VAC Meeting Date: 07/21/2023

Time: 4:00pm

End Time: 5:00pm

Location: Government Center Brantner Gulch C

Meeting called by: Luke Orander

Note taker: Julissa Raygoza

Attendees: Chaz Tedesco, Luke Orander, Glenn Robinson, Donald Maloy, Bradley Bohling, Chris

Kemm, Drew Dixon

Minutes

Agenda item: Introductions **Presenter:** Chris Herndon

Discussion:

All members introduced themselves and gave a little background about themselves.

Conclusions:

Time: 8:50 AM

Duration:

Agenda item: Summary of the day **Presenter:** Chris Herndon

Discussion:

Chris went over the summary of what the day would look like and went over some ground rules as well as some guiding principles.

Conclusions:

Retreat date: July 21, 23

Location: Adams County Government Center

Time: 9:00 AM

Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes

Agenda item: Mission Review **Presenter:** Chris Herndon

Discussion: Members then discussed what is the vision of the VAC? The VAC broke apart into three groups and each group came up with a mission statement that was then looked over by the other groups to decide on one final vision statement.

Conclusions:

Vision Statement: Empower Adams County Veterans through equitable access to resources.

Agenda item: Vision Setting **Presenter:** Chris Herndon

Discussion:

Members of the VAC then broke apart and discussed what the VACs mission statement should be. Three groups were made, and one final mission statement was decided on.

Conclusions:

Mission Statement: Provide innovative insights to decision-makers, creating pathways to resources that evolve with veteran's needs.

Agenda item: Values **Presenter:** Chris Herndon

Discussion:

Members then discussed what values are fitting for the VAC, and the group decided on five important values.

Conclusions:

- Risk taking.
- Teamwork
- Honesty/Integrity
- Curiosity
- Effectiveness

Time: 11:40am work through lunch.

Agenda item: Roles & Responsibilities **Presenter:** Chris Herndon

Discussion:

How the VAC should be organized was the discussed. They started by looking at how it is organized now which is chair and vice chair and discussed what else is needed. The committee decided on potentially adding subcommittees for priority areas.

Conclusions:

Subcommittees for priority areas: Mental Health, Housing, Marginalized populations, Outreach, Workforce Development, Education.

Agenda item: Next Steps (Data Collection) Presenter: Chris Herndon

Discussion:

Data collection was then discussed and what would be necessary to execute the mission statement. The data is important to relate and recommend outside resources to county commissioners.

Conclusions:

The number of veterans residing/eligible/receiving services in Adams County is the best approach to work towards our mission statement.

Homework:

Tap into your own network to confirm data/metrics.

Meeting

Adjourned: 2:30pm