



King County

Veterans' Program

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King County Veterans Program Advisory Board Meeting Summary July 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 7:05 pm. Salute the Flag.

Roll Call Board Members Present: David Waggoner, Chuck Murrell, Chuck Vitiritti, Stan Gunno, Monique Brown, John Phillips, Carrol Stripling, Dion McNeeley, Curtis Thompson, Gary Cashman

Board Members Excused/Absent:

Todd Mitchell, Erik Campbell, Julia Sheriden, Clark Silliman, Don-Michael Bradford

County Staff Present:

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

Guest Present:

Review of Meeting Summary

ACTION: Minutes for June were approved

Committee Reports (Brief overview of the Advisory Board Committees)

Executive Committee: No Meeting

Budget & Finance Committee: No Meeting

Appeals Committee: No Meeting

Veterans Consortium: No Meeting

Programs Committee: No Meeting.

1. Housing/Homelessness Committee: No meeting. Monique Brown gave a brief update.
 - The housing project in Federal Way with 44 units should open in November. They are looking for people to help name the facility.
 - Habitat for Humanity project is underway in Pacific for the nine single Veteran homes.
 - Transitional housing for men only located in West Seattle has not opened yet however painting of the house has begun.
2. Employment Committee: No Meeting. Gary Cashman gave a brief update:
 - Continue to get the word out on Businesses hiring unemployed veterans for full-time employment positions Tax Credit.
 - Met with HVIT (HVac Training Program). This one week HVAC training program costs \$1200.00 and Gary will meet with them again to ask for a veterans' discount.

- Yes VETS Program - Employers who hire a veteran will be recognized with a Yes Vets window decal which can be displayed at their place of business and demonstrates their support for America's service members. The Yes Vets Program will be recognized each year with annual decals.
3. Levy Renewal Committee: No Meeting. Pat Lemus gave a brief update on the Levy Renewal. Leo Flor has been meeting with the Executive's Office and King County Council to confirm a date of when the Levy will be on the voting ballad and to discuss the scope of the Levy. Leo will attend the next Advisory Board Meeting with a full update.

Priorities for new Levy:

1. Housing and Homelessness
2. Supporting veterans
3. Include veterans families by uniting and healing
4. Establish a striving health environment which includes mental and physical health
5. Effective community in engagement
6. Ongoing community publicity/focus on accomplishment and successes

Program Overview & Monthly Update

Rich Garmong gave a brief update on the financial report. Program is spending more funding towards housing to help with move-in cost, eviction prevention and housing homeless veterans. Utility spending is down due to change in weather.

Job Fair- Convention Center August 10, 2016, consists of 124 tables with over 130 vendors. Transportation at Home Depot parking lot in Snohomish, Silverdale, Federal Way and JBLM will be available.

OPMA Training - Rich Garmong

Old Business

- Veterans Survey- will be provided to all Board Members at next meeting
- Advisory Board Bios
- *Ethics Training*
- *What funding, service or shelters are available for women?*
- Committees Roles and Responsibilities

New Business

Creating a pocket size card from the KC Veterans tear off sheet (Other Veterans Service Providers)

Motion on the floor: Curtis Thompson moves to *change meeting starting time to 7:30 pm.*

Motion Approved

Next Meeting

Wednesday August 17, 2016

Good of the order

- Puget Sound Honor Flight September and October 2016 /contact David Waggoner
- Monique Brown has started a GoFundMe fundraiser to help raise money in order to become a non-profit 501(c)(3) for her non-profit FOBHOPE.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm