

Palm Beach County Veterans Coalition

Meeting Minutes May 17th, 2016

Present: Cindy Sjogren, Jose Capellan, Greg Dover, Charity Lewis, Angela Choice, Sylvia Bischoff, Jill Benson, Guillermo Durau, Tomas Coles-Reyes, Rosquelyn C Woods, Eric Brand, Pam Berry, Cassandra Sapp-Norris, Charlotte M Rebillard

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order and Introductions	Jose Capellan, Supervisor, Veteran Services, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. All present introduced themselves and the organization they represent.	
Agenda/Minutes	Minutes of March 8th, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Agenda was reviewed.	Minutes approved as presented. Agenda approved as presented.
<p>Guest Speaker: Ms Pamela C Berry, Director, The Salvation Army Center of Hope</p> <p>Roundtable Discussion</p>	<p>*Was 50 bed program. Now 15 beds (1 year) and 2 year transitional housing focused. * VA Grant and Per Diem program - not Emergency shelter * Priority Permanent Supportive Housing Programs * Need more landlords</p> <p>* Sylvia Bischoff, Phoenix Project, brought a veteran that attended recent retreat and spoke of the great success they experienced. Next retreat will be 9/2/2016 and 1/13/2017 * Jose mentioned Pension Poacher TV interview will be on our website. Also, discussed plan on series of videos to be on our website to explain to veterans the process of claims. * Charity Lewis for Congresswoman Frankel - 50th anniversary Vietnam Commemoration * Jill Bensen for Congressman Deutch - Veteran's Choice Program. Handouts on legislative updates and informed that the legislation to protect Veteran Pensions passed the House. Also, Congressman Deutch is working with VA on the Choice Act * Charlotte R. handed out postcards for Memorial Day Ceremony at National Cemetery. Next project is Veteran's Day Parade. City of WPB. * Angela C. announced the 3rd annual Women Veteran Conference, June 15-16 in St Augustine, FL * Vickers House: Homeward Bound Program to reunite homeless w/family - contract w/Greyhound ; One time bus ticket home and only one way. Family must agree to care for homeless individual coming home. *Tomas Cole, VetsPlace, 501C3. Affordable Permanent Housing, Also, funding for Save Program; temp housing for up to 3 days in a motel (including food). Entrepreneurial workshops, documentation for free/notary, FPL Assist</p>	<p>Contact Information: Pamela Berry Phone: 561-682-1118 Email: pam.berry@uss.salvationarmy.org</p>
Meeting Adjourned	*Jose Capellan thanked everyone for coming; motion to end meeting at 10:10 AM.	
Next Meeting	July 12, 2016 @ 9:00am / Location: 810 Datura Street., Basement Conference Room, West Palm Beach, FL.	