



Veterans Advisory Board

The purpose and establishment of the Veteran's 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 the programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

BOARD MEETING

DATE: April 13, 2022
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: TBD

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AGENDA

* = Action Item

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| 1. Call to Order | Harry Gilger |
| 2. Online Announcement (if required) | Peggy Roy |
| 3. Introductions | Harry Gilger |
| 4. Welcome | Peggy Roy |
| 5. Approval of Agenda* | VAB |
| 6. Approval of Minutes, March 2022* | VAB |
| 7. Guest Speakers | Peggy Roy / Rick Becker |

Kitsap County Housing Roundtable Discussion

- Commissioner Garrido – Opening Remarks
- Kirsten Jewell – Housing initiatives: past, present, and future.
- Jeff Rimack – Community Development, Tiny House placement challenges and future initiatives.
- Senator Murray's Office Representative – Possible federal assistance to the county to achieve goals.
- Questions / Answers.
- Next Steps?

8. Reports

- a. Veterans Assistance Funds (reports provided in packet)
- b. Committee Reports
 - Tiny Houses – Clive
 - Veterans Garden – Dennis/George
 - Public Affairs – Joe
 - Military Appreciation – Joe
 - Social Media – Brian
 - Veterans Day – Bob
 - Women’s Resource Group – Peggy
 - Suicide Prevention – Rick/Dan
 - Veteran Education – Tatiane
 - Unforgotten Run – Harry
 - CBOC – Peggy

9. Old Business:

- a. Spring Stand Down update - Peggy
- b. Run to Tahoma update - Harry

10. New Business

- a. 2022 Fall Stand Down

11. Public Comment

12. Good of the Order/Announcements

13. Next Meeting, Time & Place – May 11, 2022, 1730; Place TBD

14. Adjourn

VAB Events 2022

January TBD – Begin Run to Tahoma planning meetings

January 12 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

February 9 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

March 9 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

March 5 - Military Appreciation Day, Kitsap County Fairgrounds Pavilion

March/April - Veteran Garden prep

April 13 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

April 30 – Spring Stand Down; Grab & Go

May TBD – Veteran Garden Working Party

May 11 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

May 27 – The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma; transfer Veteran remains from Coroner to County Admin Building

May 28 – 1000, The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma

June TBD – Veteran Garden Working Party

June 8 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

July TBD – 1000 – 1200, Veteran’s Garden Working Party

July 13 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

August TBD – Veterans Garden Working Party

August 10 – 1730, VAB monthly meeting

September 14 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

September 10 - 1830- 2000; World Suicide Prevention

September 24 - Fall Stand Down; 1000 - 1400 + set up and tear down

October TBD - Veterans Garden Working Party

October 12 – 1730 VAB monthly meeting

November 5 - 0900 - 1400, VAB Retreat (no monthly meeting)

November 11, Veterans Day

December 14 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

January 11, 2023 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

January 2023 - begin Run to Tahoma planning meetings

**MINUTES OF THE
KITSAP COUNTY VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD
March 9, 2022
Online meeting**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Harry Gilger at 5:30 PM.

- **Announcements:**
 - Chair read required on-line announcement covering the conduct of voting members and guests during the meeting.
 - Each member provided a brief introduction to the group.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Joe Kochera and seconded by Bob Theal to approve agenda.
- **Approval of minutes:** Motion made by Bob Theal and seconded by Harry Gilger to approve the February 9, 2022, meeting minutes.
- **Guest Speaker:** Commissioner Garrido spoke on several topics which included tiny houses, the building on Mile Hill for homeless, Veterans Garden, Olympic Consortium Board, Comprehensive Plan, transit, and the importance of neighborhood and community. She addressed some questions from Board members. Of particular concern with the tiny homes is if people seeking homes will be able to house with their pets. Commissioner Garrido acknowledged that having pets in the tiny homes is an issued being discussed on how best to deal with it. They have to keep in mind that some people may have allergy's to pets which would be a cause for concern. With regard to the building on Mile Hill, it will house 75 people. Kitsap Rescue Mission will deliver services for moving people inside and looking at how to improve their situation. At this point, the availability of the facility is 2023. Extensive work is required to the facility to make it habitable which includes all the permitting required.
- **Guest Speaker:** Kristinia Didricksen, from Catholic Community Services with team members Richard and Archelt spoke about the Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) funding. They are geared to support Veterans experiencing homelessness. They can provide six to nine months of rental support and up to 24 months for specific cases. Their philosophy is a client choice approach. The objective being there is more success in solving a situation if the client makes the decision rather than them being directed to a fix. They work directly with KCR in providing assistance. In our monthly financial reports, we notice where Garry Hughes, KCR, refers clients to them for services which includes housing assistance, rent, utilities, moving costs, and childcare. They do out-reach in the encampments. They have access to verify a Veterans eligibility status if a Veteran doesn't have an ID card or DD-214. They recently opened an office in Bremerton and Archelt is the Manager.

