



Voting Board Members

<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Debra Baker , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Baker , AmVets, VFW 992
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Best , VRW 992, DAV
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Cunnington , AmVets 1111
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert “Joe” Dixson , Vet At-Large
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Simler , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Ensor , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trina Parrish , VFW 992
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Preston , Amer.Leg. Post #32, AmVets 1111
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don Schack , VFW/AmVet, American Legion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Waiblinger , Combat Vet. International
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Weber , VFW 992, DAV

Non-Voting Standing Invitees

- Meghan DeBolt - DCH, Director
- Wendy Cheng– Helpline, Client Services/Veterans Program
- Justin Jording-Helpline Bookkeeper/Veterans Program
- Liz McDevitt – Helpline, Director

Guests:

- Patrick Kenney, Helpline
- Jason, SSVF
- Sierra Knutson, Homeless & Housing Coordinator

Welcome: Debra Baker called the meeting to order at approximately 09:30 am.

Approval of Minutes: Don Schack moved to accept minutes as written. Larry Cunnington seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Report – Helpline – Review of Veterans’ Relief Services, Wendy Cheng Presented on behalf of Helpline

See Helpline “Veteran’s Assistance Monthly Report” distributed for details.

- Helpline shared details of the report for July 2019 service dollars provided to veterans.
- Waivers –

Report – DCH – Review of Finance Report for 2nd Quarter, Meghan DeBolt

See ‘Finance Report’ distributed for details.

- Meghan DeBolt shared that revenue and expenditures are on target for second quarter. Year to date expenditures are more than revenue because we generally see two large revenue months – April and October – when property taxes are due.
- We did see an increase in May for vouchers, however this was supported by the May Helpline report where there were two rental assistance vouchers to prevent homelessness.

Old Business:

- Council on Housing Sub-Committee: will meet immediately after VRAB, have a focus on employment
- Stand Down: will meet at noon today at VFW
 - VRF Budget for Stand Down has traditionally covered the pavilion rental, however this will be covered by the VA now
 - Request from the Stand Down Committee for \$2500 to support marketing and outreach. We have more than 4100 veterans in Walla Walla County and only a fraction receives benefits and come the Stand Down. Thus, we want a more robust outreach effort this year.

Working to address the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.



- Richard moved to approve \$2500 for the Stand Down; Larry seconded.
 - Discussion was to increase the funding to \$3500 to cover any other costs that may need to be covered.
 - Trina amended the motion all up to \$3500 for the Stand Down; Don seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

- WDVA VSO RFP:
 - Meghan, and others, discussed a new RFP from WDVA for a County VSO. The Commissioners approved applying on Monday, August 5th.
 - Discussion around what the VSO would do and what the need is. Since we only have one volunteer VSO there was consensus that we need another and can not rely on the VA to fill their position.
 - Don moved to support DCH applying for the VSO funding and to bring the VRF contract inhouse to DCH to run both programs. Trina seconded. Motion carried.

Program Updates:

- Stand Down meeting today at noon at the VFW.
- Veteran Sub-committee meeting today immediately after the VRAB meeting. Debbie, Richard, Joe D., Sierra, Brian and Wendy are expected to attend the meeting and we will have a report out in September.
- August 31st: VFW Cowboy Breakfast, 7-9am; see Don for tickets

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.

NEXT MEETING:

September 12th, 2019 | Vet's Center, Walla Walla | 9:30-10:30 A.M.