

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board
Evergreen Room, Silverdale Community Center
January 9, 4:30 pm

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 12, 2007
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public may address any of the topics below on the agenda. Please keep comments to 2 or 3 minutes.
6. GUEST SPEAKER: Kitsap Military History Project – Roger Meyer, MD, MPH
7. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS – Report only if you have something new.

Homeless – Ray Switzer, Dennis Mannick
Employment – Dennis Mannick
Incarceration program – Russ Hauge
Female vets – Sharon Kirkpatrick
Legislative update – Fred Scheffler
Mental health – Corky Sullivan
Assistance fund – staff
8. OLD BUSINESS
Conservation Program at Olympic College – staff
Retreat Date Change - All
Murray Letter/VFW American Legion Update – board
Stand Down - board
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public may comment on any issues within the scope of the Veterans Advisory Board mission.
11. GOOD OF THE ORDER
12. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap Veterans Advisory Board
Annual Retreat, February 16, 2008
WorkSource Center, 1300 Sylvan Way

Agenda

1. Introductions – Staff

2. Approve Agenda

3. Legislative update – Roth and Fred

4. Review 2007 Retreat and Accomplishments

5. Review Homeless Survey – Ray & Staff

6. Discuss and set priorities, goals, et al for 2008 – Board, facilitated by staff
 - A. Spring Stand Down - Dean
 - B. CLE for defense bar
 - C. Meeting with Veterans Coalition
 - D. Spending down fund
 - E. 2009 Legislative Agenda
 - F. !!???

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Island Lake Community Center

March 12, 2008, 4:30 pm

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES February retreat notes
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public may address any of the topics below on the agenda. Please keep comments to 2 or 3 minutes.
6. GUEST SPEAKERS: Homeless Count - Pastor Art Speight;
Transition into veterans - Heidi Hottinger
7. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS – Report only if you have something new.

Homeless – Ray Switzer, Dennis Mannick

Employment – Dennis Mannick

Incarceration program – Russ Hauge

Female vets – Sharon Kirkpatrick

Legislative update – Fred Scheffler

Mental health – Corky Sullivan

Assistance fund – staff

8. OLD BUSINESS

Burial detail – staff

Stand Down/Clothing Drive – Dean Hearing

Motion: Approve budget as presented

BCC Work Plan – staff

CVC Meeting – Roth Hafer, Dennis Mannick, staff

Spend Down - staff

9. NEW BUSINESS

WDVA Super Thursday, April 3rd – Ray Switzer, Dennis Mannick

10. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public may comment on any issues within the scope of the Veterans Advisory Board mission.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

12. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

April 9, 2008, 4:30 pm

AGENDA

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Assistance fund – staff
7. OLD BUSINESS
Burial detail – staff
Stand Down/Clothing Drive – Dean Hearing
CVC Meeting – Staff
Spend Down - staff
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public may comment on any issues within the scope of the Veterans Advisory Board mission.
10. GOOD OF THE ORDER
11. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

May 14, 2008, 4:30 pm

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 9, 2008
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 - Female vets* – Sharon Kirkpatrick
 - Legislative update* – Fred Scheffler
 - Mental health* – Corky Sullivan
 - Assistance fund* – Staff
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - Stand Down* – Board members
 - CVC Regional Conference* – Dennis, Rudy Muriel, Staff
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - Should the Veterans Advisory Board monthly meeting start at a later time so it is easier for members who have to work?* - Staff

Revise Policy and Procedures Manual - Staff

Motion: Recommend to the board of county commissioners that the definition of veteran in the policy and procedure manual be updated to include domestic partners as per state law.

Motion: Recommend to the board of county commissioners that the policy and procedures manual include the following paragraph:

3.11.4 Driver's license or state approved identification card - Appropriate documents. Funds may be used to pay for document fees and postage to obtain primary, supporting, or alternative documents required by the Washington Department of Licensing to obtain a Washington state identification card or Washington state drivers license. If the veteran has a suspended drivers license due to inability to pay fines, funds may be used to enroll the veteran into a structured,

legitimate program to restore the veterans driver license. Funds may not be used to pay off any fines.

Motion: Recommend to the board of county commissioners that the policy and procedures manual include the following paragraph:

3.11.5 Occupational certification - Funds may be used to pay for occupation certification test fees and/or occupation license fees.

Motion: Recommend to the board of county commissioners that the policy and procedures manual include the following paragraph:

3.11.6 Union Dues – funds may be used to pay for past union dues when a veteran can provide written documentation that payment of such dues will provide the veteran with a paying job with a specific employer.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public may comment on any issues within the scope of the Veterans Advisory Board mission.
10. GOOD OF THE ORDER
11. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

June 11, 2008, 5:00 pm

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 14, 2008
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public may address any of the topics below on the agenda. Please keep comments to 2 or 3 minutes.
6. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS – Report only if you have something new.
 - Homeless* – Ray Switzer
 - Employment* – Dennis Mannick
 - Incarceration program* – Staff, Ray Switzer
 - Female vets* – Sharon Kirkpatrick
 - Legislative update* – Fred Scheffler
 - Mental health* – Corky Sullivan
 - Assistance fund* – Staff
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - CVC Regional Conference* – Board
 - Select representatives for regional meetings
 - Stand Down Report* - staff
 - Drive Program* – Staff

Motion: Recommend the board of county commissioners approve following paragraph for inclusion in the veterans assistance program policy and procedures manual:

3.11.4 Driver license or state approved identification card - Appropriate documents. Funds may be used to pay for document fees and postage to obtain primary, supporting, or alternative documents required by the Washington Department of Licensing to prove identity of a veteran for obtaining a Washington state identification card or Washington state driver license.

Motion: Recommend the board of county commissioners approve following paragraph for inclusion in the veterans assistance program policy and procedures manual:

3.11.4.a Suspended Driver License. If the veteran has a suspended Washington state driver's license due to inability to pay fines, funds may be used to pay

enrollment fee in a structured, legitimate program to restore the veteran's driver license. Funds may not be used to pay off any fines, insurance fees, collection agency fees, or other costs.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Keyport Diversity Day

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public may comment on any issues within the scope of the Veterans Advisory Board mission.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

11. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

May 14, 2008, 4:30 pm

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER at 4:30 pm
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 9, 2008 Willis Papillion moved; Russ Hauge 2nd.
Motion Passed
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Mike Carroll moved; Allan Bailey 2nd. Motion Passed
5. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS – Report only if you have something new.

Homeless – Ray Switzer went to the homeless convention in Yakima. Has 20 men and 4 women placed in Building 9.

Employment – Dennis Mannick will be at the pre-deployment day for the 81st BCT.

Female vets – Sharon Kirkpatrick reported that Seattle Storm are honoring women veterans and Mothers of Military Support and WDVA are doing a special event in Moses Lake.

Mental health – Corky Sullivan went to NAMI sponsored event at KMHS.

Assistance fund – Staff updated on expenditures and income for fund. April had very high payout of \$25,000+ in emergency funds.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Stand Down – Board members commented on the success of the stand down. 125 in attendance, compared to last fall's 117, of which only 12 were repeaters.

CVC Regional Conference – Dennis, Rudy Muriel, and staff talked about the planned conference for May 22nd. Registration list passed around among members.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Should the Veterans Advisory Board monthly meeting start at a later time so it is easier for members who have to work? – Council discussed the need to accommodate members who are working. Allen Gates moved to have meetings start at 5:00 pm rather than 4:30 pm. Rudy 2nd. Motion Passed.

Revise Policy and Procedures Manual – Staff reported that several issues should be considered for updating the manual.

Domestic Partners. Staff explained new state law, effective June 2008, adds domestic partners to the definition of veteran in RCW 73.08.

Allen moved: Recommend to the board of county commissioners that the definition of veteran in the policy and procedure manual be updated to include domestic partners as per state law. Russ 2nd. Motion Passed.

Drivers License and State ID cards. Staff reported that the highest priority item that came out of the meeting with the primary social service providers was the lack of funding for identification documentation for those trying to qualify for program services. No ID, no eligibility and those who do not have a driver's license have severe difficulty in finding and keeping work.

Russ moved: Recommend to the board of county commissioners that the policy and procedures manual include the following paragraph:

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Dennis 2nd. After much discussion and concern about renewing suspended driver's licenses for those who cannot pay their fines, the Motion was tabled. Staff will get more information about the Drive Program at KCR for the next meeting.

Occupational licenses. Unemployed have problems finding the funding for an occupational license or certificate that is required for a job.

Russ moved: Recommend to the board of county commissioners that the policy and procedures manual include the following paragraph:

3.11.5 Occupational certification - Funds may be used to pay for occupation certification test fees and/or occupation license fees for which the applicant is otherwise qualified.

Allen 2nd. Motion passed.

Delinquent union dues. Some union members fall behind in their dues when out of work.

Russ moved: Recommend to the board of county commissioners that the policy and procedures manual include the following paragraph:

3.11.6 Union Dues – funds may be used to pay for delinquent union dues for otherwise qualified applicants.

Allan 2nd. Motion Passed.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Present: Allan Bailey, Mike Carroll, Allen Gates, Roth Hafer, Russ Hauge, Dean Hearing, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Dennis Mannick, Rudy Muriel, Dennis Nelson, Willis Papillion, Ella Rae, Corky Sullivan, Ray Switzer

Excused: Heidi Hottinger

Absent: Duane Cruz

Staff: Leif Bentsen

Drive Program

Enrollment costs include:

- Handling required paper work from the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Review paperwork and especially any and all infractions
- Making contact with Collections Agencies like Alliance One.
- Advocating and getting the approval for a person to be on a certain reimbursement scale

An average of 4 to 5 meetings is required to talk to people about their finances and for them to provide proof of income and other eligibility requirements and to make sure all paperwork is ready to go.

Those with 1st and 2nd degree suspensions and criminal in case (like a hit and run, license revoked, DUI) are not eligible.

