



## Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time/Location: June 14, 2021 / 10:00 a.m. / Virtual GoToMeeting  
 Committee Members Present: Allan Jensen, John Mitchell, Paul Pelot, Bob Wilson, Wes Weston  
 Committee Members Absent: Richard Conoboy, Chris Brown, Lynne Graham, Andrea Vance  
 Whatcom Co. Health Dept. Staff/Guests: Anne Deacon, Ann Beck, Liz Witowski, Ashley Geleynse / Cheri Gleichmann

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Who
<b>1. Call to order</b>	Meeting called to order by Lynne Graham.	<i>Lynne</i>
<b>2. Roll Call</b>	Quorum present at 10:33 a.m.	<i>All</i>
<b>3. Review/Approval April minutes</b>	April minutes were reviewed. John motioned that the minutes be approved as presented. Wes seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed.	<b>Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</b>
<b>4. Reports/Discussion</b>  <b>Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Position</b>	Liz is currently the only Federally Accredited VSO in Whatcom County, and there will be another VSO through the Nooksack Tribal Veterans Program by sometime next year. The board discussed the Liz's current role in serving veterans from other counties, as well as VSOs and Community Service Officer's (CSO) roles and capacity in serving veterans in their own counties. County staff will provide an update on Liz's workload, and partnerships with surrounding counties at the next meeting.	<i>All</i>
<b>5. Good of the Order</b>	Paul has Army surplus supplies available, and will be receiving more in August. Wes shared about the passing of a local Marine.	<i>All</i>
<b>6. Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting will be held Monday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 on GoToMeeting.	

**WHATCOM COUNTY**  
**Health Department**



**Erika Lautenbach, Director**  
**Greg Stern, M.D., Health Officer**

<b>7. Adjourned</b>	John motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wes seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.	<i>Liz</i>
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