

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Eagle's Nest, 1195 Fairgrounds Road

January 14, 2009 , 5:00 pm

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 10, 2008, 5:00 pm
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Public input on items 5 through 7 only.

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

Homeless/Incarceration – Ray Switzer, staff

Operation Connect - Staff

Employment – Dennis Mannick

Legislative update – Staff

Mental Health – Corky Sullivan

Female Vets – Heidi Hottinger

Assistance fund - Staff

6. OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Symposium – Staff

7. NEW BUSINESS

Annual Retreat & Work Plan – Staff

Order your lunch

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Prefiled Veteran / Military Bills as of January 8, 2009:

Bill	Companion Bills	Title	Status	Date	Sponsor (combined)	Hearing Info
HB 1001		Veterans' burials	H Prefiled	12/08/2008	Parker	State Govt & Tribal Affairs 1/13/09 1: 30 pm JLOB Rm D
HB 1020		Afghanistan-Iraq war	H Prefiled	12/08/2008	Sells	
HB 1035	SB 5030 (SPrefiled)	Militia	H Prefiled	12/09/2008	Hurst	State Govt & Tribal Affairs 1/13/09 1: 30 pm JLOB Rm D
HB 1036	SB 5032 (SPrefiled)	Military justice code	H Prefiled	12/09/2008	Kelley	Judiciary 1/15/09 10:00 am House Hearing Rm A
HB 1049	SB 5036 (SPrefiled)	Veterans' relief	H Prefiled	12/29/2008	Rolfes	State Govt & Tribal Affairs 1/13/09 1: 30 pm JLOB Rm D
HB 1050	SB 5034 (SPrefiled)	Veterans' scoring criteria	H Prefiled	12/29/2008	Kelley	State Govt & Tribal Affairs 1/13/09 1: 30 pm JLOB Rm D
HB 1051	SB 5035 (SPrefiled)	Veterans' access to services	H Prefiled	12/29/2008	Morrell	
HB 1070		Veteran lottery games	H Prefiled	01/06/2009	Moeller	
HB 1075		Military children	H Prefiled	01/07/2009	Rolfes	
SB 5008		Hunting licenses/military	S Prefiled	12/05/2008	Hewitt	Govt Ops& Elections 1/15/09 3: 30 pm Senate Rm 2
SB 5009		Experience rating accounts	S Prefiled	12/05/2008	Marr	Govt Ops& Elections 1/15/09 3: 30 pm Senate Rm 2
SB 5030	HB 1035 (HPrefiled)	Militia	S Prefiled	12/09/2008	Kilmer	Govt Ops& Elections 1/15/09 3: 30 pm Senate Rm 2
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SB 5036	HB 1049 (HPrefiled)	Veterans' relief	S Prefiled	12/10/2008	Kilmer	
SB 5041		Veteran-owned businesses	S Prefiled	12/15/2008	Kilmer	
SB 5053		State flag account	S Prefiled	01/05/2009	Hobbs	Govt Ops& Elections 1/15/09 3:30 pm Senate Rm 2
SJM 8000		Nisei veterans postage stamp	S Prefiled	12/10/2008	Kauffman	

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.

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March 11, 2009; 5:00 pm

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Robin Murdock, VA; HUD section 8 rent supplements for veterans
Stuart Walton, Washington Community Alliance for Self-Help; training program to help veterans start their own business.
 6. OLD BUSINESS
Review retreat action items See attached
Assistance fund report - staff
Operation Connect - staff
 7. NEW BUSINESS
The new economy and reprioritizing the Veterans Assistance Fund?
- Public comment on any issues falling with the scope of the Veterans Advisory Board.
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 - Homeless/Incarceration* – Ray Switzer, staff made presentation to Superior Court's practice and procedures committee. Ray and Steve Cline did 39 interviews in the county jail the previous week. They are working developing a WDVA Veterans Incarceration Project in the jail.
 - Operation Connect – Staff update the board of the progress of the event.
 - Employment* – Dennis Mannick reported that ESD is overloaded with unemployment requests.
 - Legislative update* – Fred has been talking with various congressional offices to improve health care on this side of Puget Sound. Staff reported that HB1049 is moving through the house.
 - Female Vets* – Heidi Hottinger and Tracy Brommel lead a discussion about the difficulty in reaching survivors of MST, and that we might have to do a public awareness campaign.
 - Assistance fund* – Staff gave monthly report on emergency assistance.
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 - Transportation Symposium* – Staff reported that he is on the following up transportation committee
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 - Annual Retreat & Work Plan* – Board placed their lunch orders for the retreat
 - Meeting Location* – Board briefly discussed why the meeting location has been changed. Staff will look into what it may take to get back into the Silverdale Community Center
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Retreat: Goals and objectives for 2009

