

KC-FEB Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2017 – 1:30 PM (Thursday)
Location – National Archives and Records Administration
400 West Pershing Road
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GUEST SPEAKERS																													
<p>1. Veterans Community Project update</p> <p>Chris Stout & Kevin Jamison</p>	<p><u>Veterans Community Project Update:</u> Chris Stout & Kevin Jamison returned to the FEBVAC to provide an update on VCP activities and progress. 10 houses must come down due to no sewer system. They anticipate housing Vets in the late fall (10 at a time), the first 10 will then build the next 10 houses and this model will be in place through 50 house builds. They've used a deliberate growth plan to refine the process for when they grow it across the country in other cities. VCP has purchased and renovated a building across the street from the Veterans Village. This will allow work to continue throughout the winter. VCP also is issuing the bus passes to Veterans and emphasized that their definition of Veteran is anyone who took the oath regardless of discharge status. VCP is a full referral service (advocacy) for Mental Health, Homelessness, family, legal services, any need a Veteran has. VCP's goal is to never say no to a Veteran and in doing this, they are attacking homelessness on the front-end before it occurs.</p>	<p>http://veteranscommunityproject.org</p> <p>Veterans Outreach Center 8900 Troost Ave. Kansas City, MO. 64131</p> <p>Veterans Village 1201 E. 89th St. Kansas City, MO. 64131</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities! volunteer@VCP-KC.org</p>																											

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	<p>The question was asked about how to Volunteer: Different companies and organizations sponsor house builds and they will typically have volunteers from those organizations assisting w/the builds. Individual and organizational volunteers are welcome and can email volunteer@vcp-kc.org for opportunities. There will be opportunities this fall (Sep & Oct timeframe).</p> <p>Legal Services: Anything related to housing, VCP takes on. They have a close partnership with legal Military Matters. Bryan Meyer (VCP Chief Legal Officer) can triage issues to see what the real legal issue is for a direct referral so the Veteran doesn't get bounced around. There is no charge for legal services.</p> <p>Other VCP updates and Q&A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bus pass printer will go mobile and will be available for job fairs, Veteran events, etc. The bus pass has certainly increased traffic for VCP. - What is the process for a Veteran who is moving into the village? Intake is about two weeks and the Veteran can just have an adjustment period. They do a psychological assessment during those two weeks. The average stay is predicted to be 6 mos. to a year. There is no stay limit as long as the Veteran is making progress. - Individual or corporate sponsorship is \$15,000 (adopt-a-home programs). - The question was asked about sex offenders & criminal records: VCP cannot place in a tiny house but will offer service in some capacity and there is more developing in this area. In general, VCP does not pick and choose who they will serve, if they served VCP will serve them. <p>VCP also does not use the HUD definition of homelessness and thus does not have an established "threshold" for homeless services. The goal is to hit homelessness on the front-end</p>	

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	and prevent it altogether. The KC FEBVAC may gather volunteers to build a house in the future. More to come on this!	
OLD BUSINESS		
1. Minutes	The Minutes of the 4/20/17 meeting was sent out today (5/18). If there are any changes or corrections, please let Greg know by May 25 th . We will vote on the April minutes in June.	Greg Giese
2. FEBVAC Stand Down Coordinator (Fed. Employee)	We are still looking for a FEB-VAC member (fed employee) who can serve as a coordinator for the Stand down. The coordinator would just be a POC and not have to do everything. The Coord. can send info to the committee and committee members can then send it on out to their agencies.	Contact Greg Giese or John Rogers.
3. Community Outreach - VCP	The KC FEBVAC may gather volunteers to build a house in the future. More to come on this!	
NEW BUSINESS		
1. Communication – Meeting Requests & Distribution	The committee discussed the sending out of meeting requests and other distribution lists concerning how best to send out schedules, agenda, and other items. Greg will send out meeting requests, please do not send responses to these requests.	Greg Giese
2. Website Update	John Cleveland has been working on improvements to the FEB-VAC website. Meeting minutes are now on there as well as contact info. We are currently looking at other categories of links or additions to the site that we could implement. The site can be found at www.kansascity.feb.gov/committees/vet/	John Cleveland John Rogers
3. Agency Success	At a minimum, KCFEB-VAC committee members must distribute info to their own agencies. For things that are sent out, the members are there agencies representatives on the committee and	

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	there is an expectation that committee info is passed along throughout the agencies.	
4. FEB-VAC Scribe	AJ Mooney is leaving the VA for a position in the Private Sector and will no longer be a FEBVAC member so we need a scribe replacement. Vanessa Thomson Volunteered during the meeting and AJ will turnover with her the week of 5/22.	AJ Mooney Vanessa Thomson
PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORTS		
a. Crisis & Homeless	Not Present. The committee discussed having a FEBVAC committee member serve as the POC or take over as coordinator. Fanny Woods had mentioned taking this role. More to come on this.	Sondra Robinson/ Fanny Woods
b. Committee Liaison	Not Present.	Jennifer King
c. Community Outreach	Not Present.	Donna Mayfield
d. Discounts & Events	Lowe's will begin to require Veterans to register online in order to get the military discount. This will also allow the military discount for online shopping through Lowe's as well.	Michael Ciliege
e. Education Benefits	No update.	Vanessa Thompson
f. Guest Speakers	There will be more info to come about future guest speakers. Also, please contact James White if you have any potential guest speakers.	James White
g. Health Insurance ACA	Not Present.	Lorelei Schieferdecker
h. Kansas City Veteran Career & Resource Fair	No update. There has been no update from anyone involved at the City level. The sense is that the event may not happen this year.	Chip Hillesheim

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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 . They are still looking for volunteers for Thursday to help with set-up. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jim Lannigan.	Dennis Johnson (Providers) (816) 510-9802 dennis@kcstanddown.org Jim Lannigan (Volunteers) (816) 763-1193 jim@standdown.org www.kcstanddown.org
j. Veterans History Project	No Update.	Dennis Branson
k. Women Veterans	Not Present.	McKenzie Smith
Open Discussion		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KC Metro Bus passes. Veteran Community Project is the sole issuer of the Veteran Bus Passes. Up until June, Veterans were allowed to ride for free with just any ID or just self-reporting as a Veteran. In June, the specific bus passes will be required. There will be an effort to track usage. The passes can be issued at the Veterans Community Project Outreach Center at 8900 Troost Ave, KCMO. 	<u>Open Discussion Links/POCs:</u> http://veteranscommunityproject.org/services/#Free_Fares_on_RideKC 8900 Troost Ave Kansas City, MO. 64131 RideKC: Cust Service: 816-221-0660 www.ridekc.org/news/veterans

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None.		
NEXT MEETING:	June 15th, 2017 at 1:30 pm. National Archives and Records Administration Facility: Open to the public.	