





CLACKAMAS COUNTY
 VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL
 March 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 Zoom
 2:30pm – 3:30pm

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| FACILITATOR Adam Khosrobadi | | | | | |
| NOTE TAKER Amy Kelsey | | | | | |
| VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL | | | | | |
| E | Adam Khosrobadi | A | Tracy Bogard | P | Gregory Freetage |
| P | Paul Edger | P | Casey Curry | E | Janet Braman |
| E | Laurie Kimmell | P | Betty Fish-Ferguson | P | RB Green |
| P | Larry Moseley | P | Don Hedlind | P | John Budiao |
| E | Carol Bernhard | | | | |
| CLACKAMAS COUNTY STAFF | | | | | |
| P | Gus Bedwell | P | Tito Mendoza | | |
| P | Ken Bietschek | P | Amy Kelsey | | |
| GUESTS | | | | | |
| P | Tawnya Lege | | | | |
| P | Don Stockton | | | | |

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

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| Meeting Called to Order and Introductions | RB called the meeting to order and a quorum could not be established. | |
| Minutes | Adoption of January meeting minutes tabled until April VAC meeting. | |

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| <p>Veterans Employment Update</p> | <p>Ken Bietscheck, Workforce Specialist with Clackamas County provided a veteran employment update.</p> <div data-bbox="493 267 1837 755"> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Clackamas County's Veterans' Employment Services Overview</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funded by the County for over 11 years ● Case Management ● Comprehensive wrap-around approach Addressing a wide range of needs and barriers to employment ● 1-1 Individualized Service Meeting vets where they are ● 2 Job Developers (2nd funded with grants: US DOL and Oregon DVA) <div style="float: right; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> <p>FY2021-22 (Pandemic Recovery)</p> <p>40 Veterans Served</p> <p>24 Veterans employed</p> <p>\$18,686 in training wage subsidies & supports</p> </div>  </div> <div data-bbox="493 771 1837 1299"> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Clackamas County's Employment Services</h3> <h4 style="text-align: center;">Other Programs & Services</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JOBS Program (Jobs Opportunity and Basic Skills) Low income families (TANF) ● STEP (SNAP Employment & Training Program) For individuals receiving SNAP food benefits ● Employment Investment Program (EIP) Prioritizes those in public housing, domestic violence survivors and more ● Employment Training Center In person assistance for those with technology barriers <div style="float: right; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> <p>FY2021-22 (Pandemic Recovery)</p> <p>94 Received Mental Health & Addiction Recovery support</p> <p>269 Employed</p> <p>508 Residents Served</p> </div>  </div> | |

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| | <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Veteran Employment Program</p> <p>Ken Bietschek Workforce Specialist</p> <p>Veterans Employment Program Children, Family & Community Connections 112 11th Street. Oregon City, OR 97045 Cell# (503) 502-3411 Email: kenbie@clackamas.us</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Aubrie Balkwill Workforce Specialist</p> <p>Veteran Employment Program Children, Family & Community Connections 112 11th Street. Oregon City, OR 97045 Cell# (971) 275-4367 Email: abalkwill@clackamas.us</p> <p>Send referrals to: CFCC-Referral@clackamas.us</p> </div> | |
| <p>VAC Subcommittee Reports</p> | <p>VAC Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Subcommittee Casey Curry, Chair: Subcommittee is preparing for the VAC Mental Health Summit on February 22, 2023 taking place at Clackamas County College, Gregory Forum from 8am-4pm. There is still time to register.</p> | |

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| | <p>Outreach Subcommittee Larry Moseley, Chair: Larry participated in the County Installation of Officers, and requested to meet with Commissioners. Larry stated the purpose of the Outreach Subcommittee as a group of individuals dedicated to helping veterans and their families gain access to their benefits through the Veteran Services Office. The focus is increasing the numbers that are coming in the door via virtually or physically. John reached out to Gus for VSO participation at a local brewery for a veteran specific event.</p> <p>Legislative Subcommittee Laurie Kimmell, Chair: Subcommittee will meet monthly during the Legislative Session everyone is welcome to attend. ODVA Bill Tracker provided to all VAC members for review.</p> <p>Brenda Durbin, Clackamas County Social Services Division Director provided grounding to VAC in terms of roles and the appropriate role for VAC members as the Legislature is in session. VAC members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to their role, when acting as a member of VAC need to be cognizant of the Board of County Commissioners priorities. As a private individual, you are free to share your opinions. Brenda requested to be kept involved in bills that VAC would like to see move forward on behalf of VAC. Brenda would reach out to lobbyists for Clackamas County for further assistance. Again, Brenda asked VAC to insure activities are in line with the Board of County Commissioners priorities. Should questions arise please reach out to Brenda Durbin Brendadur@clackamas.us</p> <p>Paul Savas, County Commissioner echoed Brenda’s request and stated the importance of going through the Board of County Commissioners to move items forward insuring the County speaks with one voice, while providing greater momentum when working together.</p> | |

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| Member Updates | No Member Updates | |
| Public Comment | No Public Comment | |
| Announcement | The VAC meetings now offered as a hybrid meeting. Members can choose to attend in person or via Zoom. | |
| Next Meeting | Veterans Advisory Council March 23, 2023 from 2:30pm-3:30pm | |