

## **THURSTON COUNTY VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

February 11, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Walker, Sean Smith, Casey Wegner, and Bob Thompson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Russel Cron and Dr. Mimi Fields

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Braaten, Sentwali Sentwali, Michael Wilson, Rick Sloan, Travis Sayers and Dennis Mills

Bob Thompson called the meeting to order.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Two veterans were seeking referrals for specific assistance and two veterans came to "observe".

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of December 3, 2012 and January 3, 2013 were read and approved.

### **COMMUNITY MEETING**

After discussion the VAB unanimously approved co-convening the meeting that the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs has offered to conduct. Several advisory board members volunteered to form a working group to help plan the event.

Other discussion involved inclusion of grant research as part of the collaboration.

### **THURSTON THRIVES**

The advisory board reviewed materials from Thurston Thrives and Gary Walker agreed to further explore this, and make recommendations to the advisory board regarding our possible involvement.

### **VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

Sean Smith recommended we discuss the option of having veteran service organizations host some of our future advisory board meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Casey Wegner  
Veterans' Advisory Board Member