- **Reports: Committee Reports (Five Minutes Each)**

- Veterans Assistance Funds – Reviewed the monthly financial report.
- Tiny Houses – Nothing new to report.
- Veterans Garden – Nothing new to report.
- Military Appreciation Day – Joe Kochera thanked Rick Becker for setting up for the event. It was a fun event and well attended.
- Veterans Day –Nothing new to report
- Social Media – Brian reported with the extreme cold temperatures being predicted he posted shelter facilities that would be open.
- Suicide Prevention – Rick Raymond is in the beginning stages of preparing for an event in the fall. Initial invites have gone out to some of the dignitaries expected at the event.
- Veteran Education – Nothing new to report this month.
- Women’s Resource Group – Nothing new to report.
- Unforgotten Run – Harry reported that planning continues. Welcomed Jenn Aguilar, Commander of Combat Veterans Motorcycle group. They will be participating in the planning for the event and escort to Tahoma.
- CBOC – Nothing new to report.

- **Old Business:**

- Build for Zero, <https://community.solutions/built-for-zero/>; Rick Raymond mentioned this during Commissioner Garrido’s remarks. Only 90 communities across the county have signed up for this program. The Build for Zero program is an initiative to end homelessness by looking at communities that have measurable change and the success they have achieved. The future would be where homelessness is rare and brief. Commissioner Garrido asked to meet with Rick to learn more about the program.
- Veterans Park, Port Orchard. Doug Washburn stated a cleanup crew made up of over 30 volunteers worked Saturday, March 5, to clear the park. Northwest Hospitality has been instrumental in conducting several cleanup events and will continue to monitor the park with site visits to assist homeless folks.

- **New Business:**

- Peggy discussed the latest update for the Stand Down in April. A sixth site has been added at the American Legion Post on Bainbridge Island. The plan is to have a total of 150 bags plus 30 women’s specific bags prepared to hand out. The Board approved funding of \$10,000 to support the Stand Down.

- **Good of the Order/Announcements:**

- Bob Theal recognized and thanked Rick Raymond for his recent help in getting a donated recliner to a Veteran at Retsil.
- Bob Theal announced legislative Bill HB 1181, Establishing programs and measures to prevent suicide among veterans and military members passed unanimously and has been delivered to the Governor for action.

- **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- **Next meeting:** Next monthly meeting will be April 13, 2022. Details of location and/or Zoom will be published at a later date.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1920.

Task Tracker			
Date	Name	Task and Goal for Completion	Progress
2/9/22	Rick Becker	Reimbursement for garden expenses. 2/28/22	2/10/22 Rick met with Alan Sharett to discuss reimbursement procedures. Alan will need to make changes to the financial report and designate a line item for garden expenses. 2/11/22 Alan is working on a solution. He hopes to have an adjustment to the financial report in March.
2/9/22	Joe Kochera	Military Appreciation Day 3/5/22	2/9/22 Joe will notify Peggy about table placement at the event. 3/5/22 Table procured at no cost. Many of the VAB members attended event. Task complete.
3/9/22	Rick Raymond	Meet with Commissioner Garrido about Built for Zero program.	

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
<u>Present</u> Harry Gilger Brian Davis Dan Piper Frank Gibbons Joe Kochera Dennis Mannick Bob Theal Peggy Roy George Holden Clive Stewart Tatiane Simons Richard Raymond <u>Absent/Excused</u> Jayme DeGooyer (E) Joel Atteberry (E) Jeff Rimack Scott Austin	Commissioner Garrido Kristinia Didricksen, CCS (SSVF) Richard CCS (SSVF) Archelt CCS (SSVF) Octavia, USAF Vet Jenn Aguilar, Commander, Combat Vets Michael Marshall	Doug Washburn Sonya Mills

