

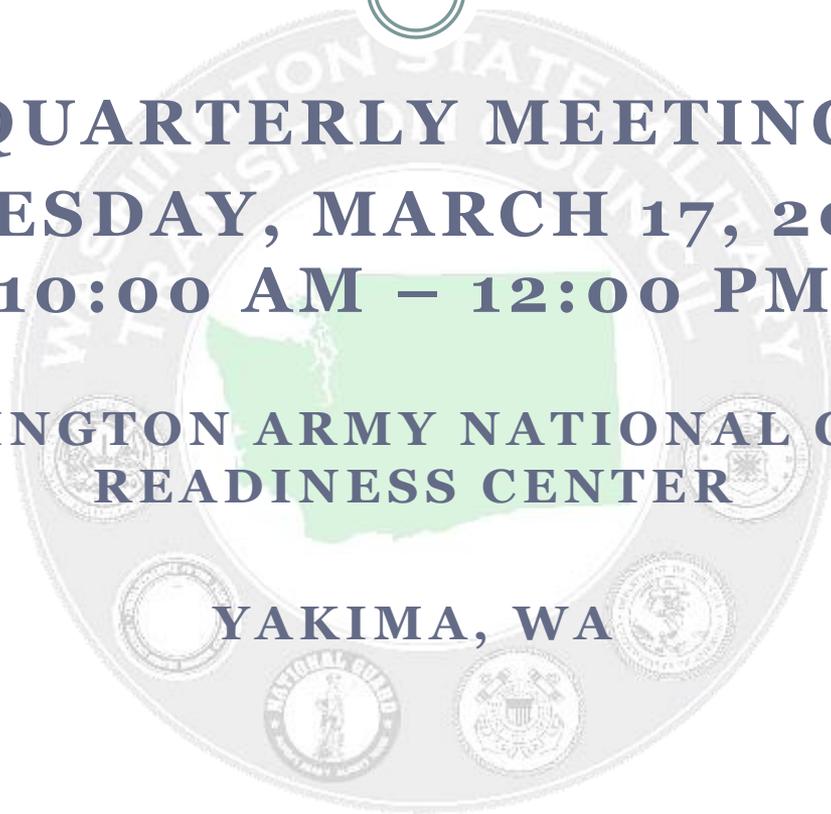
Washington State Military Transition Council



QUARTERLY MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**WASHINGTON ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
READINESS CENTER**

YAKIMA, WA



Welcome



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WSMTC – National Recognition



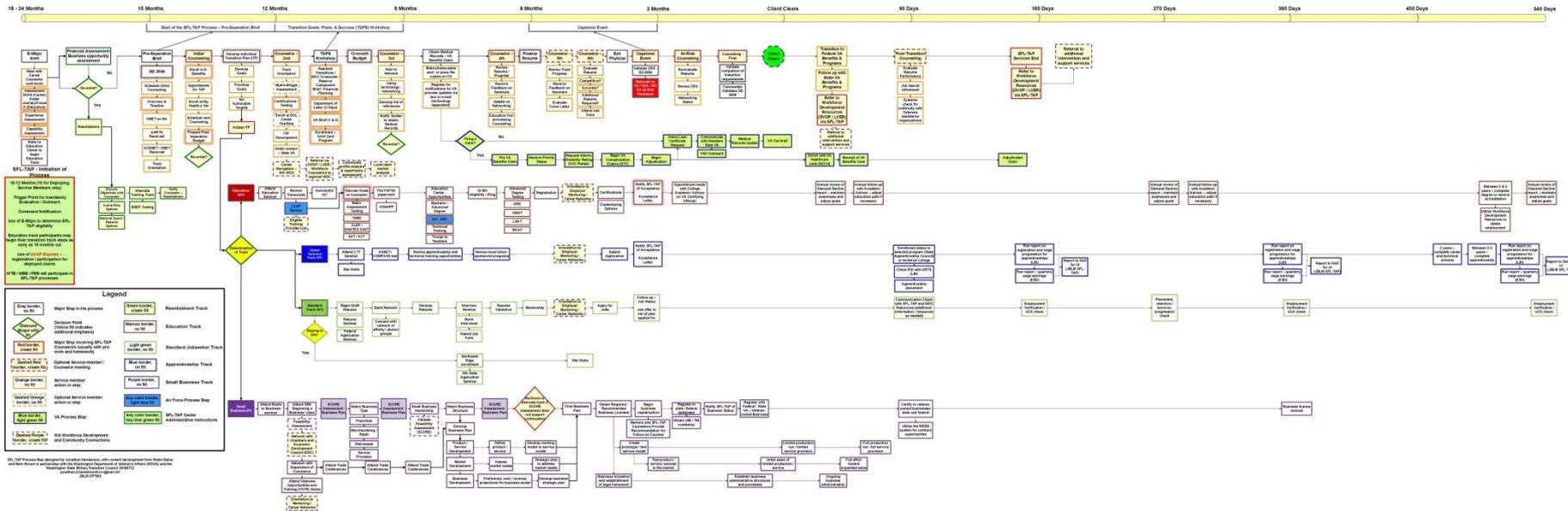
Washington State received the Prestigious Abraham Lincoln Pillars of Excellence Award in the category of Innovative State Programs for the Washington State Military Transition model and the Veterans Employee Resource Group.





Enables WSMTTC to Work Upstream Towards Common Goals

Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) Service Member for Life – Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP) and Washington State Military Transition Process Map
3 Year Overview (As of: 29 JAN 2015)



A tangible result of the partnerships developed is the increase from 18% of Service Members leaving JBLM with a job in Dec 11 to 42% in Dec 14.

CY15 Themes and Goals



Themes: Exploit the success the WSMTC achieved in 2014 and link the stovepipes across the state and other organizations. Measure results for informed decisions.