Those with 3rd degree suspensions such as your normal traffic ticket for such infractions as running a light, no insurance, driving while suspended, vehicle equipment failure, are eligible.

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Silverdale Community Center

July 9, 2008, 5:00 pm

AGENDA

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 - Female vets* – Sharon Kirkpatrick
 - Legislative update* – Fred Scheffler
 - Mental health* – Corky Sullivan
 - Assistance fund* – Staff
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - Stand Down Report* - staff
 - Manual revisions* – staff
 - Keyport Diversity Days* - staff
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - Willis Papillion resignation* - staff
9. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public may comment on any issues within the scope of the Veterans Advisory Board mission.
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Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

August 13, 2008, 5:00 pm

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER Fred Scheffler called the meeting order at 5:00 pm
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 9, 2008 Quorum not present
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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Employment – Dennis Mannick reported that unemployment benefits had been extended

Incarceration- Vets Court – Russ Hauge outlined the pros and cons of a “vets court” in Kitsap County. Right now the caseload isn’t large enough to support a vets court per se. We already have a Drug Court and a diversion program that includes veterans. The municipal court system is working on a system where veterans would be aware of help from the Veterans Service Center if they so chose. Public participated in discussion about veterans in the law & justice system and veterans in general. Ray Switzer and staff will be making a presentation to the Municipal Court’s Practice & Procedures Committee.

Legislative update – Fred is pushing Bainbridge Island into hiring vets. Also pursuing a state of VA health care in Kitsap County report. American Legion is pushing for new clinic. Member of the public reported that local VA clinic doesn’t appropriate equipment for female examinations.

Assistance fund – Staff number of applications is still at around 50 per month, however the dollar amount has dropped to around \$22,000. If emergency payouts continue at previous month’s rate, current balance could be gone by end of 2013.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Stand Down Report – staff reported that dental coalition treated 18 stand down veterans on June 28th. Pulled 24 teeth and filled 45, plus numerous other things.

Manual revisions – staff did not meet last with board of county commissioners as previously planned. Meeting rescheduled for August 6th.

Keyport Diversity Days – staff. Date has been changed to August 7th. Sharon volunteered to go. Still looking for more volunteers.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Willis Papillion resignation – staff explained that Willis sent an email to the county commissioners, resigning from the board because he feels he was discriminated against by staff. However, in the communication, Willis did not explain how he was discriminated against. Staff has asked the county for an independent inquiry into the allegations.

Present: Russ Hauge, Dennis Mannick, Rudy Muriel, Fred Scheffler, Corky Sullivan, Ray Switzer

Excused: Roth Hafer, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Ella Rae,

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 - Board of Commissioner work study session* – Roth, Ray, staff
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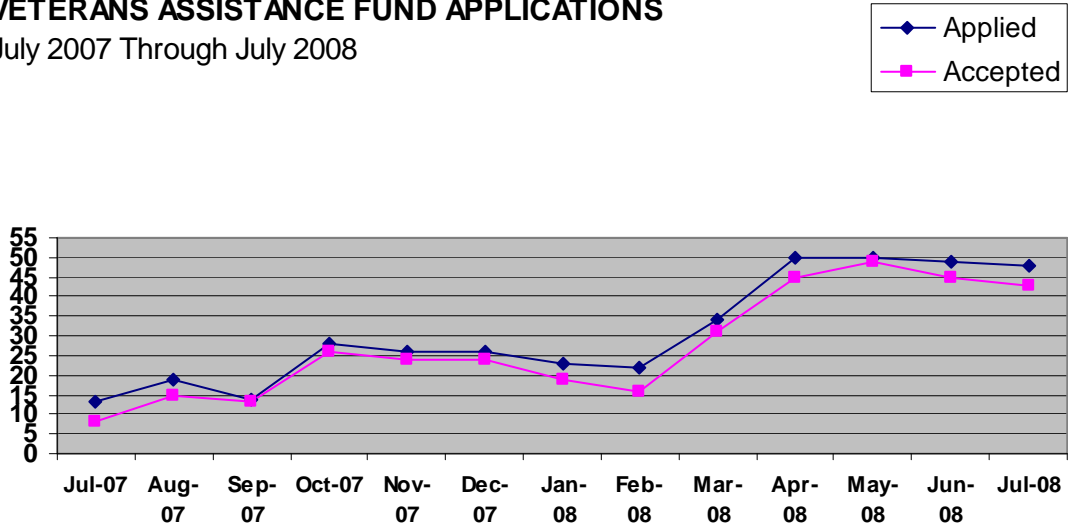
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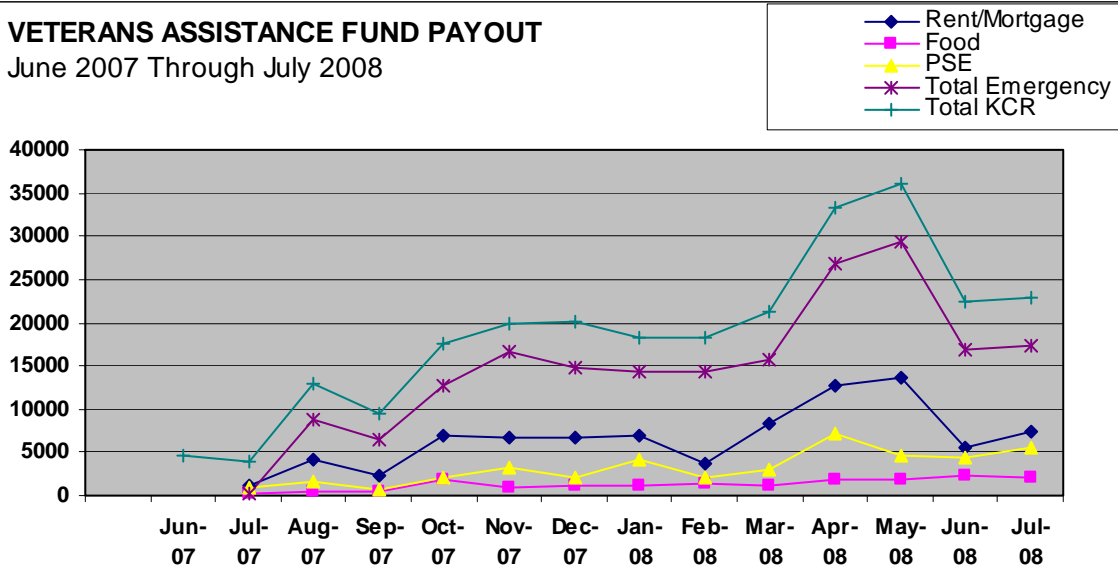
VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND APPLICATIONS

