

Veterans Collaborative Meeting Notes
Wednesday, March 18, 2015 2pm

Street Shares – David Bann, Street Shares

- Street Shares was funded by veterans to help veterans with business investment.
- Help veterans get access to capital.
- Bank lending has dropped significantly.
- Street Shares provides ‘Crowd funding’ opportunities.
- Crowd funding – investment crowd funding and seed funding.
- Looking to loan to businesses with socially impactful missions.
- Peer to peer lending – Street Shares is currently just doing business loans. Focus on veterans.
- Street Share lenders are veterans.
- Veterans requesting business loans apply on line – give pitch for who they are and what there business is about. Potential lenders bid on the loan. Goal is to get the lowest interest rate.
- Turn around time on business loans is 3-5 days – Street Shares is geared toward individuals who have been in business for a little while.
- For more information contact David Bann at dbann@streetshares.com

Zero 16 Campaign – Chapman Todd, Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless

- Montgomery County and 70 locales nationwide are looking to ending veteran homelessness by the end of 2015, and homelessness in general by the end of 2016.
- Focus is on going name by name on list of homeless veterans and working through interventions to get them housed.
- Goal is to get to zero homeless veterans in Montgomery County by the end of 2015.
- For more information contact Chapman Todd at ctodd@mcch.net

Head Injury Rehabilitation and Referral Services (HIRRS) – Rick Hunter, HIRRS

- HIRRS is a non-profit that provides support services to individuals with cognitive impairments and traumatic brain injury.
- Over the past year they have served 4 veterans with traumatic brain injury.
- HIRRS provides a range of services from long term living program to day programs to vocational services.
- HIRRS also provides a community supports program.
- Wounded Warriors pays HIRRS to provide services to veterans with TBI.
- For more information contact Rick Hunter at tbi@headinjuryrehab.org

Speed Networking – Jess Fuchs, Serving Together

- The Veterans Collaborative is putting together a speed networking event.
- Pilot project – looking to start with 20 organizations.
- It will be a morning event designed to network with other providers and obtain contact info, and then move onto the next person.
- Packets of information will be assembled in advance and given out prior to the networking session. The checklist will show all the services the other providers offer.
- The intention of the speed networking is to make quick connections and then follow up after the meeting.
- More information about this event will be forthcoming.

Updates:

- Safe Havens has a new Director, Stephanie Rupertus.
- The Veterans Collaborative will be having a meeting with the various providers who see veterans at the Crisis Center as part of the collaboration with Montgomery County DHHS. The purpose of the meeting will be to ensure coordination between all the providers at the CC who are seeing veterans.
- The Veterans Collaborative hosted our latest CCL training on March 10 on veteran's services and resources. The training received extremely high ratings. Next training will be in the fall 2015 and will focus on the affect of deployments on military families, particularly the affects on military children.
- The Veterans Collaborative is looking into how we can 'in-reach' into WR/Bethesda Naval to connect community resources to service members and their families before they separate from service.
- MDVA Secretary Owings will be at the November 18, 2015 Veterans Collaborative meeting to share updates.
- Easter Seals will be hosting a Career Prep Workshop/Hiring Event on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 9am-4pm at Easter Seals in Silver Spring. Open to anyone that served in military, reserve and National Guard, and military spouses. RSVP by Tuesday, March 24, 2015. For more information contact veterans@eseal.org
- Safe Havens has openings for homeless veterans at both Darnestown and Silver Spring.
- The Henry Jackson Foundation will be hosting its 5th Annual Heroes of Military Medicine awards banquet on May 7 in Washington D.C. For more information, please visit, www.hjf.org

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 2pm at Mental Health Association