

KC-FEB Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2017 – 1:30 PM (Thursday)
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GUEST SPEAKERS																																						
<p>1. Community Veteran Engagement Boards</p> <p>Carmen Gamble, Relationship Manager, & Jeffrey Brlecic, Field Consultant, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs</p>	<p><u>Community Veterans Engagement Board:</u> Carmen Gamble & Jeff Brlecic presented information about the MyVA Community. MyVA Communities are a collaborative network of Veterans, advocates, resources, and stakeholders who organize through Community Veteran Engagement Boards (CVEBS) to improve outcomes for Veterans and their communities. So far there are 116 boards across the country with the local boards being Kansas City, Wichita, Leavenworth, & Columbia. CVEBS are VA initiated but each community owns and leads the effort. CVEBS' member make-up varies from board to board but typically includes Veterans, Veteran advocates, organizations, community stakeholders and leaders, service providers, MSOs, non-profit groups and many more. Local VA leadership (Director level) is involved in the boards and presents an opportunity for stakeholders to sit at the table w/local VA leadership who can use board input in the strategic local planning process. The boards will also have a goal of hosting 2</p>	<p>POC: Carmen Gamble 314-652-4100 ext. 55563 Carmen.gamble@va.gov</p> <p>Jeffrey Brlecic 316-685-2221 ext. 58017 Jeffrey.brlecic@va.gov</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  CVEB Presentation Information Brief to F </div>																																				

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	<p>forum events per year in an effort to pull many groups together. The boards are intended to be collaborative, networking, inclusive, community driven efforts.</p> <p>Gateway (St. Louis) Community Veterans Engagement Board is partnering with the Army Medical Department to host a PTSD forum on May 24th. From 9am – 4pm at Saint Louis University, 221 N. grand Blvd St. Louis, Mo. 63103 Pere Marquette Bldg., Du Bourg hall, 2nd floor. The Event is targeted toward Mental Health providers, police, fire, EMS, Veterans & family members. The Event is also free and lunch will be provided.</p>	<p>www.eventbrite.com/e/gateway-to-recovery-ptsd-and-suicide-prevention-forum-tickets-33716618313</p>  <p>Gateway to Recover PTSD Forum Flyer PDF</p>
OLD BUSINESS		
1. Minutes	Minutes of 3/16/17 Meeting were approved.	AJ Mooney
2. Website Update	<p>The KC-FEB website will soon include links for the FEBVA minutes and meeting schedules. There will also be a link for requesting email in several categories (FEBVA committee business, events, and info). There will be buttons added across the top of the site with the new links.</p> <p>Greater KC-FEB site: www.kansascity.feb.gov KC-FEB VAC site: www.kansascity.feb.gov/committees/vet/</p>	John Rogers John Cleveland
3. Email Distribution Update	<p>Greg Giese had sent out an email concerning the different email distribution lists. Members/meeting attendees are asked to respond with which lists they prefer to be on. This is part of an overall effort to minimize the number of unwanted emails. If you've received the email mentioned above, please respond w/your preferences. Also, the website update will include a button with options for inclusion on the different lists.</p>	Greg Giese AJ Mooney John Rogers

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4. FEBVAC Stand Down Coordinator (Fed. Employee)	The committee is in need of a federal employee to coordinate the federal side of the stand down (donations, volunteer solicitation, etc.). A number of people have asked to help but are unable to take on the coordination role. Anyone interested can in the Coordinator role please contact Greg Giese. The stand down itself will be held Friday June 2 nd at St. Michael's Veteran's Place 3838 Chelsea Drive, Kansas City, MO from 0700-1400. Jim Lannigan is the POC for Volunteers.	www.kcstanddown.org Jim Lannigan. (816) 763-1193 kim@kcstanddown.org
5. Community Outreach	A number of groups/organizations have been proposed for the FEB-VAC community Outreach and more discussion will occur on which ones will be supported by FEB-VAC. Greg Giese is going to contact Donna Mayfield to discuss where we are at with Veterans Community Project and others. Emma Toops added an initiative for consideration. A transition course for young transitioning professionals. The committee discussed the Greater FEB and the HR subcommittee being appropriate supporters. Larry Hisle added that the "Young Government leaders sub-committee" would also be a good resource www.kansascity.feb.gov/ygl	Greg Giese Donna Mayfield
6. Representing FEBVAC at United Way meetings.	The committee is in need of volunteers to attend the United Way Alliance meetings. It was recently decided to discontinue the combined FEBVAC/United Way meetings and instead have representatives at each other's meetings. Ideally, the FEBVAC would need 6 to 8 members of the committee volunteer and attend on a rotating or availability based basis. The next United Way alliance meeting is on June 14 th . The committee would like volunteers by May 1 st . Volunteers can contact Greg Giese, John Rogers, or AJ Mooney. Fannie Woods has volunteered to attend the UWGKC bi-monthly meetings. Jeff Brlecic asked how a federal employee gains membership to the KCFEB. The Greater KCFEB is made up of the senior official of each area government agency. Subcommittees like the VAC are then made up of Federal Employees.	N/A
PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORTS		

