

Clark County Veteran's Resource Committee

An advisory board to the Clark County Board of Commissioners

Clark County Public Service Center

1300 Franklin St, 6th Floor, Ste. #679

Vancouver, Washington

May 08, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Chair: Robert Nichols

Vice Chair: Lou Basté

Secretary: Open

Meeting Called to order by Bob Nichols @ 1400

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

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American Legion #14
American Legion #27
American Legion #44
American Legion #168
American Legion #176
American Legion #189
American Legion #208
American Veterans #6
DAV Chapter #4
Korean War Vet Assoc #321
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
VFW #12028
Vietnam Vets #512

PRIMARY

Jerry Keen
Jerry Keese
Elisa Cotton
Jim Moore
Robert Nichols
Michael Gibson
Dick DeWald
George Hunt
Richard Alvarez
Frank Hyatt
Thomas Dombek
Lou Basté
John Russell
Roy Billings
Ray Saranto
Greg Whitson

SECONDARY

Emily Stoutsenberger
Dixie Hotaling
Wes Forgey
Darren Wertz
Richard Langenbach
Jonathan Frederick
Don Taylor
Bob Blevins
Richard Gabriel
Michael Riley
Robert Sumril
Florin Zeviar
Gary Dowler
Bruce Maas
Skip Beng
Odis Warren

Members at Large

Kevin Lawson

CLARK COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Samantha Whitley

GUESTS

Tina Hernandez, Colleen Kuhn – HSC; Morris Giesler – Visitor; John Frederick- Visitor

As of this meeting, May 8, 2013, Clark County Veteran's Resource Committee board has decided that meeting minutes will reflect action items only.

Item #	Summary	Action	VRC Member
1	Approve April 10, 2013 Minutes	Approved as written	Motion Richard Alvares, 2 nd Jerry Keen
2	Limit VRC meetings to 9 per year	Will not meet in June, August or November	Approved by Bob Nichols
Changes to Policies and Procedures			
3	3.5.3 Shared Dwelling: In the case of sharing a dwelling with another person (not a family member as described in section 2.4) the utility assistance costs will be prorated by the number of people living in the residence and the utility bill must be in the veteran/clients name.	Approved	Motion Roy Billings, 2 nd Odis Warren
4	3.7.1 Gasoline: Veteran must show proof of vehicle ownership as well as current vehicle insurance and valid operator's license for Washington State.	Approved	Group approval
5	2.3 Documentation of Veterans Status: Add: General discharge under honorable conditions. Senate House Bill 1806 signed by Governor on April 23, 2013 to be effective on August 1, 2013.	Approved	Motion Jerry Keen, 2 nd Lou Baste
6	2.6 Indigent: Eligible veterans are considered to be indigent if they meet the following definition: One-Hundred Fifty Percent of Poverty; Receiving an annual (household/family) income, after taxes, not to exceed one-hundred-fifty percent (150%) of the current federally established poverty level, documentation to establish income may include but is not limited to copies of the last 12 months check stubs, bank statements, and/or SSI determination letter, etc.	Denied change to 12 months, 90 days documentation will remain in policies	Motion Jerry Keen, 2 nd Odis Warren
7	2.6.1 Indigent: Income excluded: Pay received while deployed in a combat zone, Hazardous Duty Pay/Imminent danger, VA education benefits, Student Loans/Educational Loans and Pell Grants.	Approved	Motion Frank Hyatt, 2 nd Richard Alvarez

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8	2.9 Falsification: Any person receiving assistance through the VAF, and found to have falsified any information or not disclosed all income for purposes of receiving assistance from the VAF, shall become ineligible for any assistance based on their current application for four years and full fund payback or lifetime ban until full fund payback, and can be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. If a veteran has been found to utilize the assistance in a manner it was not intended, this will also constitute falsification.	Approved	Group approval
9	Utility Assistance- Lifetime access to fund twice in four years, \$750 cap for each use.	Approved	Motion Richard Alvarez, 2 nd Thomas Dombeck
10	Food Assistance- Leave as is	Approved	Motion Jerry Keen, 2 nd Frank Hyatt
11	Transportation Assistance- Leave as is	Approved	Motion Dixie Hotaling, 2 nd Odis Warren
12	Prescription Coverage- Leave as is	Approved	Motion Thomas Dombeck, 2 nd Frank Hyatt
13	Burial Assistance- Limit to \$800 after VA and Social Security pay their portion first.	Approved	Motion Jerry Keen, 2 nd Frank Hyatt
14	Clothing/Tools/Licensing Assistance- Lifetime access to the funds twice in four years, \$200 cap for each use.	Approved	Group approval
15	Auto Repair- Lifetime access to the fund twice in four years, \$500 cap each use, must be outside of the C-Tran service area.	Approved	Motion Richard Alvarez, 2 nd Lou Baste
16	Fund Report for March 2013	Approved	Motion Jerry Keen, 2 nd Thomas Dombeck
17	Adjournment	Passed	Unknown

Meeting adjourned at 1600 hours.

Next meeting: July 10, 2013 at 1400 hours.