

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board

Armed Forces Reserve Center
15005 NE 65th Street
Vancouver, Washington
May 14th, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Chair: **Morris Giesler**

Vice Chair: **Greg Whitson**

Secretary: **Mike Gibson**

Meeting Called to order by **Morris Giesler @ 1400**

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

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American Legion #14
American Legion #27
American Legion #44
American Legion #168
American Legion #176
American Legion #189
American Legion #208
American Veterans #6
DAV Chapter #4
Korean War Vet Assoc #321
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
VFW #12028
Vietnam Vets #512

PRIMARY

Morris Giesler
Dixie Hotaling

Robert Nichols
Michael Gibson

Richard Alvarez
Frank Hyatt
Thomas Dombek
Lou Basté
John Raynor
Roy Billings
Skip Bengé
Greg Whitson

ALTERNATE

Jerry Keen
James Resleff

Richard Langenbach
Jonathan Frederick

Benjamin Long
Thomas Kula
Robert Sumrill
Ron Brandon
Stephen Stetson
Bruce Maas

Joseph Fettig

Members at Large

Kevin Lawson

CLARK COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Samantha Whitley

GUESTS

Mike Wilson, Heather Erickson – CDM Services; Dr. Martha Atkinson – guest with CDM Services; Liz Johnston – Armed Forces Reserve Center; Bob Hitchcock – VFW Post 4278; and John Russell guest.

April 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Bob Nichols moved to approve the April minutes as written, Thomas Dombek seconded and passed.

CDM Services Presentation

Mike Wilson and Heather Erickson, CDM Services, gave a presentation about the long-term care and adult day services that CDM provides to elderly and disabled people in SW Washington. Dr. Martha Atkinson, wife of a veteran, talked about the excellent care her husband, Bruce, received from CDM Services.

Mike started the presentation by giving a brief history of CDM. CDM Long-Term Care Services was founded in 1978, and employs about 200 people who provide in-home care services. CDM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with approximately a \$5 million dollar operating budget. In 2008, CDM opened their Adult Day Center. The Adult Day Center offers a variety of activities and social events. In 2012, CDM started dedicating funds received from their annual "Symbol of Freedom" event to fund service scholarships for veterans and their spouses. Mike also shared that CDM will be engaging in a capital campaign to build a larger center to be able to provide more services.

Heather Erickson distributed packets which included information on CDM's long-term care, their weekly caregivers' support group, and a monthly calendar of event/activities for the Adult Day Center. CDM serves approximately 350 clients per month, and 600 each year, with a total of almost 20,000 hours of service annually. The Center currently serves an average of 22 clients per day, and has capacity for 35.

The board requested additional information regarding veteran services and costs for future consideration.

Veterans Resource Fair

Liz Johnston shared information about the Veterans Resource and Military Fair that will be held on June 18, 2014 at The Armed Forces Reserve Center. Liz said they would be sending out invitations and asked the group to let her know if the information she had for agencies was correct.

HSC Transportation Resource Project

Nick Ford from Human Services Council (HSC) spoke about the One-Call, One-Click Transportation Resource System HSC is launching for transportation related needs in Clark County and SW Washington. Nick's primary goal is to expand options and opportunities for veteran transportation and he is looking for input from veterans. Nick explained he is developing a needs assessment and has surveys circulating among different partners. Nike explained that the Transportation Resource System will have a database which will include volunteer drivers and their goal would be to get rides for people the same day.

Final Policy Change Update and Approval

Morris called for a motion to approve the policies and procedure changes as they were updated and distributed. **Bob Nichols moved to approve the policies and procedures changes, Thomas Dombeck seconded and passed.**

The group discussed how the new changes would affect VAF expenses. Morris explained that he is still waiting to meet with staff from the Clark County Budget Office to get a clear understanding of the budget and told the group about problems getting timely financial reporting. Morris said based on what the Budget Office has told him, the fund should have an increase this year.

Committee Reports

Appeals Committee: 1 appeal reported, 1 approved, 0 denied (vote 2 to 1).

March Contractor Reports & County Fund Report

Morris gave an update on the revenue and expense report. In January HSC expended \$30,136, in February \$16,509, and in March \$17,705, which totals \$64, 350. The reason there is a difference in the

amounts is because one of the service officer location shift. Expenses totaled \$78,117.62 through the end of March. That totals a decrease of \$47,376.45 in the fund, or \$394,552.17. For the March Veterans Assistant fund, HSC served 31 veterans. The total amount expended was \$11,239.12. The VAC saw 163 vets and had 546 volunteer hours' worth a total of \$12,400.09. The Free Clinic saw 7 veterans, providing 4 extractions, 4 fillings, 3 total restorations, and 2 x-rays. The value of service was \$1,982 and the fund was billed only \$758.

Old Business: None

New Business

Since the Veterans Advisory Board meetings are open to the public, it was suggested that the meetings be advertised in the newspaper. Morris said he would contact The Columbian and The Reflector. Morris also suggested contacting other organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and asking them to include the Veterans Advisory Board meetings in their newsletter.

Good of the Order

Summer opportunities for veterans: Aaron Statkins from the Mt. Adams Institute and AmeriCorps is looking for veterans who want to learn about safety, chainsaws, tools, wild land firefighting, and crew organizations.

Get paid \$200 to have your teeth cleaned at Clark College: Clark College dental hygiene students are looking for patients to qualify for their final board exam in May or June 2014. E-mail: clarkstudents@gmail.com or call (360) 975-2136 to qualify and schedule a screening appointment.

Ribbon cutting for new Veterans Resource Center at Clark College on May 22, 2014: This will be held at Gaiser Hall, Conference Room 213 and will start at 1100.

Morris announced that the Veterans Assistance Center contract starting July 1, has been fully executed.

Meeting adjourned at 1545 hours. Next meeting: June 11, 2014 @ 1400 hours at 1300 Franklin St, 6th Floor, Ste. #679, Vancouver, Washington.