

Veterans' Program

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King County Veterans Program Advisory Board
Meeting Summary
January 20, 2016
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
WorkSource Renton

Call to Order

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

Roll Call Board Members Present: Stan Gunno, David Waggoner, Chuck Vitiritti, Doug Hoople, Don-Michael Bradford, Chuck Murrell, John Pruitt, Monique Brown, Todd Mitchell, Gary Cashman

Motion to remove Advisory Board Member Robert Todd Mitchell was discussed. Notification was never sent to Robert Todd Mitchell and he is now present and able to continue serving as a member of the KCVP Advisory Board.

Board Members Excused/Absent: Nick Sullivan, Fred Pepper, Julia Sheriden, Erik Campbell, Curtis Thompson

County Staff Present:

Pat Lemus DCHS - KCVP Rita Sanchez DCHS - KCVP

Guest Present: None present

Review of Meeting Summary

ACTION: Minutes for December 16, 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

<u>Programs Committee:</u> No Meeting - Gary Cashman discussed Veterans Survey. He provided examples of what it would look like. Gary will continue updating the data. Other concerns:

Where will the funding come from?

- Who will gather data and maintain survey?
- Will it be paper survey or on a computer kiosk station?

Program Overview & Monthly Report

<u>Pat Lemus - Program Overview & Update</u> – Pat Lemus gave a brief update on the financial report. We are in the process of closing out the 2015 budget Veterans Program is spending more funding towards Housing to help with move –in costs

There was time when the Seattle office had a 3 to 1 number of clients. Renton and Seattle are about even Veterans are finding services in South King County.



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In the Seattle office 50% of our veterans are homeless so the services provided are more focused on stabilizing the veterans and getting them housing. In the Renton office 30% of the veterans are homeless because our office is in the WorkSource, we focus more on employment. The Renton office set a target for 2015 for placing 150 veterans for employment and they placed 246 with an average rate of \$18.00 an hour.

The financial assistance has dropped in the last couple of years. We are doing better job of coordinating with other agencies. Seattle office will be having an Open House on February 28, 2016 at 2:00.

Legislative update: No update

Levy update: No Meeting

Old Business

- Identify Advisory Board Committee's roles and responsibilities
- Advisory Board Bio's
- KC Veterans Advisory Board members need support for emails
- Working model for the Veterans Survey
- Levy Oversight Board Membership
- Habitat for Humanity to speak to the Advisory Board 2016

New Business

- Training and presentations for Advisory Board members
- VISPDAT Training
- Provider supplies to Outreach Contractors to assist veterans
- Veteran Outreach Providers Bus tickets / Transportation
- Program Committee Planning 2016 Retreat (location, agenda). Advisory Board member's forward any ideals or suggestions to the Programs Committee Chairman Gary Cashman
 - 1. Monique Brown suggests reaching out to other Veterans Service Organization find out what they do and they need to do their jobs better.

Doug Hoople Motion on the floor to appoint an Advisory Board Member to represent the board at the Consortium Committee meetings. Member will be appointed in March 2016. **Motion passed.**

Motion to extend meeting for 5 minutes

Motion passed

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 Thursday, February 25, 2016

Good of the order

- Veteran Legal Assistance for Veterans and their families
- Seattle VA new parking garage will open the end of March
- January 23 for Family Law 27 spots available

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

