

## MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

# Multnomah County Veteran Services Taskforce

April 4, 2011, 9:00am – 11:00am

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

## MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA TOPIC / PRESENTER	NOTES
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  Commissioner McKeel	
<b>USS Ranger Foundation</b>  Shannon Chisom	<p>Commissioner McKeel -To be placed at Chinook Landing in Fairview. We're the only entity in the bidding for the ship to come here. Has multiple uses, conferences, emergency management, hospital use, education facilities (MHCC)</p> <p>Shannon – Was the ship from Top Gun, disguised as USS Enterprise, b/c Enterprise was Nuclear Ship, Ranger is/was not. Decommissioned in 1991, in navy re-organization. Vacuum sealed Ranger to preserve while unused in case of future need for use. Navy would donate carrier to us. George HW Bush was most recent carrier. This carrier is 1100 feet long and 300 feet wide. Flight deck is 3.5 acres. There are five other operator museums in the United States. The Navy donates the carrier, but they still do annual inspections and repairs. This carrier will always be kept to navy standards. Foundation has to keep cash in reserve to be able to tow it to Bremerton, in case of emergency repair needs. It will be the largest floating museum in the world. It will be a museum for all services of the military, and memorial for all branches. It is a floating city. The only thing different from when it was commissioned, was that it has been cleaned to prevent any leakage. There are dental labs, 60 bed hospital, machine shops, metal shops, wood shops. Unions are excited for trainings. Local hospitals are excited for emergency planning. Can seat 3500 people for dinners. Will be able to bring in international and national conventions. We are in the processes of planning, with hopes to open in 2015. Have commissioned development committee. It is a complex navy process to navigate. We need to do environmental impact statements and fund raise. Showing that it can get up the river is the major obstacle. Burlington bridge is in discussion.</p> <p>It would be owned by the foundation, which would contract out operation. Foundation must have a separate escrow account to tow it back, and must have 5 years operating funds in the bank. There is a Vietnam era museum in Bremerton that is already going. That ship is 300 feet long. Inspection of that ship was 20 people working for seven</p>

	<p>days.</p> <p>Greg – Are there any other competing cities/areas?</p> <p>SC – No. On August 10, it was announced that Chinook is the only candidate.</p> <p>Greg – How close are we to getting the fundraising goals?</p> <p>SC – We need to raise \$15 Million, and we are just starting that fundraising.</p> <p>Greg – Can this be a profit generator?</p> <p>SC – Yes. Most Museums operate with donations and ticket sales.</p> <p>Nate – Are there other museums like this?</p> <p>SC – Yes the Intrepid in New York harbor. The NYC emergency management operations center was in the basement of the Trade Center, they had to move it to the Intrepid.</p> <p>Nate – To what capacity will the cities/county have say and understanding of what might happen on the ship?</p> <p>SC – All four cities are on board. There are limitless opportunities. Portland and Vancouver have also passed resolutions in support. This ship has room on board to house Emergency Management. Washington is also looking to take advantage. Rep. Matthews sees this as a one stop center for returning vets. This is a great idea, and something that we want to incorporate.</p> <p>Jim Spitzer – What is the impact on the Columbia River Crossing. Is there room to take it all?</p>
<p><b>Access to Recovery Grant Update</b></p> <p>Susan Montgomery</p>	<p>Susan presented in place of Ray Hudson. Small update, because things are moving somewhat slowly. This is an initiative that is being done through Federal Funding, it is a state administered grant, and they are rolling it out, bringing with 5 counties, with Multco being one of them. The bulk of the services will not be for treatment. There are several unique factors. It is purely consumer choice driven. If a patient, in their recovery needed to figure out transport, childcare, training, there will be a place or places where they can go and get assistance in getting that assistance.</p> <p>This is being rolled out in Multco with DCJ selectively becoming a portal. In Health Dept. One of challenges for probationers has been limitations on funding. Their treatment dollars are targeted to highest risk offenders. The low/med risk offenders don't have access to that. This is another/new way to touch those folks. There is a whole screening/evaluation tool that they use to determine their risk to recidivate.</p>

GL – What is the ultimate goal?

SM – Often treatment dollars don't bring with them the wrap-around funds that allow them to re-integrate into society. It is not unusual that people require multiple rounds of recovery. What is needed to make that final decision to prevent recidivism and become a productive member of society? The ATR grant will not pay for housing. But all the other wrap-around services will be on the table. Less than 1/2 will be focused on treatment. The bulk with on ancillary, community based needs and opportunities.

The state/fed hasn't put a model on this. This is a very unique model. A person who is on the front end of the recovery center won't see the immediate impact. But it will be on the back-end of the process where people will be seeing

This is germane to veterans is that the Federal Govt has targeted three populations for assistance: Veterans, Individuals connected to the child welfare system, and the incarcerated and post-incarcerated.