Goals:

- Validate transition program activities as they relate to employment.
 - Launch and collect data pilot Mar – July 15
 - Data analysis Aug- Oct 15
 - Data results to support decision making by Nov 15
- Expansion
 - Statewide inclusion
 - Sustainable legacy programs (C2C – VIP)
- Synchronize Veteran/Military key events
- Increase Awareness and Marketing



Today's Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- WA National Guard Update
- Results Washington Goal #2 Update
- Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Update
- Employment Security Division (ESD) Update
- Camo2Commerce Update
- JBLM Transition Summit Planning
- Employment Workgroup CY15 Goals
- Education Workgroup CY15 Goals
- Career/Technical Workgroup CY15 Goals
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship Workgroup CY15 Goals
- Yakima Area Veteran Update
- Spokane Area Veteran Task Force Update
- Closing Comments and Remarks

Washington National Guard



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Washington Military Department Employment Transition Services



Joint Services Support (JSS)



Agenda

- The Washington National Guard locations
- Joint Service Support (JSS) Mission
- Employment Transition Service (ETS) Mission
- ETS - What do we do
- ETS - How do we do it
- 2014 Statistics
- Employment Transition Coaches
- Summary
- Questions

Washington National Guard Locations

Seattle RC
 HQ, 81st BCT
 A Co, 81st BTB(MD)(-)
 HHC 181st BSB
 A Co(-) 181st BSB
 Det 1 B Co 181st BSB
 C Co 181st BSB
 Det 1, 176th EN CO (VERT)
 FMS#1

Anacortes
 Det 2, 790th CM Co
 C Co, 81st BTB(EN)(-)

Sedro Woolley
 FMS # 3

Marysville AFRC
 HHC, 81st BTB
 B Co, 81st BTB (SC)
 Det 3, B Co, RRB

Boeing Field RC
 HQ, 96th Bde (Trp Cmd)
 741st OD Bn (EOD)
 951st CRC

Paine Field

Snohomish
 176th EN Co (-)(VERT)

Kent RC
 HHT, 1-303rd CAV
 B Co, 1-303rd CAV
 D Co (-), 181st BSB
 Det 2, A Co, RRB

Fairchild AFB
 AASF #2
 C Co (-) 1-112th S&S

Spokane RC
 HHC(-), 1/161st IN Bn
 E Co (-), 181st BSB
 Det 1, A Co, RRB

Bremerton RC
 C Co, 1-161st IN Bn (AR)
 C Co, 1-303rd CAV

Redmond
 A Co, 1-161st IN Bn
 Det 2 HHC 1-161 IN

Wenatchee
 Det 1, B Co, 1-161st IN Bn

Fairchild AFB
 141st ARW
 A Co (-), 341st MI Bn
 Det 1, 792nd CM Co
 Det 1, A Co, 1/19th SFG
 1041st(-) TC Co (LT-MED)
 FMS #5

Geiger Field
 144th DLD
 Det 1, 286th EN Co (HORZ)(-)
 Det 1, D Co, 1/161st IN Bn
 Det 1, B Co, 2/146th FA Bn
 A Co (-), RRB

Bremerton Armory
 WA Youth Academy

Port Orchard
 HHSC, 341st MI Bn
 Det 1, A Co, 341st MI Bn
 Det 1, 790th CM Co

Buckley RC
 A Co (-), 1-19th SFG
 Det 1 HHC 1-19th SFG
 Det 1 1-19th SFG SPT CO

Ephrata
 1161st TC Co
 FMS #2

Moses Lake
 B Co (-), 1-161st IN Bn

Montesano
 Det 1 1041st TC
 Det 1 1161st TC
 FMS#4

Lakewood
 B Co (-), RRB

Puyallup
 A Co, 1-303rd CAV

Yakima Training Center
 MATES
 HQ 205th LDR RGT
 1-205th LDR RGT(MOSOQ)
 B Co (-), 181st BSB
 Det 1, A Co, 181st BSB
 Det 1, D Co, 181st BSB
 Det 1, A Co, 81st BTB (TUAS)
 Det 5, A Co, RRB
YTC AFRC
 286th EN Co (HORZ)(-)
 Det 1, HHC, 1-161st IN Bn

Olympia
 HHB(-), 2-146th FA Bn
 Det 1, A Co, 2-146th FA Bn

Lacey
 Det 4, B Co, RRB

JBLM
 WADS
 CSMS
 UTES
 AASF #1
 Det 51, OSAA
 Aviation RC
 HHC, 66th TAC
 Det 1, B Co, 351st ASB
 Det 2, A Co, 641st AV Bn
 HHC, 1-168th GSAB
 B Co (-), 1-168th GSAB
 Det 2, C Co, 1-168th GSAB
 D Co (-), 1-168th GSAB
 E Co (-), 1-168th GSAB
 Det 1, HHC, 1-140th ASLT
 C Co, 1-140th ASLT
 Det 1, D Co, 1-140th ASLT
 Det 1, E Co, 1-140th ASLT

Yakima RC
 420th CM Bn
 540th CM Det
 Det 2, 792nd CM Co
 Det 1, MEDCOM
 HQ 1-205th RGT-RTI

Pasco
 D Co (-), 1-161st IN Bn

Camp Murray
 JFHQ-WA
 194th RSW
 2-205th LDR RGT(OCS)
 Det 1, HQ, 81st BCT
 MEDCOM(-)
 SODPAC
 10th CST
 CDTF
 B Co, 341st MI Bn
 141st MH Det
 122nd PCH
 319th EOD Co
 133rd Army Band
 56th IO GP (Theater)
 HHC156th IO Bn (GS)
 A Co, 156th IO Bn
 B Co, 156th IO Bn
 1244th JA Team
 RRB
 Det 6, B Co, RRB

Centralia
 204th EN Co (MAC)
 506th MP Det

Longview
 Det 1, HHB, 2-146th
 B Co (-), 2-146th FA Bn
 Det 1, C Co, 81st BTB

Vancouver AFRC
 790th CM Co (-)
 G Co, 181st BSB

Grandview
 792nd CM Co(-)

Walla Walla
 Det 1, E Co (-), 181st BSB
 A Co (-), 2-146th FA Bn



Joint Service Support (JSS)

Mission

Manages resiliency programs that provide Washington's Warriors, Veterans, and Family Members support services that enhance their well-being and promote productive military participation.