July 2007 Through July 2008



VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND PAYOUT

June 2007 Through July 2008



Veterans Assistance Fund Monthly Report July 2008

Total Applicants: 48

Total # of new applicants: 24

Applications Accepted: 43

Applications denied: 5

Total Payouts by Category:

- Rent - \$7371.68
- PSE - \$5578.18
- Propane - \$92.17
- Waste Management - \$152.10
- Sewer - \$219.79
- Phone - \$29.72
- Auto Repair - \$57.73
- Gasoline - \$594.46
- Medical - \$777.58
- Dental - \$155
- Bus Passes - \$30
- Food - \$2005.85

Of those that were served out of the Assistance Fund some were given information on other KCR programs as well, was unable to refer anyone as the programs I would refer them to are currently out of funding

KCR \$ value of referrals - \$0

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2008 – Present) - \$5868.48

Applications Denied: 5

- 1 individual was Mason County resident, referred to Mason County VAF
- 1 individual referred to KCCHA for rental assistance, they assisted with \$795 rental assistance
- 3 individuals were over-income, unable to refer anywhere due to such high incomes

Of those Veterans denied all were referred to other programs:

- 1 individual was referred to Mason County
- 3 individuals I was unable to refer due to such high income
- 1 individual referred KCCHA for rental assistance

Of those Veterans served out of the assistance fund all were referred to other programs and given resources outside of KCR as well:

- Harrison Hospital Charity Care Program, Health Care Resources
- Credit repair information and resources
- Prescription Savings Plans
- Low cost health insurance plans (Basic Health)
- Legal Services (CLEAR)
- Transportation resources
- Employment resources
- DSHS, Salvation Army, St Vincent De Paul, KCCHA Mortgage Assistance
- Retsil Service center, Retsil Veterans Home
- Self-help housing and home ownership programs
- Local food banks and free meal sites
- Housing resources, Kinship program
- Budgeting resources
- Identity theft protection and resources

No individual was denied without referrals.

\$ Value of referrals - \$3200

\$ Value of referrals YTD (January 2008 – Present) - \$34,363

Please note, many times I will refer an individual but never find out the outcome of that referral so this figure is not properly represented. This figure represents referrals I know the outcome of.

Total YTD Caseload: 60

Current Caseload: 5

Closed Caseload: 55

Total YTD applications received: 276

Total YTD applications accepted: 248

Total YTD applications denied: 28

Respectfully submitted by Garry Hughes, vet representative, KCR

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

September 10, 2008, 5:00 pm

AGENDA

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Employment – Dennis Mannick
Female vets – Sharon Kirkpatrick
Legislative update – Fred Scheffler
Assistance fund – Staff
7. OLD BUSINESS
Stand Down Report - staff
8. NEW BUSINESS
Military Fair - Staff
Deceased veterans - Staff
9. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public may comment on any issues within the scope of the Veterans Advisory Board mission.
10. GOOD OF THE ORDER
11. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

August 13, 2008, 5:00 pm

Minutes

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 9, 2008
Dennis Nelson moved, Allen Gates 2nd, Motion passed
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Ray Switzer moved, Dennis M, 2nd, Motion passed.

5. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS

Homeless – Ray Switzer has seen an increase in the number of people in the transitional housing program at Retsil. Pastor Art has been referring people as well. WDVA has received a \$300,000 grant to work with homeless vets in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. Locally the grant will be used to underwrite an outreach person with a focus on employment.