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Board members: Dennis Nelson, Allen Gates, Ray Switzer

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Reallocation of VA resources in Kitsap County: *Board*

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Island Lake County Park
April 15, 2009 , 5:00 pm

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1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 11, 2009
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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5. REPORTS

Kitsap Access – Allen Gates

Legislative update - Staff

VSO training – Dennis Nelson, Allen Gates, Ray Switzer, Roth Hafer

Continuing Legal Education for Defense Bar – Ray Switzer

Cosponsor WDVA Incarceration Program – Ray Switzer

Unconditional Housing – Heidi Hottinger, Dennis Mannick

MST – Tracy Brommel, Heidi Hottinger, Dan Dunn, Ray Switzer

2009 Homeless Count – staff

Entrepreneurial training for veterans – staff

Networking with other boards on legislative issues – staff

Regional transportation committee – staff

Reallocation of VA resources – Fred Scheffler

Assistance fund - staff

6. OLD BUSINESS

Stand Down update - staff

Reprioritization of target populations? staff

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Eagles Nest, 1195 Fairgrounds Road

May 13, 2009, 5:00 pm

The purpose and establishment of the Veterans Advisory Board is to advise the board of county commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 15, 2009
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Public input on items 5 through 7 only.

5. REPORTS
 - VSO training – Dennis Nelson, Allen Gates, Ray Switzer, Roth Hafer
 - Continuing Legal Education for Defense Bar – Staff
 - Unconditional Housing – Dennis Mannick
 - MST – Staff
 - 2009 Homeless Count – staff
 - Entrepreneurial training for veterans – staff
 - Networking with other boards on legislative issues – staff
 - Regional transportation committee – staff
 - Reallocation of VA resources – Fred Scheffler
 - Assistance fund - staff
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - Stand Down update – Board, staff
 - Reprioritization of target populations – budgeting retreat? Staff
 - Tooth Down - staff
7. NEW BUSINESS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

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June 10, 2009, 5:00 pm

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 13, 2009
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Public input on items 5 through 7 only.

5. REPORTS (report only if there is new information)
 - VSO training – Roth Hafer
 - Continuing Legal Education for Defense Bar – Ray Switzer
 - Entrepreneurial training for veterans – staff
 - Reallocation of VA resources – Fred Scheffler
 - Assistance fund - staff
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - Budget retreat - staff
 - Tooth Down – staff
 - Stand down update - staff
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - Pass the Helmet

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board
Oyster Bay Room, Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside
100 Washington Avenue

July 8, 2009, 5:00 pm

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE – Allen Gates in memoriam
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS – Glenn Aherns, new board member
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 10, 2009 minutes
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. REPORTS
 - Entrepreneurial training for veterans – staff*
 - Reallocation of VA resources – staff*
 - Assistance fund – staff*
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - Budget retreat – Staff*
 - Stand down update – Staff*
 - SDVOSB set aside – Fred Scheffler*
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - Expanding Veterans Advisory Board mission statement – Staff*
 - Pass the helmet - Council*
9. ADJOURNMENT

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2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 13, 2009 minutes were approved by consensus
4. REPORTS

VSO training – Roth Hafer outlined the proposed service officer training tentatively scheduled for 9/18. Staff has yet to confirm reservation for Long Lake facility.

Continuing Legal Education for Defense Bar – Ray Switzer said that the training is still in the works, waiting approval of the state bar. The Retsil service center has a very positive relationship with the county jail in regard to getting veterans into programs once they leave the jail. One attempt at helping a veteran with a reduced sentence met with resistance from the justice system.

