

## **Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Medford Meeting Notes**

### **Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center Meeting –**

- ◆ Who, What and Why of the Task Force.
- ◆ Need linkage with state and county programs.
- ◆ There is a need for more TBI care.
- ◆ The Dom would like to see a new vet home put on their property.
- ◆ The Dom is reaching out to the Lakeview area through the Klamath Falls CBOC.
- ◆ The Dom is working with Telemedicine.
- ◆ The Dom is unique among VA facilities.
- ◆ Dom has a program called ELP (Experienced Learning Program).
- ◆ The Dom has been working with the Interfaith Community Council.
- ◆ The Dom expects a financial dip in 2010/2011.
- ◆ Budgeting is two years behind in VA system.
- ◆ The Dom has a limited female veteran program.
- ◆ Six percent of the Dom's clientele are Native Americans.
- ◆ Dom has 1 new building being built with two more proposed.
- ◆ They need space for sub-specialty care.
- ◆ Dom has 600 beds.
- ◆ Transportation is an issue.
  - Can't afford gas to Portland.
- ◆ Dom needs more specialty care.
- ◆ \$5 million is spent on fee-basis care.
- ◆ Need help recruiting healthcare professionals.
  - Student loan relief.
  - Promote Oregon as a nice place to work.

### **Medford Town Hall Meeting –**

- ◆ Who, what, why of Task Force.
- ◆ Would like to see a Vets Home in SW Oregon.
- ◆ S.O. Veterans outreach duties and funding.
- ◆ OR motorcycle group would like to help with outreach.
- ◆ Outreach is being done through Demobs and Welcome Home packets.
- ◆ "Vets don't think communities appreciate their service."
- ◆ Jackson County to celebrate Jackson County War Heroes.
- ◆ There should be acupuncture treatments available for chronic pain sufferers.

- ◆ Few providers take TRICARE.
- ◆ There needs to be military family members on the task force.
- ◆ Review of the OR reintegration team.
- ◆ Families need to talk to combat veterans and wives before their veteran comes home.
- ◆ There should not be different classes of veterans... Vets are vets!
- ◆ Does every battalion in the Guard have a Reintegration team? – No.
- ◆ Fee basis care:
  - System works on the east coast but not on the west coast.
- ◆ Review of appeals must be in Portland.
  - Should consider teleconferences.
- ◆ PTSD screening procedures.
- ◆ Interface between VA and primary care docs:
  - There should be training of Docs by the VA on veterans' issues.
  - Make sure your Doc is communication with the VA.
- ◆ “Outreach” occurs any time two vets get together.
- ◆ There is a lack of communication among entities who are trying to help vets.
  - City “vet help” groups should network regularly.
- ◆ Vets are not a priority for those seeking to end homelessness.
- ◆ There is nothing to help veterans with legal problems.
- ◆ Female veterans have special needs: i.e. Sexual Trauma.

Consider using the Eastern Oregon training facility for a female vet center.