Employment – Dennis Mannick reports that about 20% of the unemployed are veterans. Congress has extended unemployment benefits which could impact 100,000 people.

Incarceration – Ray and staff made presentations at district court's practices and procedures committee. The WDVA transitional housing program has received their 1st referral from the court system. Unfortunately the person was an alleged arsonist and not admitted.

Female vets – Sharon Kirkpatrick has been encouraging Purdy staff to remind inmate veterans headed for reentry to take advantage of their county's program. There's a big focus on the Washington Women Veteran Conference. They are expecting 700-800 participants.

Assistance fund – According to staff, the assistance fund continues to receive about 50 applications per month, however the expenditures dropped off about \$10,000.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Stand Down Report – staff reported that the Oral Health Coalition is interested in doing another Tooth Down following the October 1st stand down

Board of County Commissioners work study session – Roth, Ray, staff reported that the BCC was generally receptive of the Advisory Board's manual recommendations, although one commissioner did express concern about the delinquent union dues section. Staff explained the reasons why the department of personnel and human services did not recommend funding the requests from Kitsap Mental Health Services and Catholic Community Services.

Keyport Diversity Days – staff reported that due to conflicting schedules of advisory board members, the advisory board was not represented at Diversity Days.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

9. ADJOURNMENT at 5:45 pm

Present: Dennis Nelson, Roth Hafer, Mike Connell, Corky Sullivan, Dennis Mannick, Ray Switzer, Tracy Brommel, Duane Cruz, Sharon Kirkpatrick

Veterans Assistance Fund Monthly Report August 2008

Total Applicants: **42** Total # of new applicants: **18** Applications Accepted: **40** Denied: **2**

Total Payouts by Category:

- Rent - \$6499.49
- Mortgage - \$1200
- PSE - \$5690.79
- Propane - \$173.99
- Heating Oil - \$823.19
- Water - \$372.86
- Sewer - \$100.42
- Phone - \$55.35
- Medical - \$168.61
- Dental - \$558.60
- Clothing - \$146.31
- Auto Repair - \$1223.88
- Bus Pass - \$36.50
- Gasoline - \$375.20
- Food - \$1740.35

Of those that were served out of the Assistance Fund some were given information on other KCR programs as well, was unable to refer anyone as the programs I would refer them to are currently out of funding, funding for these programs resumes in late September or early October.

KCR \$ value of referrals - \$0

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Applications Denied: 2

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- Budgeting resources

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\$ Value of referrals - \$3600

\$ Value of referrals YTD (January 2008 – Present) - \$37,963

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Total YTD Caseload: 64 Current Caseload: 4 Closed Caseload: 60

Total YTD applications received: 318 Total YTD applications accepted: 288 Total YTD denied: 30

Respectfully submitted by Garry Hughes, vet representative, KCR

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

October 8, 2008, 5:00 pm

AGENDA

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 - Stand Down Report* – staff
 - Forgotten Veterans Run* – Mike Carroll, Duane Cruz, staff
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - Military Sexual Trauma* – Staff
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4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Ray Switzer moved, Dennis M, 2nd, Motion passed.

5. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS

Homeless – Ray Switzer has seen an increase in the number of people in the transitional housing program at Retsil. Pastor Art has been referring people as well. WDVA has received a \$300,000 grant to work with homeless vets in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. Locally the grant will be used to underwrite an outreach person with a focus on employment.

Employment – Dennis Mannick reports that about 20% of the unemployed are veterans. Congress has extended unemployment benefits which could impact 100,000 people.

Incarceration – Ray and staff made presentations at district court's practices and procedures committee. The WDVA transitional housing program has received their 1st referral from the court system. Unfortunately the person was an alleged arsonist and not admitted.

Female vets – Sharon Kirkpatrick has been encouraging Purdy staff to remind inmate veterans headed for reentry to take advantage of their county's program. There's a big focus on the Washington Women Veteran Conference. They are expecting 700-800 participants.

Assistance fund – According to staff, the assistance fund continues to receive about 50 applications per month, however the expenditures dropped off about \$10,000.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Stand Down Report – staff reported that the Oral Health Coalition is interested in doing another Tooth Down following the October 1st stand down

Board of County Commissioners work study session – Roth, Ray, staff reported that the BCC was general receptive of the Advisory Board's manual recommendations, although one commissioner did express concern about the delinquent union dues section. Staff explained the reasons why the department of personnel and human services did not recommend funding the requests from Kitsap Mental Health Services and Catholic Community Services.

Keyport Diversity Days – staff reported that due to conflicting schedules of advisory board members, the advisory board was not represented at Diversity Days.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

9. ADJOURNMENT at 5:45 pm

Present: Dennis Nelson, Roth Hafer, Mike Connell, Corky Sullivan, Dennis Mannick, Ray Switzer, Tracy Brommel, Duane Cruz, Sharon Kirkpatrick

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

September 10, 2008, 5:00 pm

Meeting Notes

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:00 pm There was no quorum

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 13, 2008

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS

Assistance fund – Staff reported that the number of applications was still up, but the actual expenditures were \$10,000 less than the peak in June.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Stand Down Report – staff reported that things were progressing normally. The dental societies have arranged for a mobile dental clinic to be at the stand down.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Military Fair – Although the military fair is a wonderful event, the board consensus is not to participate because attendees were active duty and not indigent veterans per the mission of the board.

