

# VAB Agenda – November 14, 2024

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- I. Call to Order, Pledge, Invocation, Roll Call
- II. Approval of October 10, 2024 minutes (action)
- III. Committee Reports (info)
- IV. Free Clinic Presentation (info)
- V. September 2024 Contractor and Fund Reports (info)
- VI. Veterans Assistance Center Updates (info)
- VII. 2025 Budget Allocation (action)
- VIII. Old Business (info)
- IX. New Business (info)
- X. Open Forum (info)
- XI. Adjourn



# Agenda Item I. Call to Order/Pledge/Invocation/Roll Call

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# Agenda Item II. Approval of October 10<sup>th</sup> minutes

## Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes An advisory board to the Clark County Council October 10, 2024

Chair: **Bob Nichols**

Vice Chair: **Megan Anderson**

Secretary: **Bruce Maas**

Meeting called to order.

**Roll Call:** [Bold script indicates presence at meeting; *italics indicates excused*]

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American Legion #14  
American Legion #44  
American Legion #168  
American Legion #176  
American Veterans #6  
DAV Chapter #4  
Korean War Assoc. #321  
Marine Corps League #826  
VFW #4278  
VFW #7824  
Vietnam Vets #512  
Members at Large

**PRIMARY**

**Bob Brennan**  
**Gene Couture**  
*Darren Wertz*  
**Bob Nichols**  
**Michael Gibson**  
**John Lovejoy**  
**Bruce Maas**  
  
*Steve Slegers*  
*Shannon Roberts*  
**Greg Gilbertson**  
Greg Whitson  
**Kelly Jones**  
Bryan McGillis  
*Tonya Wark*  
**Tamara Elam**  
**Megan Anderson**  
Eli Gonzalez  
*Michael Langsdorf*  
**Lloyd Bowman**  
**Buck Marr**

**ALTERNATE**

*Steve Slegers*  
  
**Charles Ingalls**  
  
**Jonathan Frederick**  
*Vanise Pratt*  
*Tom Cousino*  
  
**Ron Brandon**  
**Dana Difford**  
Stewart Bauer  
Nick Herber

**Clark County Representative:** **Abby Molloy**

**Guests:** **Lori Pugh** (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center), **Judy Russel** (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center), **Sharon Roberts** (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center), **David Puente** (WDVA)

**Approval of September 12, 2024, meeting minutes**

The minutes were approved following a motion by Lloyd Bowman that was seconded by Gene Couture.

**Committee Reports**

**Appeals:** None

**Policies and Procedures:** None

**Nominations:** Opening round of nominations for 2025 positions of chair, vice chair, and secretary. Bob Nichols was nominated for chair, Megan Anderson was nominated for vice chair, Bruce Maas was nominated for secretary.

**WDVA Presentation and Discussion, David Puente**

- State VSO coverage data from federal VA shared as a handout
  - National average of veterans receiving VA benefits increased to 32%. At 31% in Washington State, increased from 29% last year. Goal is 33%. \$1,900 average benefit received by Veterans
- WDVA operating budget request for governor's office
  - \$4 million for homes revenue and expenditure adjustment, \$950,000 for contract agency staffing, \$9 million for operating of state veteran's homes, \$4 million for nursing assistance certified programs, \$1.9 million for facilities, \$1.4 million for major project resources, \$3 million to reduce footprint of office space, \$764,000 for mental health provision, \$970,000 for support service staffing, \$750,000 for tribal and women's veterans coordinator

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- positions, \$4 million for timekeeping system, \$2.1 million for IT production team, \$3.6 million for county VSOs
- Capital construction funding request – over \$190 million
  - \$159 million to replace Spokane Veteran home, \$500,000 for SE WA Veterans Cemetery pre-design study, replacement design for Washington Soldiers Home (already have 160 acres), \$1.5 million for transitional housing, \$1.9 million for Washington Veteran Home above ground tank, \$40,000 for pollution mediation at Washington Soldiers Home, \$1.6 million for Walla Walla veteran home storage building, \$6 million for HVAC at Roosevelt Barracks, \$429,000 for roofs at Walla Walla Veterans home, \$4.7 million for HVAC at Betsy Rose building, 2 million for air handling system at Walla Walla home, \$7.3 million for Medical Lake cemetery expansion.
- Capital request: \$250,000 for SW WA state veterans home visibility study
- SW WA veterans cemetery is not a federal priority due to proximity to Willamette National Cemetery. Federal government is looking into other options for when cemetery reaches capacity.

