

**Clark County Veteran's Resource Committee  
Clark County Public Service Center  
1300 Franklin St, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ste #679  
Vancouver, Washington  
April 14, 2010**

**Chair: Morris Giesler  
Secretary: Robert Nichols**

**Vice Chair: Michael Gibson  
Contract Service Officer: CRMHS**

**Meeting Called to order by Michael Gibson @ 1401**

**Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]**

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American Legion #14  
American Legion #122  
American Legion #168  
American Legion #176  
American Legion #189  
American Legion #208  
DAV Chapter #4  
Marine Corps League #826  
VFW #1927  
VFW #4278  
VFW #12028  
Vietnam Vets #512

American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Creekside Mortgage  
DSHS Veteran's Project  
WorkSource Vancouver

**PRIMARY**

Morris Giesler  
**Karla Bean**  
Richard Puttkamer  
**Robert Nichols**  
**Michael Gibson**  
**Clinton Nelson**  
Brad Hunt  
**Bruce Maas**  
Lou Baste  
Jim Chisholm  
**Stephen Stetson**  
**Ray Saranto**  
Greg Whitson

**Members at Large**

**Thomas Dombeck**  
**Kevin Lawson**  
Bill Allman  
**Sally Garcia**

**SECONDARY**

Jan Wojciechowski  
Peggy Sheehan  
Michael Edwards  
**Richard Langenbach**  
Philip Yasson  
**Charlotte Elznic**  
**Robert Blevens**  
Michael Riley  
Ron Brandon  
Eino Suomi  
Robert Hitchcock  
Mark Woods  
Jerry Keen

**CLARK COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

**Samantha Whitley, Rebecca Royce**

**GUESTS**

**Jerry Keesee – 5<sup>th</sup> District; Bill Romine – VFW – 12028; Pat Stryker and Mike Jajan – CRMHS;  
Roxeanne Boose – PIC; Chris Boyd – Army 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne; Debra and Roger Proctor – VFW Service  
Officers**

**Community Presentation:** Chris Boyd, a retired US Army 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Medic, introduced himself to the committee. He explained that he was deployed to Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom and then worked for Medical Commander General Sheila Baxter. Chris also explained how he became a disabled veteran and mentioned his rehabilitation process, including completing the Voc Rehab program and attending Clark College. He is now running for Washington's 3<sup>rd</sup> District in Congress.

Pat Stryker with Columbia River Mental Health Services talked briefly about a grant they are applying for to expand employment services to veterans. CRMHS currently has a program for women veterans. She would like to get an endorsement letter from the VRC to include in their application. The program will include job placement, counseling and job shadowing while on the job site. The grant would provide \$200,000 per year for three years for the program.

**Meeting Minutes:** Bill Romine motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 10, 2010. Motion seconded by Richard Langenbach and passed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Strategic Planning:** Bob Nichols mentioned that the Strategic Plan was distributed last month in the meeting packet. He asked the committee to review for discussion in May.

**Appeals:** Ray Saranto stated there were no appeals to discuss.

**Budget:** Morris was unable to attend the April meeting. No discussion ensued in his absence.

**Nominations:** There are no offices to be filled. The elections process will begin in September. Please inform Bob Nichols if you are interested in running for office.

**Policies & Procedures:** Richard Langenbach briefly mentioned that there are a couple of changes the Policies and Procedures subcommittee would like the board to approve. Discussion and voting will occur at the May meeting.

**Case Management Report:** Samantha Whitley distributed the case management report. She mentioned that several food vouchers were distributed on the first of the month because that was when the new system took effect. She also mentioned that veterans tend to request bus passes at the end of the month so they have them for the next month. Mike Jajan briefly discussed the counseling log. Samantha then informed the committee that the County has not yet received a report and invoice for the Project Homeless Connect that the committee approved last month. She will distribute the report as soon as it is available. Mike Jajan also explained that there is a new presumptive for Agent Orange and he expects more veterans to be eligible for VA services due to this change.

Samantha also briefly discussed the Revenue and Expenditures report. She mentioned that April will show a large revenue influx from taxes being collected. She explained that the payment to CRMHS had not been processed when the report was generated. It will be included in next month's report.

**Old Business:** VRC binders for each organization are now available. All the information in the binder is also available online or by contacting Samantha.

Karla mentioned that the Stand Down Committee is still looking for volunteers. Their next meeting will be Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at NW Health and Safety located at 6300 St James Rd.

The next Veterans Assistance Center Committee meeting will be on Monday, May 10th at 1715. They are still looking for a location for the center. They are working on their By-laws, Constitution and Policies and Procedures.

**New Business:** Clinton Nelson mentioned that the Veterans Memorial Wall will be featured in The Reflector. They are looking for volunteers, please contact Sandy Vosburg at 360-263-2745.

**Open Forum:** Jerry Keese mentioned that he is looking for documents or photos regarding the Korean War to be included in an album that will be donated to the VA Museum that will open later this year.

Bruce Maas mentioned that the Fort Vancouver Museum will be closing due to lack of funding.

Samantha mentioned that there is an Earth Day clean up at the VA Memorial Garden on the VA campus on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned at 1446.**

**Next meeting: May 12, 2010 at 1400.**