



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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert “Joe” Dixson , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Simler , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Ensor , Vet At-Large
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trina Parrish , VFW 992
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	Ken Silver , AmVets 1111,
<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: None

Welcome: Debra Baker called the meeting to order at approximately 0930.

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 May 2019 service dollars provided to veterans
 - Cell phone use was discussed again –
 - Assurance Wireless offers free phones for those who are eligible. Thus, please refer eligible veterans to them – they are at Work source and Helpline at least once a month.
 - Work Source – will help with long distance calls.
- Waivers – there was one denied waiver by DCH staff. The request was for round trip bus fair to Spokane for a veteran’s family member. DCH denied this waiver because the support was not aligned with the intent of the fund – which is to support indigent veterans, helping them move to self-sufficiency. In addition, DCH staff knew other funds in the community (VFW) support such need.
 - The Advisory Board discussed this and agreed with DCH’s decision, as this was considered Humanitarian and other funds support this.

Old Business:

- Budget and Bylaw Review Committee – Guidelines were approved by the BOCC on June 3rd. Changes are effective immediately.
- Council on Housing Veterans Sub-Committee – see Debbie’s notes attached.

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



- Based upon the notes and explanation provided by Debbie Baker, Don Schack moved to create a Veterans Task Force as a subcommittee of the VRAB and the COH. Richard Best seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Members will be – Debbie Baker, Richard Best, Michael Ensor – and others from the community.
- VA Summit
 - The VA decided to have an inhouse meeting to discuss why HUD Vash vouchers are not being used in Walla Walla. Largely this is because they are understaffed and are having a difficult time filling positions because they require too high of a credential than what is necessary.

New Business: No new business.

Program Updates:

- Stand Down- no meeting today. Will meet on June 27th at noon, VFW
 - Rotunda is secured
 - Downtown Foundation will help with communication
 - John Adams at VA has funding for the Rotunda. Michael will connect with him on details.
- Veterans State Home:
 - Red Cross is working with Soldiers and Veterans – Donated a golf cart, need volunteer drivers
 - Have recreation programs that need volunteers
- Flag Day – June 14th, 2019 – Am Vets is working with the Downtown Foundation to host an event at noon at Land Title Plaza. There will be a band.

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

NEXT MEETING:

July 11th, 2019 | Vet's Center, Walla Walla | 9:30-10:30 A.M.