We are interested in this, but we are not getting any of the money. It is state administered, but we are doing what we can to help them. We have offered the state folks a few opportunities for who to communicate with this.

Élan Lambert – The state has talked to my organization about being the veteran hub for the grant. A large part is the coordination. Some things are unique, acupuncture, peer mentoring, childcare. It is to get people who are in recovery to get services they don't usually have. In the case of veterans' issues, I would be mobile to go to each of the 5 counties that are open now. The state realized that with veterans, there are common things that they might need, but also common places where they go for that. With vets, some of them can get many services from the VA. Grant money is \$4mil per year for four years. I would be a mobile recovery access center.

JS – How is productivity, effectiveness being measured?

SM – Treatment will done by vendors/contractors. If a vet came in, they would look at the services needed for that vet, and would get voucher money for that. One of the challenges was getting the word out to potential vendors. There is more info available at the website, which can be found by searching for Oregon Access to Recovery.

DM – If somebody in Gresham needs service, what would happen?

EL – They would need to get data at intake. Then they would see the services they need, and then the recovery center would follow them. Payment will occur on a weekly basis. Expectation would be that there would be 30 days between service and when the money came through.

<p><b>Community Academy</b></p> <p>Tina Edge</p>	<p>Community Academy was started two years as a partnership between Portland Police and DCJ to train new police recruits. Since then, we've had community agencies join and get involved, with roughly 40 different agencies being involved.</p> <p>These recruits recently went on the streets, and began instructing their superiors on where the services and information was available. It became awkward, and so now the veteran, sworn officers are going back. Our first 20 officers are starting in May.</p> <p>At the end, the students would rank their most useful presentations. It is likely that we will scale it back to three days (rather than seven), so we are deciding which ones are most important.</p> <p>We are expecting a very different experience with more experienced officers, this won't be the "bright eyed young recruits".</p> <p>There is no budget for this. It is just a recognized need by DCJ, the community, and DCJ.</p> <p>East County and MCSO are both hoping to join as partners.</p> <p>JS – With 20 people taking the class at a time, will all of PPB, Gresham PD go through this?</p> <p>TE – That is the hope. We don't know if it is necessary for every sworn officer, but for most it is. The sky is the limit, but we must tread carefully.</p> <p>JS – They do overtime?</p> <p>TE – No, we incorporate it into their schedule.</p> <p>SM – How is recruitment working?</p> <p>TE – The first 20 are volunteers and hand picked. From there we will improve the presentations and move forward. We will report back in May.</p>
<p><b>Office of Diversity and Equity</b></p> <p>Shawn Postera</p>	<p>We are interested in connecting with veterans in the county to form an Employee Network Group.</p> <p>This would be similar to a support group, similar to PRISM, employees of color.</p> <p>GL – There are lots of vets at Multco, but we don't know where they are. There seems to be a framework.</p> <p>Lee Girard – I seem to remember to countywide survey that asked these questions around vital aging network.</p> <p>Mary Reinhardt- We need to figure out a structure, and a definition of veteran.</p> <p>Greg Lamb – We could make a list of things that this population could benefit from, and the county could benefit from. Spouses or anyone</p>

	<p>affiliated could also be included.</p> <p>Shawn – The group decides what they want to be. They can set the parameters for membership.</p> <p>JS – A survey would be very beneficial. If it is too open ended, then maybe people might not want to join.</p> <p>EL – If you run something past people once, then they won't pay attention. It is important to keep it at the forefront.</p> <p>DM – We would love to work with you in helping form this group.</p>
<p><b>Open Discussion and Updates</b></p> <p>All</p>	<p>Élan Lambert- I was wondering if we would like someone from the Oregon <b>Partnership</b> hotline to come be a part of this group and present. They are also starting some family support groups and other projects.</p> <p>Rep. Julie Parish asked me to write a <b>bill on veterans in risk</b>. Part of it is to have law enforcement and jails, 911 dispatch, to ask "do you have military service?" Better collaboration. Wrote it with Tom Mann of the ODVA. It just got put in on Thursday, so unsure of a bill number yet.</p> <p><b>DM – Seth, do you know when the groundbreaking is on Block 49?</b></p> <p>SM – I don't but I can figure that out.</p> <p>DM – The chair of the NACo Task Force, Donnie Loftis, sent an email saying that he met with Joe Biden's chief of staff and Michelle Obama. So we set the NACo staff on getting one of them to our conference in July.</p> <p>DM – We also are distributing these veteran bookmarks with contact info on them.</p>

*Next meeting scheduled for ...*

**May 2, 2011**

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