Resiliency + **Stability** = **Availability**



Employment Transition Services

Mission

Provide resources and coaching that results in opportunities for the Soldier or Airman and supports emerging industries in the local economy to create meaningful career pathways.

*Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day.
Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.*



What We Do

- Conduct client intake & office visit
- Assess individual's skills & goals
- Engage National Guard Employment Network
- Help build resume & online applications
- Conduct job placement training
- Conduct informational sessions with CoC
- Perform job placement services
- Coordinate with other agency's directly



How We Do It

(1 of 2)

- Assess needs FAS/Education/VA during intake
- Determine issues affecting employment
- Determine individual's skill set
- Determine COA's to overcome issues
- Engage NG Employment Network
- Help write resume if one doesn't exist
- Conduct best practices training in industry



How We Do It

(2 of 2)

- Engage Chain of Command at unit level
- Synergize effort with other agencies
- Conduct resume writing seminars
- Conduct interview tips/mock boards
- Job placement services/Job fairs with local community to include colleges



2014 FY Statistics

- New Intakes – 320
- Final Resumes Established – 342
- New Hires -153
- Referrals to Other Resources – 577
- Community/Business Outreach - 988



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Summary

- Assess individual employment plan
- Coordinate care with all JSS assets
- Rework/Assess marketable individual skill sets
- Communication on job placement thru NGEN
- Provide training/training seminars at unit level



WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Questions?

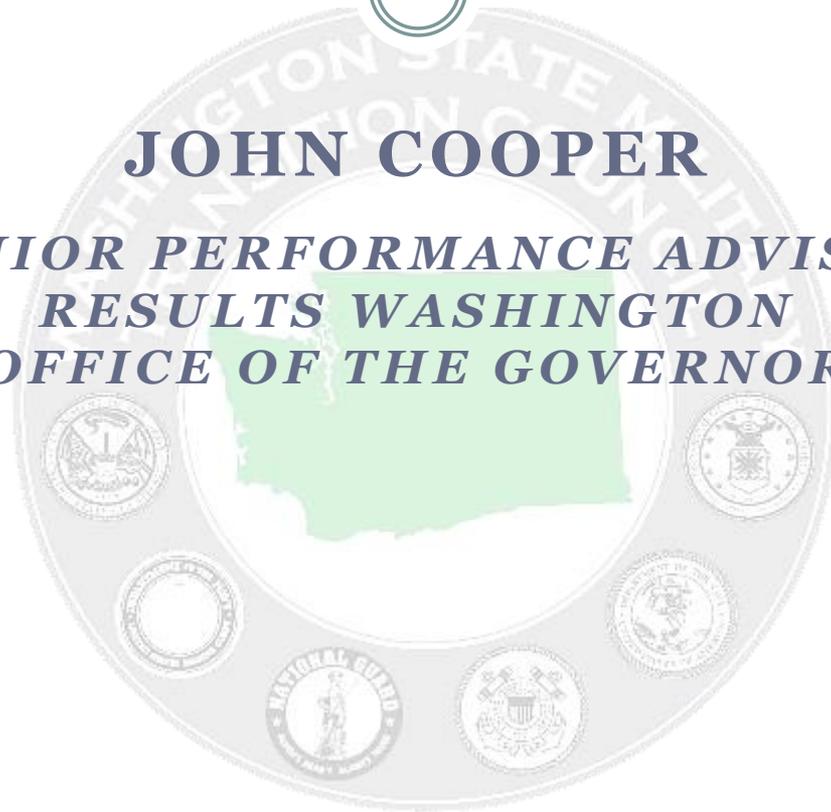
Results Washington Update

Goal 2: Prosperous Economy



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Governor Jay Inslee

A New Strategic Framework

Vision

A **Working Washington** built on education and innovation ... where all Washingtonians thrive.

Mission

- Foster the spirit of **continuous improvement**
- Enhance the conditions for **job creation**
- Prepare **students** for the future
- Value our **environment**, our **health** and our **people**

Foundation

- **Create** a responsive, **innovative** and data driven culture of continuous improvement.
- **Recognize** Washington's rich **natural resources**, diverse **people** and entrepreneurial **drive**, and build upon our legacy.
- **Operate** state government with the expectation that success is dependent on the success of **all**.
- **Create** effective communication and transparency on **goals**, **measures** and **progress** in meeting expectations.
- **Deepen** our focus, understanding and commitment to our citizens: **Know our customers**.