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a. Crisis & Homeless	Not Present.	Sondra Robinson
b. Committee Liaison	Not Present.	Jennifer King
c. Community Outreach	Not Present.	Donna Mayfield
d. Discounts & Events	No Updates.	Michael Ciliege
e. Education Benefits	Not Present.	Vanessa Thompson
f. Guest Speakers	No updates. No speakers confirmed yet.	James White
g. Health Insurance ACA	Not Present.	Lorelei Schieferdecker
h. Kansas City Veteran Career & Resource Fair	Not Present.	Chip Hillesheim
i. Stand Down	The stand down will be June 2 nd at St. Michael's Center. The event will be 1 day only this year. http://kcstanddown.org Greg Giese will send an email with the event flyer, needed item list, volunteer forms, and provider form. Dennis advised that donated items are warehoused at the Leavenworth VA. All monetary donations go towards items purchased for Veterans. Contact Dennis Johnson and Jim Lannigan for donations and/or information.	Dennis Johnson (Providers) (816) 510-9802 dennis@kcstanddown.org Jim Lannigan (Volunteers) (816) 763-1193 jim@standdown.org www.kcstanddown.org

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j. Veterans History Project	No Update.	Dennis Branson
k. Women Veterans	Not Present.	McKenzie Smith
NEW BUSINESS		
1. Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Army Birthday celebration information will be sent out via email. - Ride KC Transit: Free bus fares for Veterans is active and working good. The group discussed the picture ID that will be required for Veterans to ride. For now, the buses are accepting any ID, DD 214, etc., but at some future point an issued picture ID will be required. The IDs can be obtained at the Veterans Community Project (VCP) outreach center at 89th & Troost and the VCP will also be at the stand down creating picture IDs as well. - No update on the KC Veterans Job Fair. - VA picture ID and eligibility: Related to the issue of showing Veteran IDs for the RideKC, the group discussed IDs in general and how different entities have varying requirements for what can be acceptable “proof” of veteran status. Individual companies can determine their own criteria (such as Home Depot for discounts, etc.). VA ID’s are dependent on eligibility and this is where it can get confusing as there is a wide continuum of eligibility levels. How a Veteran is defined is an ongoing discussion that can be viewed from an eligibility standpoint (VA benefits). A Veteran may not necessarily qualify for VA services (or a VA picture ID) and still be a Veteran. - Steve Navarro, Johnson County Community College (JCCC) gave an update on the scholarship program for CDL training for Veterans at JCCC. 5 students just graduated the program and there are as many as 24 scholarships available for Veterans and their 	<p><u>Open Discussion Links/POCs:</u></p> <p>Army Birthday info: RSVP online at http://kcausa.org For more info contact Emma Toops (913)967-9745</p> <p>RideKC: Cust Service: 816-221-0660 www.ridekc.org/news/veterans</p> <p>www.veteranscommunityproject.org</p> <p>JCCC CDL Scholarships: www.jccc.edu/CDLveteran (913) 469-3836 transportation@jccc.edu</p> <p>Fannie Woods (913) 551-5577 fannie.j.woods@hud.gov</p>

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	<p>eligible dependents. The full-tuition scholarships are to earn a CDL Class A license training. There are 4 or 10-week programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KCVA updates (Dwayne Rider, PAO): KCVA had a groundbreaking for their Johnson County facility which is expected to be open in the fall and called the Johnson County CBOC. The new entrance at KCVA and a new OIF/OEF/OND area are ready to open. Also, a new MH building on campus and a new parking garage are being planned. - The area of coverage by the Greater KC-FEB was discussed. The reach is as wide as St.Louis in the East and down towards Wichita in the Southwest as neither city has their own FEB. - Fannie Woods has volunteered to lead the project for a FEB-sponsored Memorial & Veteran Days event(s) for Federal Employees/Veterans. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Fannie. 	
2. Future FEBVAC Meetings	<p>May 18, 2017 NARA. Open to the public. June 15, 2017 NAEA. Open to the public.</p>	
Other Action Items		
None.		
NEXT MEETING:	May 18th, 2017 at 1:30 pm. National Archives and Records Administration Facility: Open to the public.	