

CLACKAMAS COUNTY  
VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
June 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes  
Zoom  
2:30pm – 3:30pm

FACILITATOR RB Green and Adam Khosrobadi					
NOTE TAKER Amy Kelsey - Administrative Specialist 1 - Clackamas County Social Services					
VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL					
P	Adam Khosrobadi	P	Tracy Bogard	A	Gregory Freetage
P	RB Green	E	Scott Southard	P	Larry Moseley
P	Paul Edger	E	Casey Curry	P	Janet Braman
P	Laurie Kimmell	E	Betty Fish-Ferguson		
CLACKAMAS COUNTY STAFF					
P	April Bundy	P	Ken Bietschek	P	Brenda Durbin
P	Aubrie Balkwill	P	Amy Kelsey		
GUESTS					
O	John Budiao	O	Carol Bernhard	O	Commissioner Paul Savas
O	Americo Hernandez				

P-Present, A -Absent, E-Excused, O-Other Attendee

ITEMS / ISSUES	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
Meeting Called to Order and Introductions	RB called the meeting to order.	
Minutes	A quorum was not established therefore the May meeting minutes will be approved during the July 28 <sup>th</sup> VAC meeting.	

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Chair's Report	<p><b>Overview of the June 21<sup>st</sup> VAC Presentation to the BCC</b>  Presenters included Gus Bedwell, Adam Khosrobadi, Brenda Durbin</p> <p>Presentation Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruiting new Veteran Advisory Council (VAC) members</li> <li>• Progress Veterans Mental Health Summit</li> <li>• Results of the veterans survey</li> <li>• Veterans Service Office (VSO) update</li> <li>• Outreach strategy to ensure that all Clackamas County veterans and their families understand the role of the County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) in providing access to Veterans Administration benefits</li> </ul> <p>Amy Kelsey will forward the PowerPoint presentation onto the VAC</p> <p><i>Response from Commissioner Paul Savas</i>  Pleased to hear of the proactive steps towards the Behavioral Health Mental Health Summit  Great opportunity to get the face of the VAC in front of the Board  Look forward to future visits from the VAC  Appreciate the work of the VAC and look to advance those efforts</p> <p><i>Response from Brenda Durbin, Director, Social Services Division</i>  Appreciated the opportunity to go before the BCC  Looking forward to filling the vacant positions and continuation of the great work in an effort to meet determined goals</p> <p><i>Response from Adam Khosrobadi, VAC Chairperson</i>  Presentation went very well  Positive reaction from the BCC on the plans and goals that have been set  BCC is supportive of the VAC's work</p>	

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	<p><b>Brainstorming on VAC Summer Recruitment Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight vacancies to fill</li> <li>• Paul will connect with members of Grand Rhonde</li> <li>• Social Media Marketing in specific geographic areas</li> <li>• Brochures on hand to share in the community</li> </ul>	
Family Support Discussion	<p><b>Presentation with April Bundy around Clackamas County Family Caregiver Support Program and Veteran Directed Care</b></p> <p><b>Family Caregiver Support Program</b></p> <p><b>Who We Serve</b></p> <p>Unpaid family caregivers in Clackamas County including relatives as parents and grand families.</p> <p><b>How Do You Qualify?</b></p> <p>If you are an unpaid caregiver caring for someone who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any age and has Alzheimer's disease or other dementia</li> <li>• at least 60 years old or older</li> <li>• a child 18 years of age or younger and the caregiver is an older relative (not parent) who is 55 years of age or older</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an adult with a disability and the caregiver is a parent or an older relative who is 55 years of age or older</li> </ul> <p><b>Our Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information and referral</li> <li>• Service Coordination Staff will meet with you at home, our office or in the community. We can talk about what is going on with you and figure out ways to support you in your caregiving.</li> <li>• Support groups for caregivers</li> <li>• Education and training Free classes such as Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC), Living Well with Chronic Conditions</li> <li>• Respite — a break from caregiving A service coordinator can support you in arranging for respite. *On a limited basis, funding for respite care may be available.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="mailto:FCSP@clackamas.us">FCSP@clackamas.us</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">To locate caregiver support programs nationally, call 1-800-677-1116. <a href="https://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/respite.html">https://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/respite.html</a></p>	

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	<p><b>Veteran-Directed Care</b></p> <p>What is Veteran-Directed Care?</p> <p>Veteran-Directed Care gives Veterans of all ages the opportunity to receive the Home and Community Services they need in a consumer-directed way.</p> <p>Veteran-Directed Care is for Veterans who need assistance with activities of daily living (e.g., bathing and getting dressed) or instrumental activities of daily living (e.g., fixing meals); are isolated, or their caregiver is experiencing burden.</p> <p>Veterans in this program are given a flexible budget for services that can be managed by the Veteran or the family caregiver. Veteran-Directed Care can be used to help Veterans continue to live at home or in their community.</p> <p><a href="https://www.clackamas.us/guide/military-and-veterans-guide">https://www.clackamas.us/guide/military-and-veterans-guide</a></p>	
<b>Member Updates</b>	<p><b>Paul</b> spoke of veterans in Clackamas County who are in need of assistance, and the importance of a gentle nudge to connect veterans to services in an effort to meet needs.</p> <p><b>Larry</b> shared of volunteering with a program called AMEN. AMEN consist of an all-volunteer workforce, there are no paid employees. This ensures all donations go entirely towards purchasing food and supplies for veteran and military families. AMEN currently provide monthly food boxes to military families and veterans of all branches. Some of our partner programs receive weekly food boxes for homeless veterans. One of the partners is the Vet Center at Clackamas Community College.</p> <p><b>Adam</b> shared of three individuals in service or veterans who either committed suicide or attempted suicide. The veteran support system is a strong community, and there is a need to break the stigma around struggling. It is necessary for each of us to drop our walls and find the strength to ask for help. Let us find ways to bring veterans together.</p>	

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Public Comment	<p><b>Americo</b> spoke of communication styles between different eras of service. <b>Americo</b> shared about Team RWB and opportunities provided for veterans to come together and be in service to the community. If the VAC can get creative on ways to bring vets together in service that would be great.</p> <p><b>Ken</b> shared communication is important, even if it is one sided, communication can and will make the difference.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Savas</b> spoke on communication and asked VAC for suggestions on ways to connect with veteran that will lead to positive outcomes.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Veterans Advisory Council</p> <p>July 28, 2022 from 2:30pm-3:30pm via Zoom</p>	