Deceased veterans – Staff advised that the coroner has the remains of six veterans. Board consensus was that board take possession and transport the veterans to Tahoma National Cemetery. Mike Carroll will arrange for motorcycle escorts, staff will handle arrangements with coroner and Tahoma National Cemetery.

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Present: Allan Bailey, Tracy Brommel, Mike Carroll, Allen Gates, Roth Hafer, Heidi Hottinger, Dennis Nelson, Ella Rae

Excused: Duane Cruz, Russ Hauge, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Dennis Mannick, Corky Sullivan, Ray Switzer, Ray Wolber

Absent: Rudy Muriel, Frederick Scheffler

Staff: Leif Bentsen

Veterans Assistance Fund Monthly Report August 2008

Total Applicants: **42** Total # of new applicants: **18** Applications Accepted: **40** Denied: **2**

Total Payouts by Category:

- Rent - \$6499.49
- Mortgage - \$1200
- PSE - \$5690.79
- Propane - \$173.99
- Heating Oil - \$823.19
- Water - \$372.86
- Sewer - \$100.42
- Phone - \$55.35
- Medical - \$168.61
- Dental - \$558.60
- Clothing - \$146.31
- Auto Repair - \$1223.88
- Bus Pass - \$36.50
- Gasoline - \$375.20
- Food - \$1740.35

Of those that were served out of the Assistance Fund some were given information on other KCR programs as well, was unable to refer anyone as the programs I would refer them to are currently out of funding, funding for these programs resumes in late September or early October.

KCR \$ value of referrals - \$0

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2008 – Present) - \$5868.48

Applications Denied: **2**

- 2 individuals were over-income, unable to refer anywhere due to such high incomes

Of those Veterans denied all were referred to other programs:

- 2 individuals I was unable to refer due to such high income

Of those Veterans served out of the assistance fund all were referred to other programs and given resources outside of KCR as well:

- Harrison Hospital Charity Care Program, Health Care Resources
- Credit repair information and resources
- Prescription Savings Plans
- Low cost health insurance plans (Basic Health)
- Legal Services (CLEAR)
- Transportation resources
- Employment resources
- DSHS, Salvation Army, St Vincent De Paul, KCCHA Mortgage Assistance
- Retsil Service center, Retsil Veterans Home
- Self-help housing and home ownership programs
- Local food banks and free meal sites
- Housing resources
- Budgeting resources

No individual was denied without referrals.

\$ Value of referrals - \$3600

\$ Value of referrals YTD (January 2008 – Present) - \$37,963

Please note, many times I will refer an individual but never find out the outcome of that referral so this figure is not properly represented. This figure represents referrals I know the outcome of.

Total YTD Caseload: 64 Current Caseload: 4 Closed Caseload: 60

Total YTD applications received: 318 Total YTD applications accepted: 288 Total YTD denied: 30

Respectfully submitted by Garry Hughes, vet representative, KCR

Veterans Assistance Fund Monthly Report September 2008

Total Applicants: 45

Total # of new applicants: 20

Applications Accepted: 40

Applications denied: 4

Total Payouts by Category:

- Rent - \$6098.38
- Mortgage - \$1200
- PSE - \$4143.02
- Heating Oil - \$913.95
- Natural Gas - \$244.96
- Waste Management - \$373.54
- Water - \$534.23
- Phone - \$772.86
- Clothing - \$245.37
- Hotel Stay - \$680.48
- Burial - \$1000
- Medical - \$1436.91
- Dental - \$1014.77
- Auto Repair - \$271.32
- Bus Pass - \$91.25
- Gasoline - \$714.03
- Food - \$1863

Of those that were served out of the Assistance Fund some were given information on other KCR programs as well, was unable to refer anyone as the programs I would refer them to are currently out of funding, funding for these programs resumes in early October.

KCR \$ value of referrals - \$553

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2008 – Present) - \$6421.48

Applications Denied: 4

- 3 individuals were over-income
- 1 individual had only been in service for 30 days

Of those Veterans denied all were referred to other programs:

- 2 individuals referred to Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society, both individuals received \$1000 towards unpaid bills
- 1 individual was rescheduled for October as his income had changed dramatically and was deemed income eligible in October
- 1 individual was referred to St. Vincent De Paul where he was assisted with \$350 towards rental assistance

Of those Veterans served out of the assistance fund all were referred to other programs and given resources outside of KCR as well:

- Harrison Hospital Charity Care Program, Health Care Resources
- Credit repair information and resources
- Prescription Savings Plans, Low cost health insurance plans (Basic Health)
- Legal Services (CLEAR)
- Transportation resources
- Employment resources
- Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society
- DSHS, Salvation Army, St Vincent De Paul, KCCHA Mortgage Assistance
- Retsil Service center, Retsil Veterans Home
- Self-help housing and home ownership programs

- Local food banks and free meal sites
- Housing resources
- Budgeting resources

No individual was denied without referrals.

