

MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

Multnomah County Veteran Services Taskforce

October 4, 2010, 9:00am – 11:00am

Commissioners Conference Room #635, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97214

MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA TOPIC / PRESENTER	NOTES
Welcome and Introductions Commissioner Diane McKeel	
Army Reserve Ambassador for Oregon Gen. Curtis Loop	Dan Hitchcock is partner. Dan and Curt are "Army Ambassadors". Eyes and ears of army community and civilians with service relationships. Also talks with community about what the army is doing. They are military advisors for the Army. In Clackamas, the Col. there was at a reintegration event a few years ago, and asked them to plug in. Re-int. Event this summer had 100s of attendees. Many disabilities and problems are coming earlier in the lives of many veterans. 7 reserve components 5 federal – army, navy, air force, coast guard, marines Dan is on military families endowment fellowship at CCC Final fundraising campaign is next week. Transportation, Finance, Chaplains, JAGs 60% of medical in Army is reserve – will be mobilized next summer If want a license for medical or truck driver, they can credential them. Army Res. has partnership with many trucking agencies to allow for fluid movement of people between work/reserves, with 12,000 employers across nation. This program has become very popular Army community Covenant Troops are the strength of a nation Schools, family, local community are strength of the soldiers No military installation in Oregon, but several covenants have been signed already Additional stress of multiple deployments Gov. Kulongoski signed Dec 2008 Several other local jurisdictions have signed on Designed not only to be a PR event, but also to have tie-in across regions and services Covenants can be any size, design With multiple jurisdictions, they're placed in public display Determine what each partner is committing to (they help) www.army.mil/community Depending on the community, they have been involved at various capacities "When a soldier serves, their whole family serves along with them" Karen Nicholson is Oregon Assistant for Community Covenants -See Oregon's Army Community Covenant h/o Oregon Community Covenants -State of Oregon -Clackamas Community College

	-Moalla -Clackamas County -Canby They can give advice, help If Multco did one, would we do it within the county, with the cities? Where are the reservists living? What benefits could you give them? What services could you make available to them? It really depends on the area and goals, once the goals and aims are determined Thinking of east county, because many people can't afford to live closer We have the ability to determine where most of our vets live: Gresham, SE, NE are where they live. Often, they room together. If we can get all the addresses, we can GIS them. It wouldn't be hard to get the cities on board The cities likely don't know the concentration If we think about focus for service, we will know geographically where to put it.
Housing Authority of Portland VASH Voucher and Tamarack Building Updates Commissioner Nick Fish's Office	
New Multco Veterans Service Website Progress	Coordination is happening with Julia Duncan All divisions are getting their websites on new "Droople" website Greg and Tina put together a final design Will be ready to go by end of October Dept. Dir has asked that we postpone social networking discussion No timeline, Mary will check in and give us feedback on that Will be button that says "would you like to connect to other vets?" -Tara Bowen-Biggs is Public Affairs Office contact Approval by director has to occur before anything happens Because of changes in Droople, not all of the divisions have their websites in the new format. When that happens, Social media stuff can go forward. Attorneys also had made recommendations to DCHS around that because of the populations that they deal with. Because we're just doing a push-out of information, we can do that Concern is the interactive part, where questions or sensitive information may be available
Open Discussion Commissioner Diane McKeel	Seth: Webcast about mapping, and working with others for funding availability, housing project, employment project. There are a lot of non-profits that come to resource meetings, have non-profit transitional house and another specifically for female veterans. There are contractors do work specifically for homeless vets Human Solutions family vets? -They are a very likely partner for that funding source -Lots of low income housing beyond what they already offer -Low income vets or families of vets who are deployed -Especially if they are scattered around pockets of low income -Covenant is around families, they might be great partnership -Seth will talk to Jean Demaster about whether they will pursue that again. Lee: Vets Home and Community based project.

	Have been doing behind the scenes work, getting ready to release solicitation for financial management position. VA gave pay range, so will be coming before BCC. Program intended for vets who have long term needs in community They can hire their own homecare workers, can pay for modifications to their home to make it more accessible. Revenue generator for the county.
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Next meeting scheduled for ...

November 1, 2010

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."