**August 2024, Contractor & Fund reports**

- CCVAC: 52 Veterans served in August, services totaling \$31,134.28. 42 male veterans, 9 female veterans, 1 widows, 0 other veterans, 10 denials, 0 subject to appeals. 682 visits to the center for essentials and food, 1,077 sack breakfasts/lunches provided and 40 food boxes provided. 3,632 total pounds of food. 868.5 volunteer hours, totaling \$34,983.18 in value.
- Free Clinic: 3 Veterans served in August. Services totaled \$1,105 in value; billed \$693.35
- VAF Fund: August revenue: \$37,758.06; expenditures: \$56,095.97 fund balance: \$592,605.72.
- CCVAC Stand Down: **Veterans served:** 232 total Veterans, 190 male Veterans, 42 female Veterans, 81 renters. 89 homeowners, 47 homeless, 15 unknown. **Providers:** 64 agencies, 143 total providers **Volunteers:** 106 total volunteers, 519 volunteer hours, \$20,905.32 in value. **Services:** 481 meals served, 3 tons clothing provided, 128 boots provided, 40 haircuts, 42 massages

**Clark County Veterans Assistance Center Update**

- Additional information about stand down: podiatrist saw 32 veterans, 16 people received mental health services, CFTH saw 21, humane society saw 19 animals, worksource saw 20 people, VSOs saw 28, VetFund saw 53, dental clinic saw 49.
- CCVAC is gearing up for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Donate to toy drive and help with Thanksgiving meals.

**Preliminary 2025 Budget Discussion**

- CCVAC is requesting \$883,000 (10% increase). See handout for details. Free Clinic is requesting \$24,700 (same amount). WDVA is requesting \$134,520 (2.5% decrease).

**Old Business**

- Proposed handbook revisions relate to county policy and cannot be changed.

**New Business**

- Suggestion to CCVAC to renovate current building.

**Open Forum and Public Comment**

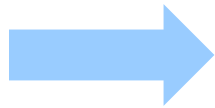
- Request from community member Tysson Dykes to advocate against budget cuts to Clark County Veterans Center. Board of Trustee meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in Geiser Hall at Clark College. Can send comment via email to [dfelder@clark.edu](mailto:dfelder@clark.edu) with Public Comment in subject line (limited to 2 minutes).
- Veterans Day parade on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.
- Clark County Prayer Breakfast on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 am at Hilton Hotel. Ron Brandon has free tickets.
- Post 168 is having free meal for Veterans.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

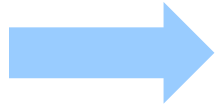


# Agenda Item III. Committee Reports

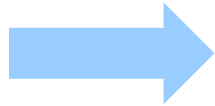
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**Appeals – Gene Couture**



**Policies and Procedures – Kelly Jones**



**Nominations – Bruce Maas**



# Free Clinic of SW WA Presentation

Rebecca O'Brien



FREE CLINIC OF SOUTHWEST  
WASHINGTON

4100 Plomondon Street,  
Vancouver WA

360-450-3044

Rebecca O'Brien, MPH  
Executive Director







## FREE CLINIC OF SOUTHWEST WA

- Established in 1990 by Dr. Sam Beall and Father Ed Rankin
- The clinic was born out of a need for free healthcare for uninsured and low-income individuals
- Moved to current location at Jim Parsley Center in 2002
- Dental program began in 2005
- Project Access started in 2008
- Changed from urgent care to appointment-based in 2020



## HOURS OF OPERATION

- Open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30
- We see patients:
  - Monday morning (9-12)
  - Tue, Wed and Thursday mornings (9-12) and afternoons (1-4)
  - Friday morning (9-12)
  - We hold evening clinics on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month (6-9 PM)





# MISSION

The mission of the Free Clinic is to provide and facilitate access to free, compassionate, quality health care for community members who are otherwise unable to obtain such services.

