



Washington County Maine Military Community Network

December 8, 2016, 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Location: Career Center, 15 Prescott Drive, Machias, ME
Call in: 1-877-668-4493, Attendee Access Code: 76887499

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Marcie Dean (Next Step), Megan Burgess (Preble Street), Chaplain (Colonel) Andrew Gibson (National Guard), Ruth Moore (Internity), Nathaniel Grace (Military OneSource), James Christie (VA Healthcare).
Teleconference: Amy Line (UMA/My VA Co-Chair), Teague Morris (Senator King's Office), Dorothy Pinkham (Family Assistance Center).
2. **My VA Community:** Nathaniel Grace introduced Amy Line to the regional group who then followed up with a comprehensive review of the history of the My VA Community and the current draft charter. Group discussed the charter and decided for each member to make edits to the charter and send to Nathaniel for compilation and presentation with changes at next meeting.
3. **Veterans Resource and Wellness Center:** Ruth Moore provided a briefing with Slides (attached) about the new project at 12 School Street, Machias.
4. **Member Updates:**
 - a. **Marcie and Megan-** will invite guest from Washington County Community Collaborative (WCCC) to attend next meeting and speak.
 - b. **CH Gibson-** MMCN Conference, July 20, 2017 at Civic Center, Augusta
 - c. **Ruth Moore-** Looking for donations and support for the 12 School Street project
 - d. **Nathaniel Grace-** Announced the new service called Dynamic Group Discussion coming up on January 18 through Military OneSource on the subject of "Improving relationship with your spouse".
 - e. **James Christie-** Overview of the VA Togus 150th Birthday celebrations.
5. **Leadership Discussion:** Group decided to add Ruth Moore as a Co-Chair along with Megan Burgess for the Washington County Maine Military Community Network. Megan agreed to reach out to Ruth to share the distribution list so that each person can take a lead role in the meetings in the absence of the other.
6. **2017 Meeting Schedule:** Group decided to meet on the Fourth Thursday of each Quarter from 1:30pm-3pm in the Career Center conference room.
 - a. **March 23, 2017- 1:30-3pm**
 - b. **June 22, 2017- 1:30-3pm**
 - c. **September 28, 2017- 1:30pm-3pm**
 - d. **December 28, 2017- 1:30pm-3pm**