\$ Value of referrals - \$3900

\$ Value of referrals YTD (January 2008 – Present) - \$41,863

Please note, many times I will refer an individual but never find out the outcome of that referral so this figure is not properly represented. This figure represents referrals I know the outcome of.

Total YTD Caseload: 70

Current Caseload: 6

Closed Caseload: 64

Total YTD applications received: 363

Total YTD applications accepted: 328

Total YTD applications denied: 35

Respectfully submitted by Garry Hughes, vet representative, KCR

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

November 12, 2008, 5:00 pm

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 8, 2008
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Public input on items 5 through 7 only.

5. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS – Report only if you have something new.

Homeless Ray, Staff

- a. Homeless count

Incarcerated – Russ, Ray, staff

Employment – Dennis M.

Legislative update - Fred

- a. VA medical facility on west side
- b. National Guard/Reservists loop hole

Mental Health - Corky

Female Vets

- a. MST subcommittee update

Assistance fund - staff

6. OLD BUSINESS

Stand Down Report - staff

Transportation Symposium – Roth and Fred

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mentoring at Juvenile Detention Center - staff

Election of Chair & Vice Chair – Ray, Mike Carroll, and Duane Cruz will serve on the nominating committee for chair and vice chair

Public comment on any issues falling with the scope of the veterans advisory board.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

December 10, 2008, 5:00 pm

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 12, 2008
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Public input on items 5 through 7 only.

5. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS – Report only if you have something new.

Homeless Staff

- a. Homeless count

Employment – Dennis M.

Legislative update – Fred, Staff

Recommendation for Motion: Veterans Advisory Board recommends to the Kitsap Board of County Commissioners that they encourage the county's lobbyist and the Washington State Association of Counties to actively support bills brought forth by Rep. Christine Rolfes and Sen. Derek Kilmer to close the eligibility loophole preventing current, mobilized members of the national guard or reserves from accessing county veterans assistance funds.

Mental Health - Corky

Female Vets - ?

Assistance fund - staff

6. OLD BUSINESS
 - Transportation Symposium* – Staff
 - Mentoring at Juvenile Detention Center* - Fred
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - Annual Retreat & Work Plan* - Staff

Public comment on any issues falling with the scope of the veterans advisory board.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Silverdale Community Center

November 12, 2008, 5:00 pm

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 pm by Roth Hafer
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 8, 2008 Allen Bailey moved, Rudy Muriel 2nd. Motion passed.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Allen moved, Ray Switzer 2nd Motion passed
5. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS – Report only if you have something new.
Homeless staff reported that the annual homeless count will take place on January 29 & 30. The organizers were planning for a stand down like event on the same dates.
Incarcerated – Ray reported that there is a discussion going on between WDVA and jail personnel in regard to a possible program.
Employment – Dennis Mannick reported that claim load is up 1,700, with 20% vets
Legislative update – staff reported that Fred Scheffler is working on an enhanced VA medical facility in Kitsap County, perhaps in the north end. Rep. Christine Rolfes and Sen. Derrick Kilmer will present legislation closing National Guard/Reservists loop hole.
Female Vets – Tracy Brommel reported that she met with Harrison Medical Center staff who handle sexual assault victims, which includes active duty and veterans. They are going to work on a way to figure out the actual numbers. Transportation to Seattle is one of the major problems.
Assistance fund – staff gave monthly report. Amount of applicants is still in the high forties.
6. OLD BUSINESS
Stand Down Report – staff handed out breakout summary of stand down survey.
Transportation Symposium – Roth attended the symposium. Veterans talked about extraordinary hardships in getting transportation from the peninsula to VA facilities.
7. NEW BUSINESS
Mentoring at Juvenile Detention Center – staff reported that Fred is interested in facilitating a veterans mentoring program at the center
Election of Chair & Vice Chair – Fred Scheffler and Dennis Mannick were elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively.
8. ADJOURNMENT approximately 6:00 pm.

Veterans Assistance Fund Monthly Report November 2008

Total Applicants: 45

Total # of new applicants: 24

Applications Accepted: 38

Applications denied: 7

Total Payouts by Category:

- Rent - \$8199.61
- Mortgage - \$899.56
- PSE - \$3002.70
- Propane - \$74.94
- Heating Oil - \$393.02
- Natural Gas - \$126.98
- Water - \$579.64
- Sewer - \$425.42
- Waste Management - \$121.23
- Hotel Stay - \$409.38
- Medical - \$3370.92
- Dental - \$223
- Bus Pass - \$109.50
- Gasoline - \$241.82
- Food - \$1839.63
- Telephone - \$68.87
- Auto Repair - \$111.71

Of those that were served out of the Assistance Fund some were given information on other KCR programs as well

