

MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

Multnomah County Veteran Services Taskforce

January 3, 2011, 9:00am – 11:00am

Multnomah Building Room #635, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97214

MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA TOPIC / PRESENTER	NOTES
Welcome and Introductions Commissioner Diane McKeel	
Elan Lambert, Executive Director of Partnership for Veterans at Risk	
NACo Veterans Task Force, Community Academy Update Diane McKeel, Tina Edge	Conference Call, two or three more meetings. July NACo conference. Community Academy for new PPB recruits, Elan presents to recruits so that they have some experience with issues facing veterans.
Community Covenant Update Greg Lamb, Andrew Olsen	
Access to Recovery (ATR) Grant Ray Hudson	<p>Federal Grant that State received. Focused on people in recovery from alcohol and drug. \$3mil per year for the next 4 years. It will be divided among Multco, Lane, and two smaller counties. The fed and state want things that keep people in recovery during and post-addiction. Focused on those things that help keep people in recovery - it will include transportation help so you can get to recovery, education assistance, resume building, etc. Things to help people in their lives after addiction. There will be a few Recovery Medical Centers (RMC) in the state. People can go to these places and register at the RMC, and get in the system. There are three focus groups – moms and dads, families involved in the prison/jail system, and finally veterans. Ray is giving advice to the state, not running the program, but is looking for help on how to get vets involved in. Starting January 15, there will be many more new services for vets in recovery. Are there any ideas for where a 3rd recovery center in Multco might go? Ray will come back and fill us in on where the RMCs go, and how successful they are. There will be new and old providers. Vouchers can be used for many uses that are unusual, such as pastoral services.</p> <p>Seth: State is contracting with these providers to provide these services</p> <p>Ray: Yes, and the transition will not be smooth, but things are ramping up as the year progresses, with most operational in early spring. There will be millions of dollars available to many people in recovery, so this is a lot of money that can help people live their lives after addiction.</p> <p>Money can be used for security deposit/rent support, food, childcare and other things for those in need.</p> <p>Difficulty is that state is struggling to coordinate with these providers. Paul Potter has been hired to coordinate this program. He has been the manager for problem gambling treatment. He is from Multnomah County, which doesn't</p>

	<p>hurt. Karen Wheeler is managing the grant at the state level.</p> <p>What type of facility for RMC?</p> <p>Internet, desk, CADC (certified treatment counselor), drop in center, but beyond that it is very flexible. That center should be accessible and visible for the groups that it is meant to connect to.</p> <p>Focus of addictions recovery? Drug and alcohol is focus, but other addictions would not mean someone would be turned away.</p>
<p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Commissioner Diane McKeel</p>	

Next meeting scheduled for ...

February 7, 2011

9:00am - 11:00am

501 SE Hawthorne Blvd - Conference room #635 Portland, OR 97214

**** Meetings normally take place 1st Monday of every month 9:00am - 11:00am ****

"The taskforce is comprised of members from various departments throughout Multnomah County who are committed and focused on responding to the needs of veterans while assuring the equitable and effective delivery of services to them and their families."