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## **GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON VETERANS' SERVICES FULL COMMITTEE**

Date: May 15, 2008

Place: Oregon Military Department

Time: 3:00 p.m.

In attendance: Jeff Barker, Amy Goodall, Paul Evans, Sasha Pollack, Mike Caldwell, Jack Heims, Jim Willis, Paula Brown, Kevin O'Reilly, Jerry Lorang, Tino Ornelas, Mic Alexander, Krissa Caldwell, Karen Humelbaugh, Dan Estes, Mike Burton, Martha Schrader, Jim Booker, Daniel Thompson, Diane Gooding, Jon Concepcion, Mac MacDonald, Mark Mediema, and Tom Mann.

Chair Paul Evans began the meeting and stated that his wish was to have things wrapped up as close to 5 p.m. as possible. He then referred to the handouts provided and in particular the memo listing the tentative listing of site visits and town hall meetings to take place in June and July. The Chair stated that there would be discussion at the close of today's meeting about these.

Also, the Chair reminded the group that there would be no meeting next Thursday, May 22, and the group will reconvene on May 29.

The Chair then explained that today's meeting focus was on 'the Workforce' and the time allocated for presentations is lengthy so once the presentations are complete the subcommittee chairs can determine if break outs are going to be beneficial or not.

The Chair then turned things over to the first presenters – Krissa Caldwell and Karen Humelbaugh.

Caldwell opened the presentation by referring to the WORKSOURCE OREGON Competing in the Global Market handbook that was distributed. She pointed out the map located in the center of the handbook. This map was divided into 15 Regions and shows the locations of WorkSource Oregon Centers, Oregon Community Colleges, Community College Satellite Campuses and Oregon Employment Department affiliate sites. She then turned it over to Karen Humelbaugh.

Humelbaugh clarified that some of the information will likely piggyback onto previous employment information that was presented a few weeks back. She pointed out that the funding structure for WorkSource projects is very complex. There was a simplified workflow chart in the handouts provided which she briefly reviewed. Some of the highlights of her presentation were as follows:

- In order to qualify for national emergency funding grants situation must be a declared disaster by FEMA. May want to review funding restrictions for federal emergency grants.
- WorkSource serves 3 different populations, youth, adult, and dislocated worker.
- There is Training Unemployment Insurance (TUI) that is for eligible dislocated workers through the Oregon Employment Department. (Jim Booker provided everyone with a brochure.) A section of brochure describes TUI for veterans attending school full time.
- Training unemployment allows person to continue their training and not be required to be doing job searching at the same time.
- Most of the training done is through local community colleges. There are some grants available for businesses to train employees.
- Restructuring is in process with a goal of providing an integrated flow of services for individuals seeking WorkSource services. (Initial flow – Title 1 and Title 3)
- Review Central City Concern’s model of a certificate program. What are the funding streams and are there any obstacles for business or organizations to put something similar together? Suggestions were made to look into resources (federal dollars) for these types of programs. (Rural grants were mentioned and ballot measure passed in state of Ohio)
- County Commissioners populate the WorkSource boards responsible for funding and overseeing WorkSource Regions and programs.
- Presentations to WorkSource boards on successful program models could be very beneficial. This program model is something that could be built with cooperative input from involved partners.
- Pilot projects going throughout the state called Career Readiness Certificate to tell both the employer and the individual that this person has been assessed in reading for information, applied mathematics and locating information. Would like to work one of these pilots with a group of returning troops. Desire to look into integrating the program and testing online with troops – maybe even while deployed.
- Working groups to be formed that will review needs for standardization on certificate programs and assessments. A uniformed proctor-testing tool. The Chair asked that a small workgroup be formed to work on this.

Some discussion followed that was pertaining to Certificate of Discharge (DD214) and DMV. The idea of how to have a designation on license or other standard everyday verification of veteran status was the discussion. The Chair determined that a work group should be formed to further discuss the details of this idea and directed Jim Willis and Sasha Pollack to confer.

Martha Schrader and Chaplain Thompson were the next presenters. They had packets that they handed out regarding Clackamas County Veterans Career and Benefit Fair programs. Also, there was a PowerPoint presentation. Key highlights of this presentation were –

- This event has been well attended (650 veterans attended). Held at Clackamas Community College for non-threatening access. Also provides community a chance to get involved and show support.
- There is a large base of support by businesses and organizations in Clackamas County. These entities partner together to produce the Career Fairs and get the word out.
- Now wish to focus on reaching more family members of military members and veterans.
- Have a vision now to share this with other Oregon counties and to develop a standard program that could include an online website and then contain each county and local resources. “You have earned it” campaign.
- Community support and outreach has made a tremendous difference in the success of the program in Clackamas County.
- Plan to brand the model and get a marketing plan going. A discussion was brief on the idea of seeking funding from the E-board in September 2008.

The Chair then asked the sub committee chairs as to whether they wish to hold a break out session. None wanted to hold subcommittee meetings.

The group then took a ten-minute break.

The Chair called the group back to order and discussion was focused on the June-July town hall and venue visits schedule. Goal is to meet with local CVSOs, local leaders and elected officials earlier in day and then hold town hall style discussion in evening. Not all members are expected to attend every one. Ideally, if at least six or seven task force members could be at each event that would be sufficient.

The Chair or a subcommittee chair will try to be the lead at each event. Hopefully this will help to raise awareness.

A couple of changes were made – switch of June 18 and 19. Then Enterprise was changed to be in La Grande.

Paul asked that members respond to him as to which meetings they plan to attend or if there is a location that members would like to be the lead let Paul know as well. More details will be following as locations and times become more concrete.

Next meeting will be May 29th, at the Oregon Military Department. Meeting then adjourned. Time was 5:07 p.m.