuck Murrell, Carrol Stripling, David Waggoner, Robert White
* Phone: Samantha Powers
* DCHS Staff: Kip Swanson, Luke Faul

**Public Comment** Chair Alicia Starova 10 min

* No public comments

**Old Business** Chair Alicia Starova 25 min  
Bylaws and Operating Procedures

* Discussion of proposed edits to previous bylaws, reflecting changes in Veterans Advisory Board and VSHSL governance structure. The focus of today’s discussion is to review possible changes, with approval targeted for VAB meeting next month.
* Suggestions:
  + Refine Purpose section to show changes in how board members are appointed, and align the Powers and Duties with the specific responsibilities as defined in Ordinance 18785.
  + Review changes with Rick Ybarra, who previously assisted in bylaw review, prior to bringing to a vote.
  + Focus on consistency throughout document and alignment with language of VSHSL Advisory Board.
  + Explore potential conflict between ordinance and RCW.

RCW Requirements and Responsibilities

* Reviewed responsibilities specific to the Veterans Advisory Board, as differentiated from responsibilities of the VSHSL Advisory Board Veterans Subcommittee.

[VSHSL Annual Report](https://www.kingcounty.gov/~/media/depts/community-human-services/VHS-Levy/Reports/VSHSL_2018_Annual_Report.ashx?la=en) Review

* Hard copies will be provided at the VSHSL Advisory Board meeting.

Clarify Focus Areas

* Will follow up on this after gaining a better sense of current landscape of needs and services.

**New Business**

Land Acknowledgement

* ACTION: Group votes to conduct land acknowledgements at opening of meetings

**Staff Report** Kip Swanson

* Vets Engaged funding opportunity (VSHSL program SE4Bi) is now open. Relay information regarding program/strategy and upcoming community outreach sessions.

**Next Steps** Chair, Vice-Chair 5 min

Meetings/times/dates/locations

* Will meet at 10am at Tukwila on Oct. 17th (and bi-monthly subsequently, when VSHSL Advisory Board meeting is at Tukwila)

Future Agenda Items

* Next meeting will focus on finalizing bylaws

**Adjourn**