

MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

Multnomah County Veteran Services Taskforce

December 6, 2010, 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	Greg Lamb, Katie Pereault, Lee Girard
Oregon Veterans Services Officers State Update Katie Pereault – Multco Veterans Service Officer	<p>VSO Budget – County Gen Fund, Aids to counties, Enhancement and Expand Funds, budget is \$348,000 – \$180,000 from state – looking at 50% reduction for FY 2012 3.0 FTE 2 VSOs 0.5 Staff Assistant 0.5 Outreach Medical Applications, Appeals, Referrals, Summary on types of meetings. A definite increase in the caseloads over the years</p> <p>Assoc. of Vets Service Officers – Katie is VP Has been Legislative Liaison for last 4 years Seat on AOC as well Important that we get Legislative support in order to continue to be successful ODVA budget is only \$6mil – ½ of that goes to counties Huge reduction in services if cuts go through</p> <p>How can we be most effective? Have commissioners work with state legislators \$551,000 new revenue due to the efforts of our VSOs, and most of that is recurring over multiple years. - Greg Matthews - Peter Courtney</p> <p>Will work on paper showing what impacts of state cuts would be, with focus on E&E project. Will show graph with increase in cases over time.</p>
NACo Veterans and Military Service Task Force Best Practices for; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical and Mental Health• Housing and Homelessness• Employment• Justice including law	<p>1st meeting last week Next meeting in March at legislative session in DC Phys & Mental Health- Suicide prevention among women veterans VASH Vouchers – lots of money for this program, But major issues around 1st/last month's rent, security deposit Also a great delay in Case workers that are required for each awarded voucher Seth: What we really need is family support – not just help for the</p>

<p>enforcement, courts, and probation</p> <p>Diane McKeel, Andrew Olsen</p>	<p>veteran, but also the fully family. This is most true of those just returned, who still have their full families.</p> <p>Wash. County has VSO in the jail, which is a major help.</p> <p>When active, the resources are fully available and easy to access. When on inactive duty, those become much harder to reach.</p> <p>When trying to reintegrate, things change greatly.</p> <p>Yellow Ribbon Events – Very helpful, paid for full families, had childcare.</p> <p>Spouse that is home is used to doing everything.</p> <p>Systems vary depending on the unit they are in. Some are very family inclusive and others are not.</p> <p>Families readiness group – organized groups of families for those with family members deployed. These groups vary greatly, and are very dependent on the organizational skills of those that lead them.</p> <p>Big ticket items have the least family influence – homelessness.</p> <p>Supportive housing grant (failed webinar) is going out soon – Seth has talked to Human Solutions about applying</p> <p>Greg: Before family deploys, there needs to be the information available.</p> <p>There is a model for dealing with deployment. Veterans center at Clackamas CC.</p> <p>Lee: Is there a way to look at what is already going on in the county that could centralize all the resources.</p> <p>We need to get the resources out to those who seek it before they are deployed.</p> <p>#4 – What does this mean? Us learning or veterans learning.</p> <p>Community Academy - DCJ trains new police recruits on working with community. There might be a part where they could learn about veterans services. Next one is Jan 10 (21 recruits). Vehicle for educating new police already, but no veterans connection yet. Having luncheon – Commander Day Luncheon on Jan 20 12pm-1:30.</p> <p>Currently only PPB officers</p> <p>We need to find the engagement points for veterans as police. Panel discussion or</p> <p>Veterans and contact with criminal justice center.</p> <p>Ilan Lambert is ED for OR Partners in Crisis, focus on connections between enforcement and mental health</p> <p>Young man spoke about his return from OIF and his engagement with the criminal justice center.</p> <p>Had meeting with Greg, Bobbi, Linda Matty, Matty will do training for some of sgnts. Will start with those in mental health units. Agreed to look for 2 or 3 individuals in custody who are veterans and follow them and try to assist them.</p> <p>On intake ask whether they are veterans – begun middle of last year as intake question.</p> <p>Possible Panel:</p> <p>Dr. Sardo</p> <p>Greg Lamb</p> <p>Young man brought by Elan</p> <p>VA Police Chief Ron</p>
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	<p>January – Dr. Sardo</p> <p>Chief of Police for VA hospital: Ron (last name?) Has been very willing to be conduit for law enforcement to the VA. If a local law enforcement group has someone that they know has/needs VA benefits, they can call him to be contact.</p> <p>Offenses that veterans are most arrested for? -Domestic Violence -Speeding -Drug/Alcohol abuse</p> <p>Fred: The important thing is to get the information about the veteran. Diversion programs are available for misdemeanors, but felonies are much more difficult On first few times through system, vets can choose community service alternatives. New program – resource access center with possible court in there. Focus on homelessness. Veterans courts are hard in Oregon.</p> <p>Assistant Attorney General :Laurie Robinson and Council Arlene Beckman Put together group to analyze benefits for pre-trial. They didn't realize that vets lost their benefits for mental health while in pre-trial. She promised that someone from veterans services would be there from here on out.</p> <p>Housing supports are also difficult with state/federal mandates that are unfunded.</p>
<p>Fort Oregon</p> <p>Diane McKeel, Andrew Olsen</p>	<p>We need to take ownership and help populate this Social Networking?</p>
<p>New Multco Veterans Service Website Progress</p> <p>Andrew Olsen, Greg Lamb</p>	
<p>VASH Voucher Update</p> <p>Diane McKeel, Andrew Olsen</p>	
<p>Open Discussion -January Meeting?</p> <p>Commissioner Diane McKeel</p>	<p>Clackamas CC family center, how funding structure was</p> <p>Lee: PARIS program update. Putting together a meeting, our office can be represented. Severe cuts to medical/Medicaid/veterans services, and we can be represented.</p> <p>Bridal Veil a go!</p>

Next meeting scheduled for ...

January 3, 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 ****

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