Entrepreneurial training for veterans – staff reported that because of procurement protocol the county will issue a Request for Proposals for the training. Fred talked about the possibility of demonstration project involving waste management and technology.

Reallocation of VA resources – Fred spoke to the issue of the need of improving health care for veterans on this side of Puget Sound and the need for veteran service organizations to get behind the effort. Staff reported that he had meet with Commissioners Brown & Garrido and discussed the advisory board's resolution from the last meeting. The board of county commissioners will send a letter to the director of VA Puget Sound Health and offer the county's assistance and resources to enhance the VA's efforts to provide better health care. The letter will also be sent to commissioners in Jefferson and Clallam counties as well as the local congressional delegation requesting their assistance.

Assistance fund – staff updated board on the May report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Budget retreat – Board discussed having a board retreat to develop a budget for 2010. Corky Sullivan moved that the board have a work study session in lieu of the regular monthly meeting in September. Roth 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting will be at Fred's home on September 9th, 5:00 pm.

Tooth Down – staff reported the Clear Creek Dentistry treated five veterans plus others for free on Saturday, May 23rd. Value of the treatment was approximately \$10,000. Corky asked if certificates of appreciation could be offered. Staff responded he would, however the dentist was being somewhat humble and did not respond to repeated requests for staff names.

Stand down update – Board reviewed survey from last stand down. Staff reported that 50 of the 135 attendees had attended at least one of the other three stand downs.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Pass the Helmet raised \$150 for a wreath for Spc. Samuel Stone's memorial. \$120 was given to Duane Cruz for purchasing wreath. Staff will open bank account and deposit remainder.

SDVOSB set aside – Fred has received letters from Service Disabled Veterans Owned Businesses where they are not being allowed to bid on federally funding contracts under the clause pertaining women and minorities. Fred will send an email to board members succinctly describing the situation.

8. ADJOURNMENT approximately 6:15 pm.

Veterans Assistance Fund Monthly Report June 2009

Total Applicants: 68

Total # of new applicants: 30

Applications Accepted: 61

Applications denied: 7

Total Payouts by Category:

- Rent - \$9144.28
- PSE - \$5623.52
- Natural Gas - \$844.86
- Propane - \$142.70
- Waste Management - \$296.37
- Water - \$795.94
- Sewer - \$178.16
- Telephone - \$553.32
- Medical - \$865.72
- Dental - \$431.34
- Burial - \$500
- Bus Pass - \$100
- Auto Repair - \$2177.24
- Gasoline - \$513.16
- Food - \$2458.18

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

KCR \$ value of referrals - \$4087

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2009 – Present) - \$55,774.71

Applications Denied: 7

- 5 individuals were over-income
- 1 individual denied due to Other Than Honorable Discharge
- 1 individual denied due to moving into Pierce County

Of those Veterans denied some were referred to other programs:

- 4 individuals unable to refer due to such high income
- 1 individual referred to Pierce County VAF
- 1 individual referred to Energy Department
- 1 individual rescheduled for July 1 2009 Appointment

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

- DSHS, Salvation Army, St Vincent De Paul, Fishline
- Abrahams House
- Harrison Hospital Charity Care Program, Health Care Resources
- Prescription Savings Plans, Low cost health insurance plans (Basic Health)
- Employment resources, Job Fairs
- Retsil Service center, Retsil Veterans Home
- Transportation Resources

- Local food banks and free meal sites
- Budgeting resources, Credit Counseling
- Mason County VAF, Pierce County VAF
- Housing Programs and Resources
- Medical and Dental Resources
- 211 Resource Line
- Bankruptcy Resources
- American Financial Solutions for housing and foreclosure counseling services

No individual was denied without referrals.