Goals



World-Class Education



Prosperous Economy



Sustainable Energy and a Clean Environment



Healthy and Safe Communities



Efficient, Effective and Accountable Government

Measure & Improve

Building a more responsive, data-driven state government to get results:



www.results.wa.gov

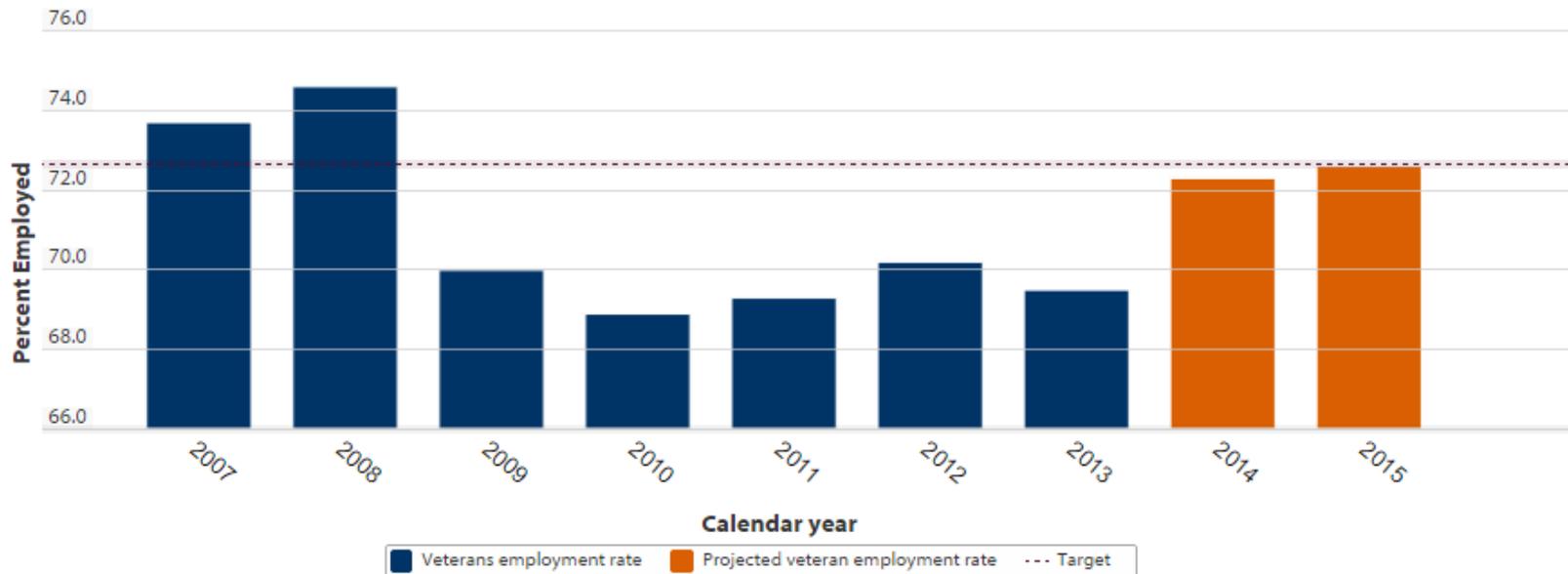


Results Review with Governor Inslee

February 25, 2015



2.1.c. Increase employment rate for veterans from 70.2 percent in 2012 to 72.6 percent by 2015





Follow up and Action Items



- Identify ways to scale the successful programs
- Identify the cultural components that would assist veterans to be successful when they start state service
- Develop a strategy to recognize veterans within the first year of state service
- Develop consistent hiring practices by state HR

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Update



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2014 Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Building Success for Washington's
Employers and Workforce



Workforce Training and
Education Coordinating Board



WIOA = Long awaited workforce legislation that:

- Coordinates and aligns programming and service delivery for better performance outcomes
- Sets one strategic umbrella for related programs and reiterates local leadership responsibilities
- Establishes single performance accountability system
- Emphasizes dual customer satisfaction : employers **and** workers/jobseekers
- Reaffirms services for the underserved (14 subpopulations)

WIOA Builds on WA's Best Practices

- Performance accountability
 - Core metrics across multiple programs & fund streams
 - Career bridge and ETPL
- Multi-program, single state strategic plan
- Integrated service delivery
 - I-Best
 - Apprenticeship-CTC programs
- Sector Strategy
 - Industry Skill Panels
 - Centers of Excellence
- Career-connected Learning for Youth

The Words Matter...

Innovation

Partner Alignments

Industry Sectors *Shared Performance*

Opportunity

Job Placement **Career Development**

EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

Work-based Learning

Unified, Combined, HSHW State Plan

UNIFIED	COMBINED		Additional HSHW
Adult	Postsecondary Carl Perkins		Secondary Career and Technical Education
Dislocated Worker	TANF	WorkFirst	
Youth	Trade Act		Job Skills Program
Adult Education	Veterans Employment and Training		Customized Training Program
Vocational Rehabilitation	Unemployment Insurance Services		Worker Retraining Program
Wagner-Peyser	Food Stamp Employment & Training		Training Benefits Program
	Senior Community Services Employment		Apprenticeship
	Community Development Block Grant		Private Vocational Schools
	Community Services Block Grant		
	Second Chance Act (offender re-entry)		

Included in HSHW

State Planning Lead by WTB

- Business and labor co-chair State WIOA committees
- Open and inclusive process (all interested stakeholders)
- Multi-tiered planning process
 - Initial draft development
 - Web communication portal and for stakeholder input
 - Community forums
 - Public review and comment on final draft, prior to federal submission
 - Aggressive, comprehensive planning agenda (all aspects of implementation)

Local Planning and Implementation

- Continuing to serve in One-Stop Centers and through related programs and activities
- All related agencies/constituencies identifying strategic and operational requirements of the local area
- Workforce Councils reviewing local coordination and leadership responsibilities
- “How might we....” convene, converse, plan, repeat

Where can you get involved?

www.wtb.wa.gov/WIOA

www.WashingtonWorkforce.org

(directory for local areas)



