

Thurston County Veterans Advisory Board
18 October 2021
Meeting Minutes

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

Others present: Mark Moffett, Keith Looker (Manager, Lacey Veteran Services Hub), Ashley Redlevske (Thurston County Public Health), Heidi Palmer, Heather Miles, Anthony Moye, Tang Smith and Jon Pettit.

Meeting Opening

Meeting was opened at 6:10 p.m.

Covid Impacts on VAF

- Ashley states there is no overload with requests. she predicts once the moratorium ends there will be an increase in requests. Also, there has been no internet requests.
- Mark expresses that not one weaver request has been turned down.
- Board members agree to leave internet policy in place.

VAF Large Balance

- Mark questions new initiatives with the board, i.e., car payments, pass due cell phone bills, home heating, furnace repair, and septic repair.
- Bill would like to review expanding the VAF to more than twice in a lifetime. On a case-by-case basis.
- Ashley inquires with Heidi Palmer as to Lewis County's procedures.
- Matt suggests ways to allow for more opportunities for hotels be added the January agenda.

Lacey Veterans Services Hub

Keith gave an updated summary of the 3rd quarter.

Client appointments in 3rd quarter: 2,100
Client appointments for the year: 9,000
New building with 16 different offices.

New Providers/Sponsors

Bob Woodruff Foundation
Grand Canyon University
Warriors Breaking Bread

American Red Cross
Thurston County Human Trafficking Task Force
Unite Washington
Northwest Resources
Peer Olympia

Events

Heroes Café
Veteran's Day Memorial
Grand Reopening November 16th
Leaving The Sidelines Music Event
Amazon Hiring Event

New Services

Hiring Assistance
Music Group
Art Group
ETS Sponsorship
Financial Assistance
Medicare 101 Class
Food Insecurities

Possible New Board Members

- Bill introduces possible boards members Heather, Anthony, Tang.
- Heather introduction and bio.
- Heather's application was approved to become a board member.
- Anthony introduction and bio.
- Tang introduction and bio.
- Board thanks possible members for their time.

Around the Room Adjourn

Matt suggests application criteria be placed on the January 19th 2022 agenda.
Liza states that the WDVA is currently hiring.

Lastly

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 by Bill