

Veterans Community Oversight and Engagement Board (VCOEB)
Federal Advisory Committee (FACA)
September 2023

Day 1, 28 September 2023		
Time	Event/Activity	Notes
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Check In	VCOEB Board Members/DFO/FAC Staff
9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Call to Order	Lt GEN (R) John D. Hopper Jr., Chair, Mr. Eugene W. Skinner Jr. Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
9:05 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Opening Remarks Committee Leadership, Introduce VA Leadership	Lt GEN (R) John D. Hopper Jr., Chair, /Mr. Philip Mangano, Vice Chair
9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	VA Leadership Welcome and opening Remarks /Q&A	The Honorable Tanya Bradsher, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs
9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	Opening Remarks Executive Sponsor	Mr. John Boerstler, Chief Veterans Experience Officer
9:35 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Opening Remarks Special Advisor	Dr. Keith Harris, Senior Executive Homelessness Agent (Greater Los Angeles), Office of the Secretary
9:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks GLA Leadership	Mr. Robert Merchant, Medical Center Director, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Veterans Experience Office Overview	Mr. John Boerstler, Chief Veterans Experience Officer
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	HUD strategies to reduce the administrative burdens. HUD solutions to move people indoors faster. Area Median Income (AMI) policy changes. Strategy to increase utilization rate of existing HUDVASH vouchers	Richard S. Cho, Ph.D., Senior Advisor for Housing and Services Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Douglas H. Rice
11:45 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch Bldg. 810, Floor C1 Canteen and Cafeteria	All

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12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	The hiring process, with specific focus on average time to hire, and updates on GLA VHA hiring fairs.	Mr. Joseph Dronchi, Chief, Human Resources, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	ULI Technical Assistance Panel: Town Center Concept at West LA Campus Status Update	Marty Borko, Executive Director, Urban Land Institute
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Barriers to existing Voucher Use	Mr. John Kuhn, Deputy Medical Center Director, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System)
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	THRIVE - Center on Enhancement of Community Integration for Homeless Veterans - Home (vathrive.org) Center of Excellence on Rehabilitation of Homeless Vets.	Dr. Michael Green, Director, THRIVE Dr. Steven Simon, Chief of Staff, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Break	All
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Public Comment Session	Registered members of the public (5 minutes per speaker)
5:00 p.m.	Review/ Wrap Up/Adjourn	VCOEB Chair/ DFO/FAC Staff

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Day 2, 29 September 2023		
Time	Event/Activity	Notes
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Check In	VCOEB Board Members/DFO/FAC Staff
9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Call to Order Opening Remarks Committee Chair	Lt GEN (R) John D. Hopper Jr., Chair, /Mr. Philip Mangano, Vice Chair
9:05 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Mr. John Boerstler, Chief Veterans Experience Officer
9:10 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks Special Advisor	Dr. Keith Harris, Senior Executive Homelessness Agent (Greater Los Angeles), Office of the Secretary
9:15 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Opening Remarks GLA Leadership	Mr. Robert Merchant, Medical Center Director, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
9:20 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	Rationale for Parcel Selection (VA selection process) Potential versus Active list	Brett Simms, Executive Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management
10:05 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Fire and Emergency services provided by VA at VHA Medical Centers	Franklin True, Fire Department Program Manager
10:50 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	One Team (data on reductions in “interest lists” as well as changes in BNL and placement rates)	One Team Chairs: Sally Hammitt (VA) James Zenner (Department of Military and Veterans affairs) Chris Gilrath (Salvation Army, SSVF Grantee)
11:35 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.	Comprehensive progress report since June VCOEB. To include: 1. Current lease up plan execution 2. Shortcomings and obstacles, source of the obstacles. 3. Plan of action to overcome shortcomings. 4. Details of services plan.	OAEM/Shangri-La/Step Up Joe Cowan, Project Manager, Shangri-La Construction, and Ari Majer, Friendship for Affordable Housing

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12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch Bldg. 810, Floor C1 Canteen and Cafeteria	All
1:15 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.	Update of the construction progress since the last meeting to include: 5. Construction milestones and Progress 6. Lease up/move in plan. 7. Details of services plan Funding Commitment Levels	OAEM / Veterans Collective: Tyler Monroe Senior Vice President, Thomas Safran & Associates, Teresa Banko Project Director, U.S. Vets, Oscar Alvarado, Vice President, Housing Development at Century Housing
1:55 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Update of the construction progress since the last meeting to include: 1. Construction milestones and Progress 2. Lease up/move in plan. 3. Details of services plan Funding Commitment Levels	OAEM / Core Companies and Build Group Cyrus Jahanian – Development Manager – Core Companies Daniel Franco – Project Manager – The Build Group Ren Ross – Associate Director of Project Management – New Directions for Veterans
2:35 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Master Plan Subcommittee/Recommendation Brief	Rob Begland, Subcommittee Chair, Master Plan with Services and Outcomes
3:05 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Recommendation(s) Discussion/Vote	DFO/Chair
3:20 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	White Glove Service for VCOEB Board Member Travel	Eudocio Garcia, Supervisory Financial Management Specialist • Corporate Travel and Charge Card Service (CTCCS)
3:50 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Recognition and Farewell	SECVA/DEPSECVA
4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Final Comments	Lt GEN (R) John D. Hopper Jr., Chair, /Mr. Philip Mangano, Vice Chair
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Review/ Wrap Up/ /Adjourn	VCOEB Chair/ DFO/FAC Staff