Workforce Training and
Education Coordinating Board



Employment Security Division Update



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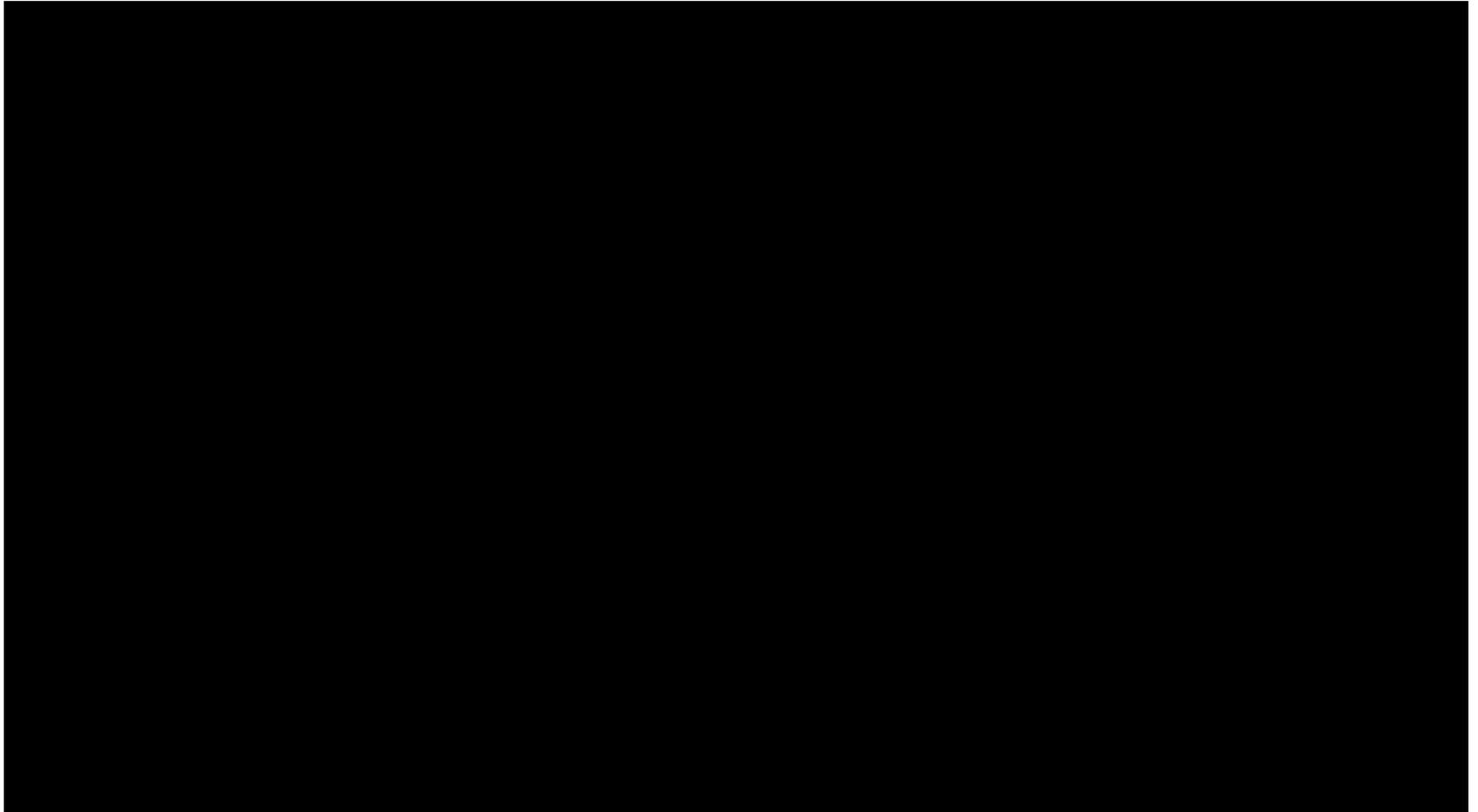
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Camo2Commerce - Update



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lOhEPsaqcvk>



Camo2Commerce - Update



NUMBERS TO DATE

615 of 900 Enrolled Service Members

258 of 756 Placed Into Employment (84%)

6 of 16 Training Cohorts Completed

10 Workshops Scheduled Per Month

2 of 9 Sector Career Fairs Completed

**Launching an Apprenticeship Navigator
Pilot**



Camo2Commerce - Update

PROGRAMS & TOOLS

- Newsletters
- Social Media
- Job Board
- Email Blasts





Camo2Commerce - Update

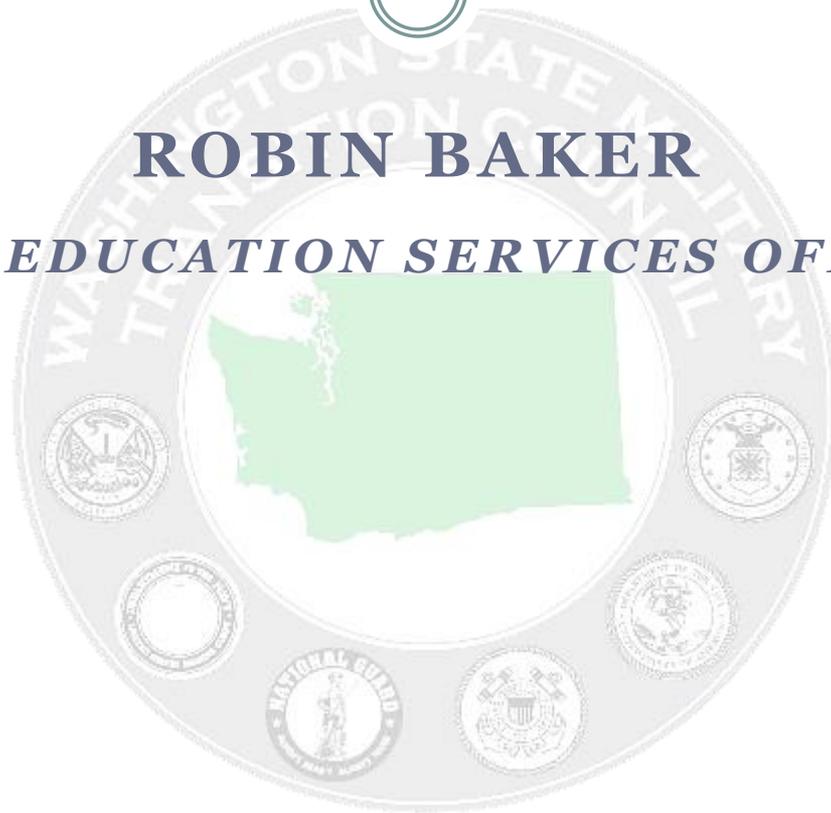


22 – 24 September 2015
JBLM Transition Summit
Planning



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Employment Track Workgroup Update



