



Multnomah County Veteran Services Taskforce

October 7th, 2013

9:00am – 10:00am

Multnomah Building, 5th Floor Copper Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97214

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Task Force meeting attended by: Commissioner McKeel, Sean Files, Tina Edge, Gabriel Court, Tressa Kovachevich, Chris Aiosa, Elizabeth Edwards, Nathaniel Boehme, Joe Carbajal, Deanna Dalton, Jennifer Hibbs, Belle Landau, Pete Pringle, Don Weber, Glenn Shuck, Andy Smith, Doug Kuhl, Corbett Monica, Cathy Spofford, Lynn Schwemmer-Vallau, Pat Lucas

TOPIC / PRESENTER	NOTES	Action
Stand Down Recap Nathaniel Boehme	The Portland Stand Down and Job Fair came together well and in the end it was successful – receiving good feedback from veterans who attended. There were approximately 450 attendees and final registration count is underway. There was a lot of clothing and all of it was distributed to veterans. East County Stand Down in Troutdale is on October 19 th .	
Multnomah County Veterans Services Lynn Schwemmer-Vallau and Gabriel Court	Lynn and Gabriel presented a brief overview of the County Veteran Service Officer's (CVSO) role and outreach efforts that are planned or already underway. The goal is to connect with a broader population of veterans who can use CVSO services. Handout distributed, with link available on veterans task force website. Discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training opportunities, such as the November 6th training on MST and CVSOs coordinated by Multnomah County.• Use social media (Facebook...) for outreach in addition to community newspapers, flyers and other means identified on handout.• Suggestions for additional places to network with community included: the CRRC, Oregon National Guard base and armories, farmers markets, and support for the library branch idea.• Marketing, especially including a woman in the photo and some identifying questions to help people understand they are eligible for benefits. Possibly develop materials that target younger veterans and others for older veterans, who still make up the majority of the veteran population in Oregon.• Develop mission statement and include it on the materials.	
Story Corps	Jonathan Sanford was going to present but was unable to attend due to the shutdown. On November 7 th -9 th , there will be a story corps for veterans to share their experience. They will be interviewed by a family member, and the story will be archived. Looking for 40 veterans to sign up.	Contact Jonathan Sanford with Sen. Wyden's Office for details.

<p>General Updates All</p>	<p>Legislative Days in September: Elizabeth House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee met and covered legislation that passed this session, focusing on the "No Wrong Door" bills (HB 2421 and HB 2422). More legislative days in November, with the House committee meeting 11/20 at 8am for updates on housing and in-state tuition bills. Also considering legislation that the committee may introduce in 2014 short session (up to 3 bills).</p> <p>Transition Projects: Nathaniel October 1st marks the launch of the new SSVF grant for TPI. Doesn't look like it will be affected by the shut down. Emergency housing assistance and housing stability assistance will be the focus. Contact Transition Projects for more information.</p>	
	<p>Upcoming Events: Folktime in Clackamas and Multnomah Counties has an event Saturday from noon-3pm at 4837 NE Couch in Portland. Basketball and bingo. East County Stand Down October 19th. Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will present a Veterans Day Proclamation at the board meeting on November 7th, 9:30am in the Multnomah Building boardroom. November 11th VFW memorials around the region. Contact your local VFW for details. "Chowdown for Vets" benefit for Returning Veterans Project on Nov 11th. Restaurants donate a percentage of proceeds to RVP on this date. Community Covenant signing ceremony, November 14th at 2pm at Memorial Coliseum. Career Fair at Memorial Coliseum on November 14th.</p>	

Next meeting scheduled for ...

November 4th, 2013

9:00am - 10:30am

501 SE Hawthorne Blvd – Copper Conference Room on 5th Floor Portland, OR 97214

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