\$ Value of referrals - \$6300

\$ Value of referrals YTD (January 2009 – Present) - \$34,856.00

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Total YTD Caseload: 8

Current Caseload: 3

Closed Caseload: 5

Total YTD applications received: 354

Total YTD applications accepted: 334

Total YTD applications denied: 20

June Application Breakdown (New applicants only):

VFW 239 – 9 applications

AL 245 – 6 applications

VFW 4992 – 7 applications

VFW 2669 – 2 applications

AL 68 – 2 applications

DAV 5 – 3 applications

WVA 29 – 1 application

Respectfully submitted by Garry Hughes, vet representative, KCR

JUNE 2008

Total YTD applications received: 186

Total YTD applications accepted: 169

Total YTD applications denied: 17

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 8, 2009 minutes
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5. REPORTS
 - Entrepreneurial training for veterans – Board discussion*
 - Reallocation of VA resources – Staff*
 - Assistance fund – Staff*
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - Budget retreat – New location?*
 - Stand down update – New date?*
 - Pass the helmet - staff*
7. NEW BUSINESS
8. GOOD OF THE ORDER
9. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board
Oyster Bay Room, Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside
100 Washington Avenue

July 8, 2009, 5:00 pm

The purpose and establishment of the Veterans Advisory Board is to advise the board of county commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER Fred Scheffler called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE – Allen Gates in memoriam
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS – Glenn Aherns, new board member
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 10, 2009 minutes Roth Hafer moved, Allan Bailey 2nd.
Motion passed.
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Moved, 2nd, passed
6. REPORTS
 - Entrepreneurial training for veterans* – staff explained that an RFP had been put out due to the amount of money involved and the county's protocol. Once the proposals come in, he will ask for a board member with small business experience to service join staff and Fred in reviewing proposals.
 - Reallocation of VA resources* – Commissioner Garrido is following-up with other elected officials to contact VA Health in regard to expanding services in Kitsap County. Jefferson Board of County Commissioners has written a letter as well.
 - Assistance fund* – staff provided the monthly report as well as a six months report on expenditures.
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - Budget retreat* – Staff got the month mixed up. The retreat will take the place of the September meeting and be held at Fred's home on Bainbridge Island.
 - Stand down update* – Staff is writing a US Department of Labor grant to help fund the Stand Down currently scheduled for October 10th
 - SDVOSB set aside* – Fred Scheffler explained how Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses were being denied the opportunity to bid for federal contracts as a women or minority owned business.
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - Expanding Veterans Advisory Board mission statement* – Staff relayed a request from the Board of County Commissioners for the Advisory Board to consider expanding its mission to serve as a liaison between the county and active duty military and veterans who were not

indigent. The commissioners are very interested in knowing what kind of events, etc are coming up to serve those two groups that the county might be able to participate.

Pass the helmet – Staff reported that there was \$30 remaining in the memorial fund. Board raised additional \$150 to purchase wreath for Allen Gates memorial service.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 6:50 pm

Veterans Assistance Fund Monthly Report July 2009

Total Applicants: 55

Total # of new applicants: 22

Applications Accepted: 49

Applications denied: 6

Total Payouts by Category:

- Rent - \$10853.64
- Mortgage - \$1200
- PSE - \$3020.15
- Natural Gas - \$522.70
- Waste Management - \$49.90
- Water - \$436.24
- Telephone - \$67.48
- Union Dues - \$555
- Medical - \$2684.91
- Dental - \$389.80
- Clothing - \$84.71
- Auto Repair - \$1637.80
- Hotel Stay - \$893.79
- Bus Pass - \$100
- Gasoline - \$173.01
- Food - \$1749.96

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

KCR \$ value of referrals - \$3018

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2009 – Present) - \$58,792.71

Applications Denied: 6

- 6 individuals were over-income

Of those Veterans denied some were referred to other programs:

- 4 individuals rescheduled for August appointments
- 2 individuals unable to refer due to such high incomes

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

- Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society
- Safe Park for homeless families
- Local VA Clinics contact information
- Prescription Savings Plans, Low cost health insurance plans (Basic Health)
- Retsil Service Center
- Employment resources
- Head Start programs, homeless childcare information
- Local food banks and free meal sites
- Budgeting resources, Credit Counseling
- Transportation resources
- Housing Programs and Resources
- Medical and Dental Resources
- 211 Resource Line
- Abrahams house
- Budgeting resources

- American Financial Solutions for housing and foreclosure counseling services

No individual was denied without referrals.

