



Voting Board Members

<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Debra Baker , Vet At-Large
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Baker , AmVets, VFW 992
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Best , VRW 992, DAV
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Cunnington , AmVets 1111
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert "Joe" Dixson , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Simler , Vet At-Large
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Ensor , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trina Parrish , VFW 992
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Preston , Amer.Leg. Post #32, AmVets 1111
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don Schack , VFW/AmVet, American Legion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Waiblinger , Combat Vet. International
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Weber , VFW 992, DAV

Non-Voting Standing Invitees

- Meghan DeBolt - DCH, Director
- Patrick Kenny– Helpline, Client Services/Veterans Program
- Justin Jording-Helpline Bookkeeper/Veterans Program
- Liz McDevitt – Helpline, Director

Guests:

Nikki Sharp, DCH

Welcome: Debra Baker called the meeting to order at approximately 09:30 am.

Approval of Minutes: Larry Cunnington moved to accept minutes with corrections listed below. Don Schack seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Correction/Clarification: August minutes: motion by Joe Waiblinger, second by Larry Cunnington.

Report – Helpline – Review of Veterans’ Relief Services, Patrick Kenny, Helpline

See Helpline “Veteran’s Assistance Monthly Report” distributed for details.

- Helpline shared details of the report for September 2019 service dollars provided to veterans.
- Waivers: 0
- New Households: 2
- Clarification of Guidelines:
 - Emergency Shelter – Motion to approve 3 days (72 hours) of motel stay at a time, with letter from emergency shelter stating that the Veteran cannot stay there
 - Don Schack made the motion, Larry Cunnington seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - If the veteran has medical documentation, a waiver may be approved to substitute a letter from the shelter.
 - Will need to recertify every 3-days.
 - Motion carried unanimously.
 - Residency – Is the 60-days interrupted if the veteran stays out of county for a week (or so – scenario).
 - Residency is determined by receiving mail – even at a PO Box. Thus, it depends on where their mail is sent.
 - See guidelines, page 15.

Working to address the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.



- Complaint from Veterans who was denied service due to General Other than Honorable discharge (for misconduct).
 - A veteran was seeking assistance for rent to avoid eviction. However, the didn't qualify for services due to the above stated discharge status; however, this was discovered after the paperwork had been done. The veteran was told they did not qualify; however, still took the paperwork to their landlord.
 - The veteran emailed DCH complaining about Helpline and understanding of the eligibility requirements. Meghan called the veteran and emailed her the exact language.
 - No formal appeal was made. Thus, no further action is needed.

Old Business:

- Stand Down Committee – will have an 'After Action Report' at the November meeting.
- Council on Housing Veterans Committee
 - The sub-committee will be presenting to the full COH Board on October 24th at 9am.
- VSO Grant – Meghan reported that our application was not approved.

New Business:

- Creation of a VSO Committee:
 - Joe Dixon moved to create a sub-committee to research details on creating a County VSO. Richard Best seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - Want information on actual cost and funding sources; potential ROI
 - How will it help move veterans from using the VRF, and other service, to becoming self-sufficient? – Committee to research.
 - Members: Joe Dixon will chair, Richard Best, Doug Simler, Debbie Baker
 - Motion carried unanimously.

Program Updates:

- Veterans Day – Trina will send flier with events and times.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.

NEXT MEETING:

November 14th, 2019 | Vet's Center, Walla Walla | 9:30-10:30 A.M.