

Macomb Veterans Action Collaborative Minutes
Virtual Meeting
Monday, June 06, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Laura Rios at 9:04 A.M.

II. ATTENDEES:

Laura Rios	Mark Meadows	Stephen Boegehold
Shelly Rood	Diana Laskey	Erika Delange
Kara Fields	Gabriella Barthlow	Katie Page
Pazz Colston	Keri Sutton	April Clipper
Jennifer Georgievski	John Babcock	Katie Carroll
Teena Sawicki		

III. INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Laura asked all attendees to enter their name in the chat box.

The April 04, 2022 meeting minutes were approved and recorded as written.

IV. SPECIAL SPEAKER: Did not attend

V. AGENCY UPDATES/ROUND ROBIN:

Erika Delange states they have Covid kits and mask kits. The food pantries have been giving out food to around 60 – 80 people.

Kara Fields stated the Summer Sessions are all online. Fall sessions will be half virtual and half in person.

Katie Page stated their services are using a hybrid – virtual method. The Battlefield Acupuncture is by appointment only. She wanted to let the Collaborative know their office does not limit their services to Macomb County Veterans only.

Stephen Boegehold wanted to say a “Big thank you” to everyone in the Collaborative. Each time he makes referrals to Veterans and their families in need, the Collaborative partners have come through for them.

Shelly Rood states they have a new Faith Based program called Warriors with Warriors. Please contact her for additional information. The Women Veteran Strong peer support groups are meeting virtually and in person. There is a state level magazine called AVOW that is available to women veterans who sign up for one of these groups.

Mark Meadows stated there is an upcoming event in October that will include a Pistons Rally and a Stand Down. It will be held at the Eastern Market. He will give more information in the near future.

Jennifer Georgievski stated the Macomb County MiWorks! Department is fully staffed.

John Babcock stated they have a new certificate program for 18 year olds and older called Grow with Google. Please contact him for more details.

Teena Sawicki reminded the Collaborative of the VA SAVE training that is free to all who are interested. This training presents an overview of suicide prevalence, risks and warning signs. It also provides guidance on how to intervene when someone is suicidal. Please contact her for more details.

VI. VCAT UPDATE/MVAA UPDATES:

VCAT meeting June 10, 2022: Education pillar theme. Michigan Women Veterans' Conference will be June 10 – 11, 2022 in Lansing.

**VII. NEXT MEETING: August 1, 2022 – Katie Page Vet Support Center
Mental Health Care and how to get veterans to events.**

October 3rd meeting Teena Sawicki will give a one-hour VA SAVE training.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M.