

**Clark County Veteran's Resource Committee**  
**40 et 8 Chateau**  
**7607 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Vancouver, Washington**  
**September 9, 2009**

**Chair: Peggy Sheehan**  
**Secretary: Robert Nichols**

**Vice Chair: Michael Gibson**  
**Contract Service Officer: Mike Jajan**

**Meeting Called to order by Peggy Sheehan @ 14:02**

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

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American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District  
American Legion #14  
American Legion #122  
American Legion #168  
American Legion #176  
American Legion #208  
DAV Chapter #4  
DSHS Veteran's Project  
Marine Corps League #826  
VFW #4278  
VFW #7824  
VFW #12028  
Vietnam Vets #512  
American Legion #189  
American Vets #6  
VFW #1927  
VFW #12011

**PRIMARY**

Daniel Tarbell  
**Thomas Dombeck**  
**Peggy Sheehan**  
Richard Puttkamer  
**Robert Nichols**  
**Michael Gibson**  
  
Bruce Maas  
Bill Allman  
**Lou Baste**  
Stephen Stetson  
William Weglage  
**Ray Saranto**  
**Greg Whitson**  
INACTIVE  
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**SECONDARY**

John Clapp  
  
Charles Bailey  
Jack Jones  
William Romine  
Philip Yasson  
**Jerry Keesee**  
Frank Samaya  
  
**Ron Brandon**  
Robert Hitchcock  
  
Mark Woods  
**Jerry Keen**

American Legion Service Officer **Mike Jajan**

**CLARK COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

**Pete Munroe, Rebecca Royce**

**GUESTS**

**Karla Bean, John Russell – MCL 826, Morris Giesler – AL 14, Richard Langenbach, Sally Garcia – WorkSource, BJ Jacobson – Human Service Council**

**Meeting Minutes:** Thomas Dombek motioned to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2009 meeting. Motion seconded by Lou Baste and passed.

**Community Presentation:** Bj Jacobson, Transportation Coordinator with Human Service Council (HSC), discussed a pilot program funded in Pierce County to coordinate veteran's transportation. The Human Service County felt that this was a program that should be offered in Clark County. They are putting together a similar program run by volunteers. In our area, transportation will be provided for the outlying regions to get to the VA campus. Through their Medicaid program, the HSC help veterans within a five county region with transportation assistance. This volunteer project is to help those veterans that do not qualify for Medicaid assistance. The program would provide one number for veterans to call to schedule transportation needs and the HSC will coordinate with the many possibilities available. Bj also mentioned that a veteran has been appointed to the Associated Coordinated Council of Transportation for the first time.

**Committee Reports:** Peggy mentioned that the committee approved the recommendations from the Strategic Planning sessions.

**Service Officer's Report:** Mike Jajan presented the Service Officer's report for August with expenses of \$22,210.04. There was some discussion on the food voucher program and Pete mentioned that they were waiting for the American Legion to complete the paperwork.

Pete also mentioned that the minor Policy and Procedure changes approved at the August meeting have been approved by the Clark County Commissioners.

**Share Caseworker's Report:** Pete Munroe reviewed Share's July report. There are four veterans remaining in the program and in August the number will be down to three. He mentioned that the contract will end at the end of the year and any remaining participants will be transitioned off the program.

**Old Business:** Morris Giesler gave an update on the Stand Down scheduled for Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. They are looking for volunteers to help with setup and clean up. He listed items that were needed to put care packages together for the veterans including toothbrushes, toothpaste, clothing, sleeping bags, etc. Morris mentioned some of the services that are scheduled to be available include service officers, chaplains, dental, Vancouver Housing Authority, WorkSource, showers and food. Morris also mentioned that the Stand Down Committee has been approved for the Department of Labor grant, but they are completing the required paperwork. Karla Bean mentioned that all donations should be coordinated through her and she can be reached at 360-696-2326.

Morris also gave an update on the proposed Veterans Resource Center. He believes it will cost approximately \$12,000 to set up the center including furniture, computers and printing materials, but not including building or utilities. Morris mentioned that he is working to get the building and utilities donated or at reduced cost. It is not clear where the resource center will be housed, but Morris is hoping to house it at the old hospital at Fort Vancouver.

**New Business:** Peggy discussed the Request for Proposal that will be sent out later this month for a

new service officer contract. The committee that made reviewed the RFP recommended a contract that included more case management services for the veterans. Peggy asked that if any veterans were interested in reviewing the proposals to contact her.

**Good of the Order:** Jerry Keesee informed the committee that American Legion post 44 in Ridgefield will be dedicating a new service officer station for walk in services. The dedication will be held at 13:30.

Jerry also reminded the committee that there will be a Korean War monument dedication at 13:30 on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, also known as POW Day. The dedication will be held on the Vancouver VA campus by Liberty Bell.

**Meeting adjourned at 14:57.**

**Next meeting: October 14, 2009 at 14:00.**