KCR \$ value of referrals - \$7669

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2008 – Present) - \$22760.48

Applications Denied: 7

- 3 individuals that were denied services were rescheduled for December and received assistance
- 2 individuals had such high incomes I was unable to refer anywhere
- 1 individual had no means to support rent in the months to come and had no other bills that I could assist with to free up money for rent so had to deny services
- 1 individual was referred to Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society for assistance, they were assisted with \$695

Of those Veterans denied all were referred to other programs:

- 3 individuals that were denied have been rescheduled and both received services
- 2 individual had to high of income to refer to anyone
- 1 individual had no means to support rent in months to come so was unable to assist did refer to Salvation Army for Rental Assistance but he was unable to get assistance
- 1 individual was referred to Navy/ Marine Corps Relief Society and received \$695 toward electric bill.

Of those Veterans served out of the assistance fund all were referred to other programs and given resources outside of KCR as well:

- Harrison Hospital Charity Care Program, Health Care Resources
- Credit repair information and resources
- Prescription Savings Plans, Low cost health insurance plans (Basic Health)
- Legal Services (CLEAR)
- Transportation resources
- Employment resources

- Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society
- DSHS, Salvation Army, St Vincent De Paul
- Retsil Service center, Retsil Veterans Home
- Self-help housing and home ownership programs
- Local food banks and free meal sites
- Housing resources
- Budgeting resources
- Kinship Care Program
- Domestic Violence Resources
- Information on Clallam County Veterans Assistance fund

No individual was denied without referrals.

\$ Value of referrals - \$4890

\$ Value of referrals YTD (January 2008 – Present) - \$52,153

Please note, many times I will refer an individual but never find out the outcome of that referral so this figure is not properly represented. This figure represents referrals I know the outcome of.

Total YTD Caseload: 74

Current Caseload: 4

Closed Caseload: 70

Total YTD applications received: 458

Total YTD applications accepted: 413

Total YTD applications denied: 45

Respectfully submitted by Garry Hughes, vet representative, KCR

Summary of Comments Received from Veterans and Their Supporters

Washington State Veterans Forum:

A Symposium on Transportation Access for Veterans, Military Personnel and the Families

American Lake Auditorium

9600 Veterans Drive, Building 9

Tacoma, WA

October 17, 2008

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

While getting veterans and military families to medical appointments, training, etc. is an important issue. So many of the issues surrounding transportation are intertwined with the lack of medical opportunities for veterans in rural areas and the insensitivity of the VA (Veterans Administration) administrators to find solutions for that problem. Bringing health care to the community may be cheaper than providing extensive and expensive transportation for vets to get to facilities hundreds of miles to Seattle and Lakewood. Some just don't want to go to urban areas.

- There are many homeless veterans in rural and isolated areas that are not being reached. Many have psychological or mental illnesses that make traditional health care unresponsive. It would be easier to provide a shorter trip by people in their community to services in their community.
- There is a genuine need to coordinate DAV (Disabled American Veterans chapter) van service among themselves and with transit providers in the Olympic peninsula.
- Many veterans in the peninsula must leave as early as 2:30 a.m. for an appointment at VA sites at American Lake (Lakewood) and Seattle. In some instances people have to sleep in the bus shelter to make sure they are there on time for the DAV van that leaves the area as early as 4:30 a.m.
- When Hood Canal bridge closes air travel may be a cheaper and more efficient (i.e. less travel time, etc.) transportation option. More ferry w/ connections for transit need to be and will be added.
- Coordination can and should exist between community and public transit providers and DAV vans. Travel trainers, training for drivers, service design, maintenance, dispatching, etc. are all areas that could be considered for coordination.
- More and creative communications need be designed for all veterans but in particular for vets in "hard to reach" areas.
- More input needs to be received from veterans and people that service veterans at the local and county level in terms of how to allocate VA resources and how to design transportation services that meet their needs.
- Volunteer DAV drivers and transportation coordinators are being severely overtaxed. As a result there is not a growth in drivers and thus less opportunity to get Vets van transportation.
- In the State of Washington the ACCT Board is Raising the volunteer rate for mileage reimbursement. (fed \$.58 / mile). If people could be reimbursed at a greater rate (w/out being taxed) it would be easier to recruit volunteers.
- Veterans need to get involved in their community. Work with city, county, state and federal elected officials. Get involved with transit systems and other community resource groups.

Veterans need to step up as they did when they went into the service. Do our share – We all must contribute;

- It was emphasized repeatedly to contact elected officials at all levels. Even if they cannot help, they need to know the problems.
- Voucher payment should be expanded and communicated to veterans that use VA system and can use public and community transit. Certain hospitals buy "seats" for clients. Coordinated pass between cities/systems.
- Better coordination needs to exist between the availability and number of park and ride lots.
- Training and working with local senior centers should be a priority.
- There needs to be a better ways to match up between riders and providers (both DAV vans and public/community transit providers).
- Grant funds available from FTA – State grant funds. Come out of the Public Transit / Human Service Agency Transportation Plan. Every area is going to revise that this year. Be at the table.