



2002 CVC BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

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Date: February 20, 2002

Location: Skagit, Washington

Present:

Ben Butkovich, Kittitas County Vets Coalition
Joel Estey, King County Vets
Steve Hill, Yakima County Vets
Bill Hinkle, Kittitas County Commissioner
Lonnie D. James, DVA
Reinhold J. Kraft, Kittitas County Vets Coalition
Mark Mascho, Pierce County Vets
Don Mason, Island County Vets
Ric Price, WDVA
Kimberlee Tulley, Yakima County Vets

Discussion Items:

- CVC looks at Non-Profit status issues: Don Mason reported that the CVC seeking may lose the protection available from the county risk management if seeking non-profit status.
- Orting update: 200+ beds will be available when the transformation is completed. The WDVA has to make a presentation to the State Legislature no later than Sep regarding possible uses of the facility. The problem is that when the nursing skill beds leave the funding goes with them. Therefore partnerships need to be found and programs developed to make the Orting a viable facility. It was stated by both Joel and Ric that the CVC can provide important input to this whole process. Kim recommended that consideration be given to having the facility provide services to entire family units, not just veterans. Commissioner Hinkle stated a concern regarding providing any medical services given the remoteness of Orting from medical facilities.
- Suzanne Sinclair will be invited to next meeting to discuss veterans privacy issues and CVC's involvement in a presentation to WACO.
- Definition of a veteran has third reading as "do pass" and has been sent to the other house.

- Database Discussion: Sharing data, big counties taking up WDVA's data base. How can we come to a standard data set? (Recommend it be compatible with Homeless Data Information System.)

Networking Sessions Planned:

Joel and Mark met last week regarding Networking Session to be held across the State. Consensus of CVC at was 1. Go where you are invited. 2. Try to be inclusive instead of exclusive. It was recommended that every Networking session begin with a module called Veterans Demographics & Service Evolution. Other modules suggested include:

- RCW review - Definition of a Veteran>
- Best Practices/Policies & Procedures
- Advisory Board Development/Recruiting
- Screening & Eligibility
- Networking
- Fund Usage

Date: March 20, 2002

Location: American Legion, Stanwood, WA

Discussion Items:

DD-214 bill

Suzanne Sinclair, Island County Auditor, spoke about the history of the DD-214 bill. She proposed that the DD-214 should be protected as a separate document. Vern would like to see the responsible parties in advance talk about issues like this in the future. April 18th or 25th to meet about DD-214 issue. Include: CVC, WDVA, VAAC, VLC, Archivist, County Auditors, Rep. Roger Bush, & State Service Directors. Discuss: 1. What form should look like 2. Id requirement to access record 3. Potential follow-up legislation 4. What to do with the request form. Goal is to come out with consensus.

Possible uses of Orting:

Joel Estey distributed information on Transitional Housing; In-patient or out-patient mental health/PTSD treatment; In-patient out-patient treatment of alcohol or drugs; Employment/job training; Jail project services; Assisted living/group homes; Section Eight housing; Alzheimer's unit; Women's housing/programs; Respite care unit; Family services; Pilot project of transitional housing of chronically homeless women veterans.

CVC Conference Planning:

Because passes were closed some of the discussion of the 2002 Conference was tabled. Date will depend upon which week-end WACO meets so we don't compete. Look at holding Conference in Ellensburg. Possible discussion items: Jail Project, Yakima County Programs, VIEW, DAV, Continuum of Care and Comparison of programs.

Date: April 17, 2002

Location: American Legion Hall in Ellensburg

Date: May 15, 2002

Location: Olympia

Date: June 19, 2002

Attending:

Mark Mascho, Pierce County
Richard Stewart, WDVA
Tim Padhora, Clark County
Onesimo Espinoza, WESD
Lynda Reese, WDVA
John Ancock, Thurston County
Ray Lewis, Whatcom County
Joel Estey, King County
Sharon Maier, King County

Definition of Veteran Discussion:

- Several counties noted that a narrow interpretation had made the fund has extremely restrictive. Suggestion 1. Have board talk with County government. 2. Talk with state legislative reps to assure vets are taken care of.
- Estey reported that the Definition of a veteran has required King County to drastically change their budget for 2003.
- Law needs to be changed to read "nationally recognized" instead of "nationally chartered".
- Discussion on adding/allowing "programs and services" as a proper use of the VAF.

Conference Planning Sessions Suggested:

· NBBJ Demographics · Web site · Break-out sessions · Best practices in using the fund in conjunction with Work-Source · Support programs (DAV Transportation, American Legion - Homeless) · Homeless coalition presentation? · Continuum of care · WDVA update · How does the CVC get organizations involved?

Date: July 17, 2002

Location: Kittitas County, Ellensburg.

Date: August 2002,

Location: Whatcom County (Ferndale American Legion Hall)

Discussion Topics:

- Joel led a discussion on the mission and objectives of the CVC.
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- Questions were asked about what the impact of the new definition of veterans will be.
 - Whatcom County is looking at an incarcerated veterans program.
 - Island County is doing a Veterans Service Fair at BayView in south county area.
 - Joel gave the group a short history of the CVC.
 - Web-site was discussed by Joel.
 - CVC membership/participants will be discussed at the September meeting.
 - Conference Planning
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Date: September 18, 2002

Location: Ellensburg

Topic: Conference Planning

Date: October 2002 CVC Conference

Location: Ellensburg

At the 2002 Conference in Ellensburg there were 73 participants representing 12 counties, 8 veteran service organizations and local, state and federal agencies (WDVA, ESD, and USDVA).

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