\$ Value of referrals - \$6700

\$ Value of referrals YTD (January 2009 – Present) - \$41,556.00

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: 9

Current Caseload: 2

Closed Caseload: 7

Total YTD applications received: 409

Total YTD applications accepted: 383

Total YTD applications denied: 26

June Application Breakdown (New applicants only):

VFW 239 – 4 applications

AL 245 – 2 applications

VFW 4992 – 1 application

VFW 2669 – 2 applications

AL 68 – 5 applications

DAV 5 – 7 applications

WVA 29 – 1 application

Respectfully submitted by Garry Hughes, vet representative, KCR

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Eagles' Nest, 1195 Fairgrounds Road

September 9, 2009, 5:00 pm

The purpose and establishment of the Veterans Advisory Board is to advise the board of county commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES August minutes
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. REPORTS
 - Entrepreneurial training for veterans – Staff*
 - Assistance fund – Staff*
 - Stand Down - Staff*
6. FACILITATED DISCUSSION – staff
 - Budget
 - Core Service – Temporary Emergency Assistance
 - Stand Downs
 - Entrepreneurial Training
 - WDVA Proposal
 - Training
 - ??
 - Expanding the mission statement?
 - Veterans Day
 - Memorial Day
7. NEW BUSINESS
8. GOOD OF THE ORDER
9. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Eagles' Nest, 1195 Fairgrounds Road

August 12, 2009, 5:00 pm

The purpose and establishment of the Veterans Advisory Board is to advise the board of county commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER at 5:05 pm
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 8, 2009 minutes Roth Hafer Moved; Corky Sullivan 2nd. Motion Passed
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA moved and passed
5. REPORTS

Entrepreneurial training for veterans – Board reviewed Washington CASH proposal. CASH representative Stu Walton responded to inquiries. Board recommended that staff pursue contract.

Reallocation of VA resources – Staff reported there has been no response to Commissioner Garrido's letter to VA Puget Sound Health Systems director. Staff will follow-up.

Assistance fund – Board reviewed monthly report
6. OLD BUSINESS

Budget retreat – New location? Fred reported that his home is undergoing seismic renovation and might not be available next month. If not, will probably meet at Eagles Nest.

Stand down update – New date? Stand Down has been rescheduled again to October 10th due to snafu in Parks Department calendar.

Pass the helmet – staff reported memorial fund has \$72.
7. NEW BUSINESS

Bunkhouse report. Dennis Olds talked about his goals in providing housing to homeless veterans. He currently rents a house where he rents out rooms for \$410 a month across the street from his home. He described his program and was seeking advice and funding in order to make it more successful. Apparently he does have some veterans in his space who received veterans assistance program funds for rent. Board members offered several suggestions including creating a non-profit and contacting the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program in Seattle, which manages a similar program in several houses.
8. ADJOURNMENT approximately 7:30 pm

Veterans Assistance Fund Monthly Report August 2009

Total Applicants: 57

Total # of new applicants: 22

Applications Accepted: 48

Applications denied: 9

Total Payouts by Category:

- Rent - \$11360
- Mortgage - \$1200
- Hotel Stay - \$1381.71
- PSE - \$4032.76
- Natural Gas - \$37.61
- Waste Management - \$74.96
- Sewer - \$101.87
- Water - \$296.79
- Phone - \$128.11
- Burial - \$500
- Medical - \$103.09
- Dental - \$91.20
- Occupational Certification - \$125
- Bus Pass - \$150
- Auto Repair - \$1173.26
- Gasoline - \$269.80
- Food - \$2063.09

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

KCR \$ value of referrals - \$2500

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2009 – Present) - \$61,292.71

Applications Denied: 9

- 4 individuals were over-income and rescheduled for September
- 1 individual was over-income from July appointment and at August appointment was still over-income
- 2 individuals were returning clients whose incomes had increased making them over-income
- 1 individual had issues solved by time of appointment so did not assist
- 1 individual did not want to go through process and get proper documentation – client walked out of appointment

Of those Veterans denied some were referred to other programs:

- 4 individuals rescheduled for September appointments
- 2 individuals unable to refer due to such high incomes
- 1 individual was referred to Spokane County VAF
- 1 individual was referred to American Financial Solutions for mortgage modification
- 1 individual was unable to refer due to client walking out of appointment

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

- Retsil Service Center
- Drug/Alcohol counseling
- King County VAF

- Prescription Savings Plans, Low cost health insurance plans (Basic Health)
- Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society
- Employment resources
- Lions Club
- Local food banks and free meal sites
- Budgeting resources, Credit Counseling
- Transportation resources
- Housing Programs and Resources
- Medical and Dental Resources
- 211 Resource Line
- Abrahams house
- Budgeting resources
- American Financial Solutions for housing and foreclosure counseling services
- DSHS

No individual was denied without referrals.

