

Palm Beach County Veterans Coalition

Meeting Minutes January 13, 2015

Present: Greg Dover, Andy Reese, Meredith Powers-Lupo, Angela Choice, Raul Diaz, Stewart W. Bosley Jr, Nancy Germansky, Rita Clark, Michael Coleman, Josh Maddock, Cindy Sjogren, Pat Schroder, Jose Capella, Charity Lewis

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order and Introductions	Greg Dover, Veteran Service Officer, called the meeting to order at 9:00am. All present introduced themselves and the organization they represent.	
Agenda/Minutes	Minutes of September 2014 meeting were reviewed. Agenda was reviewed.	Minutes approved as presented. Agenda approved as presented.
Congressional Briefings: Jill Benson Charity Lewis Guest Speaker: Susan Carabello Jerome Golden Center	<p>*Congressman Deutch continues to work on Veteran issues</p> <p>*Congresswoman Frankel is working to reduce VA backlog *Congresswoman Frankel plans to do an education roundtable at PBSC in the coming months</p> <p>* The Jerome Golden Center helps Veterans build resiliency, facilitate recovery and achieve reintegration into the community by designing and delivering behavioral healthcare services that meet their needs and expectations *The Homeless Community Treatment Team provides outreach services to the mentally ill homeless Veterans. * The Jerome Golden Center has two campuses in Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach and Belle Glade</p>	<p>Contact Information: Jill Benson Phone: 561-470-5440 E-mail: jill.benson@mail.house.gov</p> <p>Contact Information: Charity Lewis Phone: 561-998-9045 E-mail: Charity.Lewis@mail.house.gov</p> <p>Contact Information: Susan Carabello Phone: 561-383-5823 E-mail: SCarabella@jeromegoldencenter.org</p>

<p>Guest Speaker: Greg Dover Palm Beach County Veteran Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Explained the mission of the PBC Veterans' Services Office * Stated the PBC Veterans' Services Office is available to present outreach programs to the community * Restated Mission Statement of the PBC Veterans' Coalition * Discussed service connected claims and the filing process <p>Warned coalition members about upswing in the number of scams targeted at Veterans. In particular, "Pension Poachers" that used questionable methods to apply for VA benefits and swindle applicants are the focus</p>	<p>Contact Information: Greg Dover Phone: 561-355-4761 E-mail: wdover@pbcgov.org</p>
<p>Roundtable Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Greg Dover mentioned that the Point in Time (PIT) homeless count would take place in January 29 & 30th and that the county needs volunteers. * Andy Reese, PBC VSO, stated that the Star Spangled Heroes event at the West Palm Beach Library was extended into January, end date TBD * Faith*Hope*Love Charities continues to house Veterans 	<p>Contact Information: Greg Dover Phone: 561-355-4761 E-mail: wdover@pbcgov.org</p> <p>Contact Information: Andy Reese Phone: 561-274-3118 E-mail: areese@pbcgov.org</p> <p>Contact Information: David Knapp Phone: 561-968-1612 E-mail: dknapp@standown.org</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Mar 10th, 2015 @ 9:00am / Location: Conference Room, Basement, 810 Datura Street.</p>	<p>http://www.pbcgov.org/community/services/programs/humanservices/veterans/</p>