

Thurston County Veterans Advisory Board
19 April 2021
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Sean “Smitty” Smith, Bill Powell, Fran Beard, Lisa Narciso, and Brandon Frawley.

Others present: Mark Moffett, Keith Looker (Manager, Lacey Veterans Services Hub), and Ashley Strauss (Thurston County Public Health).

Meeting Opening

Meeting was opened at 6:05 pm.

January 2021 Minutes approved with Lisa and making recommendation and Bill seconding.

VAF Large Balance

- There is a large balance of these funds. Plans need to be developed on how they should be used.
- Brainstorm creative ways to spend large balance, volunteers welcome.
- Ashley to head work group on brainstorming.
- Collect issue patterns with veterans.
- Client money spending concerns.
- Possibly increase spending cap for certain situations, after board approval.

Covid Impact on VAF

- Ashley expresses a lack of veteran request due to Covid stimulus checks and the state wide eviction moratorium.
- Mark recommends the 2020 group takeaway.

TCVAB Communications Update

- Fran, “No update on communication”

Board Elections

- Chair – Bill Powell
- Lisa making recommendation and Brandon seconding.

Lacey Veterans Services Hub Update

Keith gave an updated summary of the 1st quarter.

Client Sign In's: 1343

Daily Clients: 25
Client Appointment: 1,914

New Providers/Sponsors

Minuteman Fund
JBLM Transition
Unite Washington
Assured Assisted Living and Hospice
Neuro community Care North Carolina
American Workforce Group
Path with Art

Events

Mid May, The Lacey Veterans Services Hub will be moving back into their newly renovated building.

New Services

South Puget Sound Heroes Café – Red Cross
Lacey Workgroup on Homelessness
Bob Woodruff Food Insecurities Grant
Thurston County Realty Association
Cabin Light Studio – Instagram Podcast
West Care – Timberland Rural Veterans Outreach Expansion
Notary Services
Bob Woodruff Foundation Champions Advisory Committee

Board Elections

- Chair – Bill Powell
- Vice Chair – Matt Hout
- Secretary – Brandon Frawley

Around the Room

- Mark announced audit changes to intake forms.
- Lisa announced she will send out email regarding ?
- Smitty gave special thanks to Ashley's hard work.

Lastly

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm by Smitty.