

Clark County Veteran's Resource Committee
Clark County Public Service Center
1300 Franklin St, 6th Floor, Ste #679
Vancouver, Washington
June 22, 2011

Chair: Morris Giesler
Secretary: Michael Gibson

Vice Chair: Robert Nichols
Contract Service Officer: CRMHS

Meeting Called to order by Morris Giesler @ 1403

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

POST

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American Legion #14
American Legion #27
American Legion #44
American Legion #168
American Legion #176
American Legion #208
American Veterans #6
DAV Chapter #4
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
VFW #12028
Vietnam Vets #512

PRIMARY

Morris Giesler
Jerry Keese
Elisa Cotton
Darren Wertz
Robert Nichols
Michael Gibson
George Hunt
Richard Alvarez
Bruce Maas
Lou Baste
Stephen Stetson
Roy Billings
Ray Saranto
Greg Whitson
Members at Large
Thomas Dombeck
Kevin Lawson
Emily Stoutsenberger

SECONDARY

Jan Wojciechowski
Peggy Sheehan
Rodney Stallard
Bo Russell
Mark Woods
Philip Yasson
Bob Blevins
Richard Gabriel
Michael Riley
Ron Brandon
Robert Hitchcock
Richard Alvarez

Jerry Keen

CLARK COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Samantha Whitley, Rebecca Royce, Pete Munroe

GUESTS

Pat Stryker, Youri Archer and Misty Pelagalli – CRMHS, Michael Frakes; Fran McNa – Free Clinic Dental Program; Melodie Scheer – Clark County Public Health; Robert Cone – AL #27; Ben Reinhardt – SW Veterans Business Resource Center

Meeting Minutes: Greg Whitson motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 25, 2011. Motion seconded by Lou Baste and passed.

Community Presentations

Fran McNa with the Free Clinic Veterans Dental Program distributed a presentation giving some

background and history on their Dental Program. In January 2011, the Free Clinic started coordinating a veteran's dental program with dollars provided from the VAF. They have two dentists that volunteer ½ day each and are paid for the second half. So far they have seen 46 veterans. Fran recommended that all posts actively market the program so that more veterans can receive assistance. Sam has created a flyer that has been distributed. Veterans need to be qualified for services through Youri Archer, the veteran's case manager. She can be reached at 360-397-8478.

Pat Stryker with Columbia River Mental Health Services distributed some information on the trends the Veterans Case Management program is seeing. She explained that there are more veterans seeking assistance due to the poor economy and more veterans learning of the program. Pat mentioned that they are working with other providers to refer veterans to employment and housing programs.

Pat also introduced Misty Pelagalli to the committee. Misty will be taking over Pat's position. Misty is a program manager with adult outreach programs that focus on employment and peer support.

Committee Reports

Appeals: Ray Saranto mentioned that there were no appeals this month.

Policies & Procedures: Jerry mentioned that the subcommittee is working on a proposal to bring to the VRC regarding motorcycle insurance. There was some discussion. Sam will clarify the liability issue with the prosecuting attorney's office. The P&P subcommittee will consider all feedback in their recommendation at the next meeting.

Budget: Morris mentioned that the funds spent so far this year are under the budgeted amount. There was also some discussion on the operating expenses. Pete explained that the County charges each program indirect expenses that are calculated based on the amount expended from the fund. He believes the current rate is 3.8%. This amount changes annually.

Nominations: Bob asked the committee to start thinking about nominations for next year's executive members. Nominations should be submitted by September and elections will be held in December.

Contractor Reports: Samantha Whitley distributed several reports for May. CRMHS served 119 veterans for a total of \$34,653. She also distributed the denial and case management reports in the packet.

Sam also handed out the Free Clinic report regarding dental services. Details of this report were discussed during the presentation.

Sam mentioned that the VAC served 79 veterans in May with 854 hours volunteered to the center. Bob mentioned that they are still looking for more volunteers.

Bob informed the group that the Stand Down is scheduled for September 26th from 0900 to 1500 hours. It will be located at the Elks Lodge on McGillivray. Information is available on the VAC website. The Stand Down Committee has been receiving donations and hopes to pay for lunch for the volunteers.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

New Business: Sam reminded the committee that the board training will be at the July meeting. It will

take the entire two hours. John Lund will be contacting some committee members in the beginning of July to assess the committee members and put together an agenda of topics. Bob mentioned that he has parking passes if anyone needs one so they do not need to worry about metered parking. Passes will be available at the VAC.

Open Forum:

- ♦ Jerry Keen distributed cards for use at the Hazel Dell Car Wash. Purchase the Exterior Deluxe car wash for \$10 and \$5 will be donated to the VAC.
- ♦ Bob mentioned that the Taste of Asia has a donation jar for the VAC. All donations will be matched by the restaurant. They are located on Fourth Plain.
- ♦ Morris informed the group that the VAC has new business cards with a map of their location on the back. He requested that each of the posts have cards to pass out to veterans as needed.
- ♦ Bruce Maas put a challenge out to all the posts to put the word out about the VAC.
- ♦ Jerry mentioned that AL #14 is donating \$25/month to the VAC.
- ♦ Emily Stoutsenberger informed the group that Partners in Careers has moved their offices to 52nd and St Johns. The new facility is much larger and they are looking to expand their services.

Meeting adjourned at 1527 hours.

Next meeting: July 27, 2011 at 1400 hours.