

Thurston County Veterans Advisory Board
18 July 2022
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Bill Powell, Jason Matheney, Matt Hout, Lisa Narciso, Heather Miles, Eric Paul, and Brandon Frawley.

Others present: Mark Moffett, Laniece Milam, Ashley Redlevske, and Kurt Hardin.

Meeting opening:

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm.

Lisa motioned to approve April 18th, 2022, minutes and Brandon seconds.

Bill welcomes all to the forum.

Member's participation

- Bill states that all board members need to be responding to the waivers that are being sent out by Ashley.
- Mark suggests the Chair and Vice Chair only need to respond for waivers.
- The board agrees to the Chair, and Vice Chair responds to waivers.
- Brandon has not had any communication from board member Tang Smith.
- Mark says he will attempt to reach out to Tang Smith.

Policy & Procedures Update

- Ashley and Laniece are working on modifying the policies and procedures.
- Ashley speaks about some of the changes, changing the income guidelines based of the cost of living in Thurston County.
- Increasing burial expenses from \$800 to \$2000.
- Removing the food voucher due to access to Thurston County Food Banks.
- Ashley suggests holding off on pulling the food voucher until after she and Laniece inquire with local grocery stores.
- Ashley ends with if anyone has any questions in the future regarding the suggested changes, reach out to her via email.

Lacey Veterans Services Hub Inquiry

- Brandon says some concerns are coming out of the Hub that the board is not receptive to their update.
- Brandon feels that the Hub update is essential for the board to be able to make informed decisions.

Around the Room and Adjourn

- Jason questions if there will be a stand down in Thurston County.
- Ashley says she will coordinate with Moose (John Moysiuk) to find out about stand down.
- Eric expresses that he has experience running a Town Hall.
- Mark states that one challenge is the large VAF balance.
- Mark wants to get this money to the deserving veterans in the community through new programs and initiatives.
- Lisa suggests a Thurston County Veteran Fund Flyer that could be handed out at various places.
- Ashley has flyers already made and ready to distribute, working on new brochure.
- Discussed taking flyers to local CBOC, Madigan South Sound satellite clinic and JBLM.
- Kurt Hardin thanks Mark, Laniece, Ashley, and the board for everything they do.

Lastly

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm by Bill. Brandon Frawley recorded meeting minutes.