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Employment Track Workgroup



1A-Employer Actions **1B- Job Seeker Actions**

Overarching Goal

Create enduring partnerships among WA businesses to collectively increase and maintain veteran employment rates within the state through education and/or veteran transition events

- Expand the NW Edge Plus Program to Pierce County, NW Navy Region and Fairchild AFB,
- Gather private and public sector veteran data , through survey, in order to standardize veteran hiring/retention best practices throughout the state

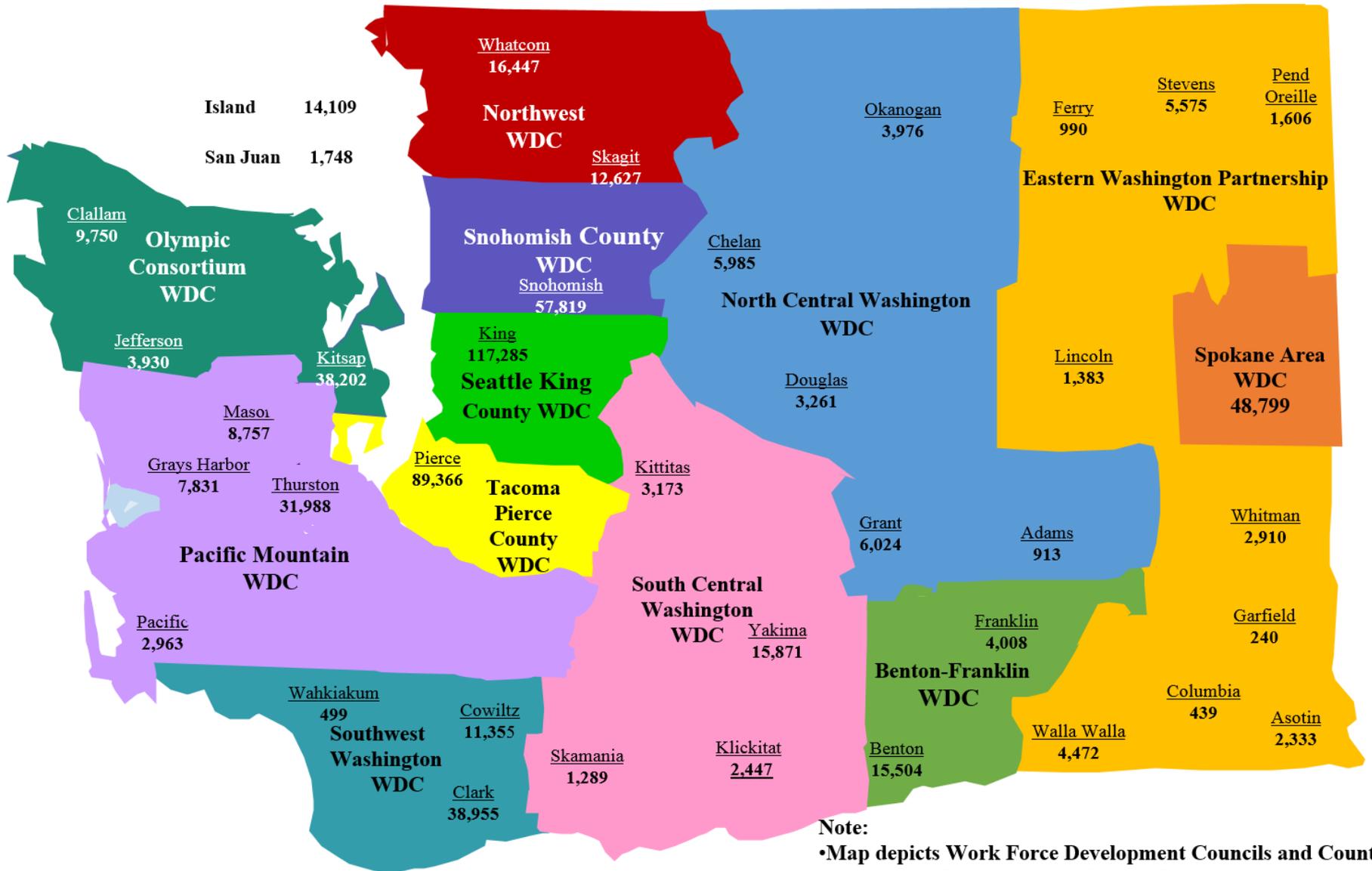
1A Timeline

- Email private sector survey by March 30, 2015
- Complete Train the Trainer curriculum for NW Edge Plus by May 1, 2015
- ✓ Completed public sector survey Sept 2014
- ✓ Initial meeting with Fairchild AFB and NW Navy Jan & Feb 2015

- Prepare transitioning service members and Veterans to be better positioned to actively network and pursue employment in their chosen field, by endorsing quality events and providing skill building training.

