



## King County

### Adult Services Division

#### Department of Community and Human Services

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### Veterans Advisory Board

February 15th, 2024

10:00 – 11:00am

**Tukwila KCVP Office** | 45 Andover Park W, Ste 100, Tukwila WA 98188

#### Remote Option (Teams link):

**Phone:** 425.653.6586 | **Conference ID:** 228 110 234#

### Call to Order

Approval of Agenda (Action)

- Agenda is approved without changes.

### Introductions

- Present: Brett Habenicht (Teams), Brian Berry (Teams), Carrol Stripling, Chuck Murrell (Teams), David Waggoner, Faisal Akhter (Teams), Peter Lewis (Chair)
- DCHS Staff: Erik Hickly, Evan Brennan, Kip Swanson

### Public Comment

- No public comments

### New Business

2024 Workplan Development

- The board developed the 2024 Workplan for the remainder of the year with inputs from most of the attendees. There were some specific and detailed asks for the following:
  - Dave asked if there are funds left over from the last levy and if so:
    - How much by strategy?
    - Where are those funds currently?
    - What is the plan to use or reallocate those funds?
  - Outreach from King County to Veterans Organizations.
    - A few of the board members have had engagements with local veteran organizations who have indicated they are not aware of funding or programs available for veterans in King County.
    - The board would like to know what our outreach program is or could be to close this gap.



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- Additionally, they'd like to know how King County is using social media platforms to ensure broad communication of available programs to the community.
- The board would like to know the claims process followed by King County contracted agencies who assist veterans in filing VA claims.
- A presentation from the local colleges (Renton Tech, Green River Community College, and UW) to learn how King County can support veterans attending each college.
- Presentation on King County Veterans Re-entry Program (KCVRP)
- VSHSL Levy 2024-2029 Budget update on what is new and what strategies/programs are taking up a large portion of the budget.

### Updates/New Items

- Pete raised a question asking if VSHSL funds are being used to support undocumented immigrant programs.
- The board was reminded the Veterans Engaged program was not funded for 2024, but will commence again in 2025.

### Next Steps

#### Action Items:

- Dave asked for a more detailed KCVP Vets Committee Report that shows:
  - 2023 by each month with a Total column at the end.
  - Annual summaries for 2018 thru 2023.
- The board asked the team to ask internally why the VSHSL Board has not met nor published a schedule for 2024. (Pete advised he will engage the board chair as well.)
  - Next meeting is set for March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Dave asked if we could provide a new report that shows funding spent in each strategy and which organizations are funded. Can it be monthly, Quarterly, or semi-annually?
- When does the tenure of each VAB member end?

### Future Agenda Items

- See 2024 workplan notes under new business.

### Adjourn