\$ Value of referrals - \$5850

\$ Value of referrals YTD (January 2009 – Present) - \$47,406.00

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: 11

Current Caseload: 3

Closed Caseload: 8

Total YTD applications received: 466

Total YTD applications accepted: 431

Total YTD applications denied: 35

August Application Breakdown (New applicants only):

VFW 239 – 1 application

AL 245 – 6 applications

VFW 4992 – 1 application

VFW 2669 – 1 application

AL 68 – 6 applications

DAV 5 – 6 applications

VFW 4th District – 1 application

Respectfully submitted by Garry Hughes, vet representative, KCR

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board
Poulsbo Fire Station

October 14, 2009, 5:00 pm

The purpose and establishment of the Veterans Advisory Board is to advise the board of county commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES August minutes
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. REPORTS
 - Entrepreneurial training for veterans – Staff*
 - Assistance fund – Staff*
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - Stand Down – Staff*
 - Budget Discussion – Staff*
 - Core service repeaters
 - Proposed 2010 programs budget
 - County Zeroing out revenue for 2010
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - Pass the helmet – Militia Ball
 - Motion: The Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board recommends spending \$100 for a veterans assistance fund information table at the Suquamish Tribe's annual Veterans Powwow
8. GOOD OF THE ORDER
9. ADJOURNMENT

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Eagles' Nest, 1195 Fairgrounds Road

September 9, 2009, 5:00 pm

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Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER Chair Fred Scheffler called the meeting to order
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES August minutes approved
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Agenda approved
5. REPORTS

Entrepreneurial training for veterans – Staff updated board on training.

Assistance fund – Staff provided monthly report

Stand Down – Staff wrote DOL grant requesting \$7,000 for stand down. Board members volunteered to attend.

6. FACILITATED DISCUSSION

Budget

Core Service – Temporary Emergency Assistance contract with Kitsap Community Resources is budgeted at \$382,000 of which \$300,000 is for direct services. At the current rate of demand, this program may exceed its budget by \$10,000. Consensus is that 2010 be budgeted at \$425,000 and that the VAF applicant database be examined to see if there are any causes/trends of repeaters. Staff will ask KCR for data. Also discussed readjusting \$1200 cap per year and other payouts. Board members will review Policy & Procedure Manual.

Stand Downs cost range from \$7 to \$12,000. There was some discussion about doing one Stand Down per year. Consensus is to budget \$25,000 for two stand downs.

Entrepreneurial Training is untested, but consensus is to budget \$45,000 based on review of program in July, 2010.

WDVA Proposal. Ray Switzer felt that we didn't have enough data on the jail population to prove or demonstrate a demand to underwrite a staff person for an incarceration program in the county jail. Following discussion, consensus is to set-aside \$25,000 to support a program if it should be developed during 2010.

Training and other events, such as regional meetings, should be budgeted at \$5,000.

Other?? Corky Sullivan suggested that the program should look into hiring a field researcher, possibly a MSW kind of person, who would go into the bush and try to contact veterans. Discussion ensued in regard to having a contract employee or making it a one time research project.

Discussion ensued about overall impact of proposed project budgets would have on the fund balance. Staff will provide an estimated budget reflecting fund balance at next meeting

Expanding the mission statement to include all veterans and active duty?

Board felt that in regard to active duty personnel, the county commissioners should establish a direct liaison with the Kitsap Navy Base commander's office. To include non-indigent veterans Ray moved, Allan Bailey 2nd that staff write language for the mission statement that would reflect "prevention of indigence" which would cover all veterans. Motion passed.

- Veterans Day Mark Lowe volunteered to be the liaison with Veterans Day ceremony planning committee.
- Memorial Day – wasn't discussed

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

9. ADJOURNMENT