1B Timeline

- Conduct a teleconference with the 12 WA WDC's veteran representatives by June 1, 2015
- ✓ Created a map using WDC's as the focus January 2015
- ✓ Defined and finalized definitions of veteran transition events January 2015
- ✓ Compiled veteran transition events throughout WA December 2014
- ✓ Created definitions for each type of event November 2014



Note:
 •Map depicts Work Force Development Councils and Counties
 •Numbers reflect by county Veteran Population for 2014
 •2014 Veteran population grand total: 603,623

As of : 09 March 2015
 Veteran population data from: Sam Mitchell, Veterans Program
 Coordinator Olympia Employment Security Department.

Future Event Definitions

Summit	A Summit is considered as a top-level conference of government, state and local entities meeting to discuss, educate and inform one another on mutual matters of importance.	The length of a Summit can vary from 2 to 3 days
Conference	A conference is a meeting on a smaller scale than a summit which may last over several days in which similar entities with common interest participate in discussions or listen to obtain information.	Up to one week
Education - Career Fair	A career fair is an event where job seekers meet with multiple employers, education, and technical training opportunities. It provides an opportunity to network with employers as one explores and learns about different career paths.	One Day
Education - Employment Fair	A job fair is similar to a career fair however it may contain additional elements of a hiring event incorporating job interviews, provide job seekers with information, and allow employers to collect resumes. It presents job seekers with two key opportunities: learn about company opportunities in a chosen career field and make a good impression on the recruiters at those companies.	One Day
Hiring Event	A focused event where employers interview and possibly hire on the spot. In most events the interviews conducted with job seekers are scheduled and confirmed in advance. This could also be referred to as a “Hiring Fair”.	One to Two Days This depends on if the employers are holding interviews and screening in conjunction with the event.
Networking Events	These are often small events, highlighting a limited number of employers and provide the following: networking opportunities, allow job seekers to become acquainted with companies they may be interested in working to answer questions regarding internships, benefits, co-ops full time positions.	One Day
Information Events (Sector and or Spotlight)	A sector based event, which allows employers to come and provide an overview of their company and employment needs. Employers who attend these events are required to have at multiple openings and will host a booth immediately following the information session in order to have further discussion with potential candidates.	2 to 3 hours in length Possibilities of onsite resume review and/or interviews if requested by employer.

CURRENT PROGRAM 2015 EVENTS

<u>WDC</u>	<u>Summit</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Education - Career Fair</u>	<u>Education – Employment Fair</u>	<u>Hiring Event</u>	<u>Networking Events</u>	<u>Information Events (Sector and or Spotlight)</u>	<u>Resource Fair</u>
Olympic Consortium WDC				3				
Pacific Mountain WDC			1		1			
Southwest Washington WDC								
Northwest WDC			1	4				
Snohomish County WDC								1
Seattle King County WDC				2		15		
Tacoma Pierce County WDC	1		6	1	1	8		
North Central Washington WDC			3	2				
Benton-Franklin WDC				1			2	
Eastern Washington Partnership WDC								
Spokane Area WDC			1 combined Event					1 combined Event
South Central Washington WDC			3					

Higher Education Track Workgroup Update



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Education Track Workgroup



CY15 Goals

1. Help Employment group expand NW Edge program across the state.
2. Work w/ SB/Entrepreneur track to produce cross supportive opportunities W/ WA based schools .
3. Integrating Higher education with the three pillars at all installations, across the state.
4. Identify opportunities for career related outcomes for education track participants.
5. Collection and sharing of best practices across state.
6. Identify key participants for higher education working group.

1Q Actions

- Education group and ESD - Collaborate with ESD on ways each WA based school's career & veteran centers can incorporate career search support and tools offered through ESD.
- Initiate plan for NW Edge Expansion
- Restructured Education group for maximum productivity.
- Completed first 3 pillars meeting on 3/10 .

2Q Actions

- Work with SFL Leadership – Education group support and participation in Transition Summit.
- Develop and Present official “ASKS” related ESD collaboration opportunities and support for 3 pillars strategy identified in Q1.
- Complete three subgroup working meetings.
- Continued work on Website and Resources.
- Work with Employment group on NW Edge Expansion.
- Goal tracking review
- PLA Update.

3Q Actions

- Support and Participate in Transition Summit.
- Develop actions based on response to “ASKS” presented in Q2.
- Continued work across state to build education track support and initiatives – i.e. NW Edge Expansion, subgroup participation, etc.
- Start to identify goals for CY16 – meet with Strategic planning committee for guidance.
- Complete three sub group working meetings.
- Goal tracking review.
- PLA Update.

4Q Actions

- Review of CY 15 education group goals and accomplishments.
- Develop goals for CY 16 with total work group – identify sub group goals and actions – one big meeting with all subgroups.
- PLA Legislation Implementation should be complete for all WA state schools.
- AAR for Transition Summit – lessons learned and success outcomes.



Education Track Workgroup Success



- New co-chair – Dave Millet, Eastern WA University
- Created three targeted sub- working groups
- 3 Pillars
- Resources & Website
- Education2Careers
- Increased participation from Eastern WA working group members
- Successful implementation of resources page on WDVA website

Career & Technical Track Workgroup Update



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Career Technical Track Workgroup

CY15 Goals

- 1. Increase access to high demand apprenticeship & training resources to meet WA state skill gaps**
- 2. Increase direct engagement of CTT partners to foster collaboration**
- 3. Highlight individual success stories**
- 4. Develop action items with measurable outcomes**

1Q Actions

- NWLETT conducted first ever DoD transition/Laborers Apprenticeship pre-construction training class
- Initiated dialogue with WF Board to align veteran initiatives with state WIOA planning
- Initiated JBLM Transition Summit planning with SFL Leadership
- Launched new initiatives as a result of WG collaboration

