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King County Veterans Advisory Board

November 19th 2020

10:00am – 10:50am

Remote Meeting

Zoom Meeting: <https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/93071514267>

Phone: 253.215.8782 | **Webinar ID:** 930 7151 4267 | **Passcode:** VABboard

Call to Order

Chair Alicia Starova

Approval of Agenda (Action)

- **ACTION:** Agenda is approved with no changes.

Land Acknowledgment

"I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Puget Sound Salish and Duwamish People, and honor, with gratitude, the land itself as well as pay respect to elders both past and present."

Introductions

5 min

- Present: Alicia Starova (Chair), Robert White (Vice-Chair), Carrol Stripling, Dave Waggoner
- DCHS Staff: Kip Swanson, Leon Richardson, Adam Schmid

Public Comment

Chair Alicia Starova

5 min

- No public comments

Old Business

Chair Alicia Starova

5 min

Approval of Meeting Minutes (Action)

- Minutes from the October 15th meeting were reviewed. No edits suggested.
- **ACTION:** The minutes from the October 15th meeting were approved without edits.

New Business

Chair Alicia Starova

30 min

Work Plan Development (Discussion)

- Discuss ideas for potential areas of focus in order to establish a work-plan for 2021 meetings (the VSHSL veterans committee will be developing a separate work-plan for 2021 committee meetings). Discussion will continue at the December meeting, but the following ideas were raised for consideration as areas of focus.
 - Develop a means for sharing information regarding events and resources, primarily across board members but also so that information can be shared with board members' networks in the community. There are a wide variety of



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events and resources available in the community, and the Veterans Advisory Board could potentially play a greater role in helping to share that information.

- Increase support for recently transitioned veterans, particularly related to isolation and limited connections resulting from impacts of COVID-19 public health emergency. One option could be to focus on opportunities for connections with veterans centers at colleges.

Good of the Order (Discussion)

- Community Events/Resources
 - Review upcoming events, including Seattle Stand Down and Operation Turkey Drop. Discuss value in being able to share such information as a board.
- Writing Letter to Veterans Centers at Colleges
 - Discuss the idea of writing a letter, as the Veterans Advisory Board, to send to the various veterans centers at area colleges. Given the challenges that transitioning veterans face, particularly related to increased isolation during the COVID-19 public health emergency, board members discuss interest in communicating to colleges that support and assistance is available via the King County Veterans Program and the Veterans Advisory Board.
 - Chair and Vice-Chair will take the lead on drafting a letter, with support from staff liaison as needed.

Next Steps

Chair Alicia Starova

5 min

Meetings/times/dates/locations

- December Meeting Scheduling
 - The December meeting will be scheduled for a different time than usual, since the group will be meeting as the VSHSL veterans committee on the 17th. Review schedules for availability, and the decision is made to meet on December 11th at 11:00 – 11:50am.

Future Agenda Items

- The discussion on work-planning will be continued at the December meeting.

Adjourn

Chair Alicia Starova