

KC-FEB Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2018 – 1:30 PM (Thursday)
Location – American Job Center
1740 Paseo Blvd,
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

ITEM	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION/ASSIGNMENT/POC</u> If/As Applicable
Opening / Introductions		Greg Giese
Attendees	<p><u>In person</u></p> <p>1. Greg Giese 2. Jonni Christian 3. Terry Curry 4. Larry Hisle 5. Karen Yarbough 6. Harry Gray</p> <p>7. Vanessa Thomson 8. David Thomas 9. Allen Edmonds</p> <p><u>Via teleconference</u></p> <p>1. Dave Stepp 2. Lauren Ray 3. Dave Dewitt 4. Mike Sealey</p>	N/A
GUEST SPEAKERS		
Terry Curry, Women's Veteran Program Manager – Kansas City VA	<p>The Women's Veteran Program is developing and currently serving over 4,000 women in the Honor Annex at the VA (https://www.kansascity.va.gov/locations/Honor_Annex.asp). Honor Annex is 5 miles from Linwood, old Kaiser bldg., they moved in there 4 years ago. House women's veteran program and mental health. 10,000+ other vets in a catch area that are not receiving care. If spouse or employments pays, they won't come through the VA. 2.2M women vets in the USA including active, guard, and reserve. 6.8 female veterans that use VA services. When did female vets start serving in military? Surgeon woman serving in civil war and only woman to receive medal of honor. During revolution in 1782, woman got enlisted in army under her deceased brother's name. Trends of vets in women serving: muscular skeletal, PTSD, MST (military sexual trauma), depression, homelessness, and mental health. Primary care is what they see at Honor Annex, and gender specific care like maternity, breast, OBGYN. Education current for primary care docs that are seeing women. Started a mini-residency, bring in providers to teach them most current ways to look at providing health for females. 3-day seminar. GTAs came in and provided hospital settings. Models allow doc to test exam them. Hands on training. Cultural awareness is an issue – transgender. Gov't will provide everything for transgender except for sexual reassignment or electrolysis. Meet a veteran as a veteran. 1/6 pilots working on domestic violence. Trends: suicide in female veterans. 10th leading cause of death in the nation. 45% of veteran suicides are women. 1-855-vawomen crisis line.</p> <p>Julie Hera – documentary of over 9 years following women to war and back – coming in March.</p>	<p>https://www.kansascity.va.gov/services/women/index.asp</p> <p>https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/</p>

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OLD BUSINESS		
1. Meeting Minutes	The Minutes of the 10/18/18 meeting were approved. Name corrections and other minor changes can still be emailed to Greg.	Greg Giese
2. Future Meetings	David from Salvation Army has locked in Linwood office for January meeting. Talk about doing a Webex or use Skype meeting. David Stepp says he can host at some building at the plaza in April.	
3. Website Update	Reached out to John to meet about the calendar. Maybe some DoD agencies will not allow it. Harry says if you create the invite on outlook, everyone will get it. Link to Google Doc that we can see what different agencies are doing.	
4. Camp Corral	We will most likely have a speaker come while camp is happening locally in July. Stay tuned for more info.	
NEW BUSINESS		
1. Vacant Program Coordinator Positions	Assist Jonni with women's stuff, and be guest speaker POC. Greg thanked Jonni since Carla. Be in distribution that includes us on women vet stuff.	
PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORTS		
a. Discounts & Events	Needs list, send out specific to area you're coordinating. Be responsible with things you're sending out. Couldn't send out because we got it over the weekend.	Michael Ciliege
b. Veteran Benefits	Alan in training, so no update from other guy.	Alan Edmonds/vacant
c. Stand Down - http://kcstanddown.org/	In Jan, get update from Standdown. Look at support by volunteer in June.	Dennis Johnson (Providers) (816) 510-9802 dennis@kcstanddown.org
d. Women Veterans	No update.	Jonni Christian/vacant

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e. Guest Speaker	Next meeting in January.	
Open Discussion		
Larry Hisle	Marine's toys for tots kicks off next week. Get boxes out tomorrow. If agencies would like to participate, go online and you can pick up at 155th st.	
David Thomas	Brochure and card if you know of a homeless vet or someone about to lose their house, call him. David Thomas. 508 families recipients of something last year in 10 counties in MO & KS. Larry asked if David had talked to Tiny Homes if they can't help, victor morales, they work hand in hand. If they don't qualify or are too full, they work together.	
	Karen works with vets, and Harry with employers. They do job matching and got #s together to show us stats. Jobs.mo.gov. 61st and Prospect, N KC at maplewoods cc, 23rd street in Independence. Those getting out, economically disadvantaged; dislocated workers are vets receiving unemployment that are returning from being deployed.	
NEXT MEETINGS:	Jan 17th, 2019 at 1:30 pm. Location: Salvation Army, 101 W Linwood Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64111 Feb 21st, 2019 at 1:30 pm. Location TBD. Mar 21st, 2019 at 1:30 pm. Location TBD. Apr 18th, 2018 at 1:30 pm. Location TBD.	

Upcoming dates from prior meeting minute updates and emails:

Nov 15-17 2018 Farmer Veteran Stakeholders Conference will be held in Kansas City from Nov 15-17. <https://www.farmvetco.org/kansascity/>