3Q Actions

- Conduct Transition Summit
- Microsoft Software & Systems Academy launches 6th cohort at JBLM (C2C funded)
- Engage with WIOA Work Group to align veteran initiatives
- Implement SBCTC sponsored Tuition Assistance waiver
- Implement process for engaging with JBLM transition classes

2Q Actions

- Continue Transition Summit Planning with industry sector focus
- Develop process for engaging with JBLM transition classes
- Tacoma continues work towards establishing paid veteran internship
- Engage with WIOA Work Group to align veteran initiatives
- Improve Apprenticeship database usability

4Q Actions

- Engage initiatives
- Collect Transition Summit after action lessons learned
- Develop process for engaging with Navy transition classes with WIOA Work Group to align veteran



Success Stories



- \$55M in DOL TAACCCT grants to 8 consortiums to expand capacity in high demand sectors
- CREATES Grant to increase Cybersecurity training and education for transitioning military
- NWLETT military conducted first ever DoD transition/Laborers Apprenticeship pre-construction training class
- WG helped SBCTC identify a barrier for participation in DoD Tuition Assistance (TA). Legislation pending to authorize waiver of all or portion of building fees/services not covered by TA
- Teamsters CDL training has 100% job placement
- City of Tacoma convened a veteran stakeholder meeting to expand veteran hiring incentive programs



Request for “Ask”



- Ask description/Title: One Stop Mobile Friendly Transition Portal
- Background: WA State has a range of great resources but lacks an integrated portal to facilitate matching supply to demand. The implementation of WIOA is a unique opportunity to develop and implement this.
- Impact of approving or denying “Ask”: A single tool that allows individuals to research in demand jobs, identify the training path, and map out a transition strategy will benefit military and other cohorts.



Request for “Ask”



- Ask description/Title: Tailorable Automated Transition Checklist
- Background: Transitioning Service Members often face “seams” between various Federal and State agencies. These seams are caused by lack of jurisdiction and/or data sharing restrictions. A software tool that SMs can customize will give them continuity across the spectrum.
- Impact of approving or denying “Ask”: A tool such as this empowers SMs and provides continuity and consistency as they transition.

Small Business Entrepreneurship Workgroup



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Small Business Entrepreneurship Workgroup



The Mission: Channel the *Sea Of Goodwill* and sustain the *Groundswell of Support* by creating success in *Small Business Entrepreneurship*

How to Make the Small Business Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Veteran Ready?

An **ecosystem** is a strategic planning model used by a community of providers interacting as a system, interconnected and interdependent. In particular, the energy and resources present within an **ecosystem** are collected and shared.



Small Business Entrepreneurship Workgroup



Action Teams

Data Collection

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Identify Resources

Rick Rauschenbach – SBA

Spotlight Successes

Stephanie Scott – PTAC

Championing Eco-System

Greg Mowat – Tacoma/Pierce Chamber

Summit Planning

Robin Baker – JBLM

Yakima Area Veteran Update



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Yakima Area Veteran Update



- **Veteran Services and Supports increased significantly – 5 yr**
 - In past years the rural areas left out-refer Veteran out or area.
 - HUDVASH-70 homeless housing vouchers and SFVF
 - Co. Veterans Prog. Expanded services-case management, homeless supports, and Veterans Incarcerated Program
 - Continued support-CBOC, Vet Center, Work Source, Yakima Co, Grant and Per Diem Vet House, WAANG...
- **Community Support, advocacy, collaboration, outreach has increased significantly over last 5 years**
 - Central WA Veterans Task Force provides opportunity for community partners to assess needs, gaps, and collaborate on meeting them.
 - Identified Needs and challenges of transitioning Veterans
 - Information Deficit-don't know and are not connected. Don't know where to go.
 - Not prepared for transition and the reality. (no longer in military – in Yakima)
 - Financial Stability – VA claims, Employment (how to find a living wage job in Yakima)
 - Mental health
 - Transportation

Yakima Area Update Continued...



○ Local Responses

- ✦ Points of Entry, Outreach and networking.
 - Networking within our community and maximize existing services both VA and Non-VA services
 - Yakima County created Veterans Benefit Guide On – Local County Website
 - Welcome Home Project – Partner with WDVA to contact returning Veterans
- ✦ Creating our own opportunities
 - Veterans Stand Down and Benefits Fair – Annual call out for all Veterans and community
 - Yakima Valley Veterans Coalition – Main sponsor of Stand Down & Veterans relief
 - Veterans Job Fair – Yakima Chamber of Commerce and partners
- ✦ Strong VSO's and officers continuing traditional supports they've always provided.

Spokane Area Veteran Task Force Update



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Spokane Area Veteran TF Update



- **Task Force Inception**
- **Evolution – Network of Collaborative Partnerships**
 - Network – Community Partnerships
- **Purpose**
 - Information Sharing
 - Referrals
 - Partnership
 - Awareness of funding source changes/changing regulations
 - Organizations/Businesses whose service affect Veterans
- **Partner Members (sectors)**
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Financial
 - Healthcare
 - Housing
 - Transition Assistance
- **Limitations**
 - Charter
 - Finances
 - Venue/Attendance

CY15 Way Ahead



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Upcoming Meeting Dates



Put these dates on your calendar!
Time & Place will soon follow.

**Tuesday, March 24, 2015 - Strategic Planning Committee WSMTC
AAR- (WDVA HQ, Olympia)**

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 - Strategic Planning Committee

Tuesday, 21 July 2015 – WSMTC (Tacoma)

Tuesday-Thursday, 22-24 September – JBLM Transition Summit

Tuesday, 17 November 2015 – WSMTC [T] (Navy Region NW)

Looking for hosts for the WSMTC meeting for July and November

Comments & Announcements





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