2022 Veterans Relief Fund Budget

As of March 31, 2022

Account #	Account Title	Budget	Year to Date	Percent	Balance
	Beginning Fund Balance	300,000.00	354,753.69		
Current Revenue					
3110.10	Real & Personal Property	596,000.00	44,433.51	7.5%	551,566.49
3610.11	Investment Interest	2,000.00	48.61	2.4%	1,951.39
3000	Other Revenue	0.00	453.52	100.0%	(453.52)
	Revenue total	598,000.00	44,935.64	7.5%	553,064.36
	Budget total	898,000.00			
County Staff Charges					
5101	Regular Salaries	38,759.00	9,216.51	23.8%	29,542.49
5201	Industrial Insurance	455.00	90.49	19.9%	364.51
5202	Social Security	2,965.00	698.91	23.6%	2,266.09
5203	PERS Retirement	3,973.00	935.12	23.5%	3,037.88
5209	WA State Family Leave	57.00	8.97	15.7%	48.03
5229	Benefit Bucket	7,245.00	2,393.20	33.0%	4,851.80
5311	Office Supplies	500.00	192.39	38.5%	307.61
5419	Other Prof Services	-	400.00	100.0%	(400.00)
5422	Cellular Telephone	-	61.15	100.0%	(61.15)
5425	Postage	100.00	-	0.0%	100.00
5431	Mileage	1,000.00	-	0.0%	1,000.00
5432	Travel	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5451	Operating Rentals	-	0.60	100.0%	(0.60)
Contracted Services					
5415	Management Consulting	(130,000.00)	-	0.0%	(130,000.00)
	KCR	600,000.00	76,759.92	12.8%	523,240.08
	NW Justice League	50,000.00	7,388.00	14.8%	42,612.00
Standdown					
5311	Office Supplies	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5413	Medical/Dental	2,000.00	-	0.0%	2,000.00
5441	Advertising	2,000.00	-	0.0%	2,000.00
5451	Operating Rentals	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5499	Other Miscellaneous	9,183.00	-	0.0%	9,183.00
	Veteran's Garden	300.00	-	0.0%	300.00
County Charges					
5912	I/F IS Service Charges	3,012.00	753.00	25.0%	2,259.00
5913	I/F IS Program Maintenance	1,170.00	292.50	25.0%	877.50
5922	I/F IS Projects	166.00	41.49	25.0%	124.51

5996	Indirect Cost Allocation	6,001.00	1,500.25	25.0%	4,500.75
	Expense total	600,386.00	100,732.50	16.8%	499,653.50
	Ending Fund Balance	297,614.00	298,956.83		
	Budget total	898,000.00			



KITSAP COMMUNITY
RESOURCES
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Veterans Assistance Fund 2022

Monthly Report: March 2022

Submitted by: Garry Hughes

Activity	March	YTD
Total Applicants	30	93
Total # of New Applicants	3	10
Applications Accepted	29	92
Applications Denied	1	1
General Discharges	1	2
2022 Total Unduplicated	12	83
Total Payout	22,046.19	\$ 80,648.48

Activity	
Appliances	\$ 785.94
Auto Repair	\$ 4,852.51
Burial	\$ 604.50
Bus Pass	
Bus Ticket Home	
Clothing	\$ 250
Dental	\$ 2,491
Food, includes hygiene and cleaning supplies	\$ 1,763.60
Gasoline	\$ 399.75
Heating Oil	
Motel	
Medical	\$ 1,344.53
Natural Gas	\$ 615.34
Occupation Certification	
Phone	
Propane	\$ 1,192.56
PSE	\$ 4,387.80
Rent	\$ 2,481
Sewer	\$ 774.16
Union Dues	
Waste Management	\$ 91.55
Water	\$ 262.03
Wood for Heat/ Pellets	
Misc.	
Total Payout	\$22,046.19

Demographics	March	YTD
Veteran	12	80
Dependent	3	3
Widow	0	0
Gender		
Male	8	53
Female	4	30
Other Gender	0	0
Age		
30 yrs. old and under	0	2
31 to 60 yrs. old	5	29
60 yrs. old and over	7	52
Ethnicity		
Hispanic or Latino	0	0
Non-Hispanic or Latino	12	83
Race		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian	0	0
Black or African American	4	15
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	1
White	11	66
Other Race	0	0
Multi Race (2 or more of the above)	0	0

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

KCR \$ value of referrals – \$5,325

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2022 – Present) – \$12,472

Applications Denied: 1

- 1 individual denied (client referred self – was considered over-income)

Referrals

All clients are given referrals to community services including KCR.

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

- Home ownership programs (Habitat for Humanity)
- WIOA Program
- Whatcom County VAF
- Pierce County VAF
- Mason County VAF
- Housing Solutions Center (HSC)
- Salvation Army/St. Vincent De Paul/DSHS
- Food Banks/Free Meal Sites
- SSVF (Supportive Services for Veterans and Families)
- Work Source

- WDVA/Building 10
- Affordable Connectivity program
- 211 Resource Line
- Legal Resources/Northwest Justice Project
- VASH Program (Section 8)
- Catholic Community Services
- Homecare Services (In-Home)
- American Financial Solutions
- Landlord/Tenant laws of Washington State
- Manufactured/Mobile home Tenant /Landlord Laws
- Kinship Caregivers Program

\$ Value of Referrals outside of KCR - \$3,956

\$ Value of Referrals YTD (January 2022-Present) - \$9,360

31 phone calls fielded seeking information outside of assistance fund

March Breakdown:

Jail Contacts – 1

YTD (January 2022-Present) – 3 individuals

Clean and Sober Housing – 0

YTD (January 2022-Present) – 1 individuals (\$800)

Eviction relief Funding – 0

YTD (January 2022-Present) – 0 Households (\$)

Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Program - Summary of Direct Emergency Assistance During 2022

Total Direct Service Budget 2022 - \$350,000

Activity	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Total 2022
Appliances		\$ 142	\$ 786										\$ 928
Auto Repair	\$ 5,988	\$ 1,282	\$ 4,853										\$ 12,123
Burial		\$ 3,000	\$ 605										\$ 3,605
Bus Pass													\$ -
Bus Ticket Home													\$ -
Clothing		\$ 250	\$ 250										\$ 500
Dental	\$ 959		\$ 2,491										\$ 3,450
Food	\$ 2,049	\$ 1,915	\$ 1,764										\$ 5,728
Gasoline	\$ 607	\$ 459	\$ 400										\$ 1,466
Heating Oil													\$ -
Motel	\$ 285												\$ 285
Medical	\$ 47	\$ 103	\$ 1,345										\$ 1,495
Natural Gas	\$ 139	\$ 643	\$ 615										\$ 1,397
Occupation Certification													\$ -
Phone	\$ 1,129	\$ 1,085											\$ 2,214
Propane	\$ 1,273	\$ 664	\$ 1,193										\$ 3,130
PSE	\$ 2,984	\$ 3,212	\$ 4,388										\$ 10,584
Rent	\$ 20,322	\$ 7,004	\$ 2,481										\$ 29,807
Sewer	\$ 457	\$ 333	\$ 774										\$ 1,564
Union Dues													\$ -
Waste Management	\$ 167	\$ 125	\$ 92										\$ 384
Water	\$ 1,065	\$ 920	\$ 262										\$ 2,247
Wood for Heat/ Pellets													\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 37,471	\$ 21,137	\$ 22,299	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,907
Balance	\$ 312,529	\$ 291,392	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093

Demographics	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Total 2022
Veteran	49	19	12										80
Dependent	3												3
Widow	0												0
Gender													
Male	32	13	8										53
Female	20	6	4										30
Other Gender	0												0
Age													
30 yrs. old and under	2												2
31 to 60 yrs. old	19	5	5										29
60 yrs. old and over	31	14	7										52
Ethnicity													
Hispanic or Latino	0	0											0
Non-Hispanic or Latino	52	19	12										83
Race													
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0												0
Asian	0												0
Black or African American	11	4											15
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	1											1
White	41	14	12										67
Other Race	0												0
Multi Race (2 or more of the above)	0												0
TOTALS		95	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

2022 Applications Per month	52	40	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122
2022 New Clients served YTD	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
2022 Clients denied	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2022 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	52	19	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83

2021 Applications Per month	50	40	48	43	41	49	49	51	51	56	57		535
2021 New Clients served YTD	5	5	3	3	0	4	5	3	5	9	6		48
2021 Clients denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
2021 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	50	24	19	14	8	12	15	15	13	9	6		185

2020 Applications Per month	50	42	31	33	37	45	49	36	55	59	43	60	540
2020 New Clients served YTD	8	6	5	6	6	9	4	3	6	5	3	8	69
2020 Clients denied	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2020 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	50	22	17	19	16	16	15	8	12	16	8	9	208

2019 Applications Per month	57	39	51	67	58	44	58	48	41	63	43	44	613
2019 New Clients served YTD	7	8	7	9	8	7	10	4	4	11	5	5	85
2019 Clients denied	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
2019 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	56	20	22	31	24	18	21	11	15	18	13	7	256

2018 Applications Per month	41	29	34	38	42	42	43	33	40	37	40		419
2018 New Clients served YTD	7	4	2	5	5	4	5	5	8	9	7		61
2018 Clients denied	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0		3
2018 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	41	16	17	11	18	15	18	11	12	17	22		198

2017 Applications Per month	37	30	49	43	36	48	48	55	38	49	48	47	528
2017 New Clients served YTD	8	8	7	12	8	8	3	13	15	10	7	11	110
2017 Clients denied	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	3	2	2	15
2017 Total Clients Served	37	29	48	41	36	46	48	54	37	46	46	45	513

2016 Applications per month	36	45	37	36	36	41	50	40	33	37	35	32	458
2016 New Clients served YTD	10	14	7	5	5	10	13	10	9	7	9	2	101

2015 Applications per month	38	35	46	45	39	22	48	41	42	34	40	42	472
2015 New Clients served YTD	11	13	19	12	8	5	14	14	10	10	13	15	144