

**Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans Meeting
February 28 and March 1, 2007
810 Vermont Ave. NW
Washington DC 20420
Room: 427**

The Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans met on February 28 and March 1, 2007 at 810 Vermont Ave. NW Room: 427.

Committee Members Present:

Chairman George Basher
Roosevelt Thompson
Sam Galbreath
Ralph Cooper
Joseph Smith
Kathy Spearman
Sandy Miller
Michael Blecker
Bob Cote'
Richard Schneider
Gil Rodriguez
Paul Moore (special consultant)

Committee Members Absent:

Leslie Lightfoot, Raymond Boland, Dr. Paul Errera

Peter Dougherty, the Committee's Designated Federal Official (DFO) was present

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Chairman George Basher called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM. Briefed members on meeting priorities and reviewed the agenda.

Pete Dougherty briefed members on new legislative bills and departmental activities such as Special needs grants to aid chronically mentally, frail elderly, terminally ill and women veterans.

Committee members received their annual ethics briefing.

Presentations

Dr. Elizabeth Nunez, Homeless Veterans Dental Program, Director

Discussed pilot program on dental benefits for Homeless Veterans

Eligibility

Cost

Bob Hite, DOD Health Affairs

Discussed links with services offered by VA

Marianne Chapman-Mathewson OEF/OIF Outreach

Discussed Seamless Transition concerning OEF/OIF to prevent homelessness

Ex-Officio Reports

Mark Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Needs Assistance Program (HUD)

Briefed on stimulus package, Pilot Homeless prevention program, supportive services, HUD/VASH

Charles Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary, of Department of Labor (DOL)

Discussed issues of OIF/OEF with transition assistance and outreaching to employers for these vets.

Mentioned legislative issues concerning employment for veterans, the HVRP, and transition assistance.

Mr. Bryant Monroe is currently working on base closure activities (BRAC) at the Department of Defense

Discussed BRAC issues with steps in process in reuse of military bases

Increase emphasis in working with Redevelopment Authorities

The Committee adjourned at 4:30 PM

Thursday, March 1, 2007

Chairman George Basher called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Continued discussions and preparations on Annual Report.

The Committee adjourned at 4:00 pm.