## FUNDING SOURCES

- Individual donations
- Grants
- Fundraising
- Bequests, Memorials, Planned Gifts

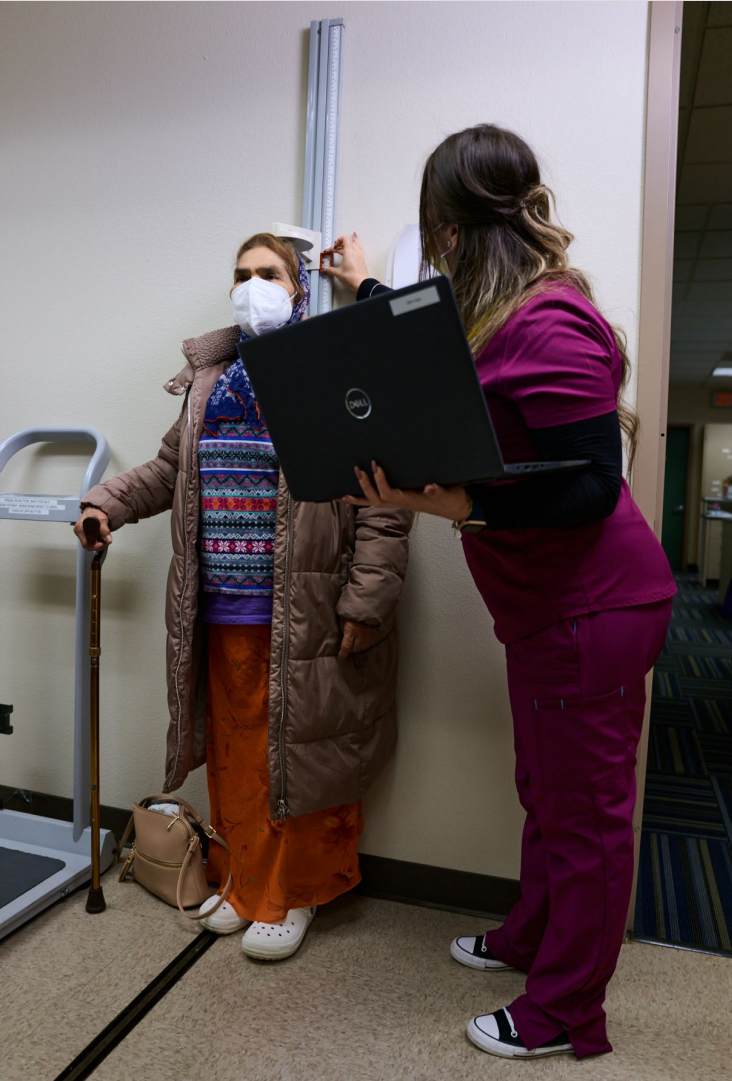


## POPULATIONS SERVED

- Anyone who is uninsured
- Adults (18 and over) only
- Most of our patients are Latinx and Spanish speaking







## HOW WE PROVIDE CARE

- Volunteer Support
  - We have ~300 active volunteers which includes providers, nurses, clinic assistants, and interpreters
  - Residents (PeaceHealth and Legacy) as well as WSU med students and nursing students from various schools rotate through the clinic
- Staff Support
  - 13 paid staff
- Community Partnerships
  - PeaceHealth, Legacy, Kaiser, The Vancouver Clinic and many others!



## MEDICAL SERVICES

- Basic medical care for issues including infections, hypertension, diabetes, minor injury etc.
- We currently don't do pap smears and other preventative screenings, TB skin tests, narcotics prescriptions, assessments for medical marijuana cards, sports physicals or childhood vaccinations.
- Patients can call 360-450-3044 to make an appointment.



## MEDICAL SERVICES: JULY 23-JUNE 24



- Completed 3,393 appointments
- Served 2,197 patients

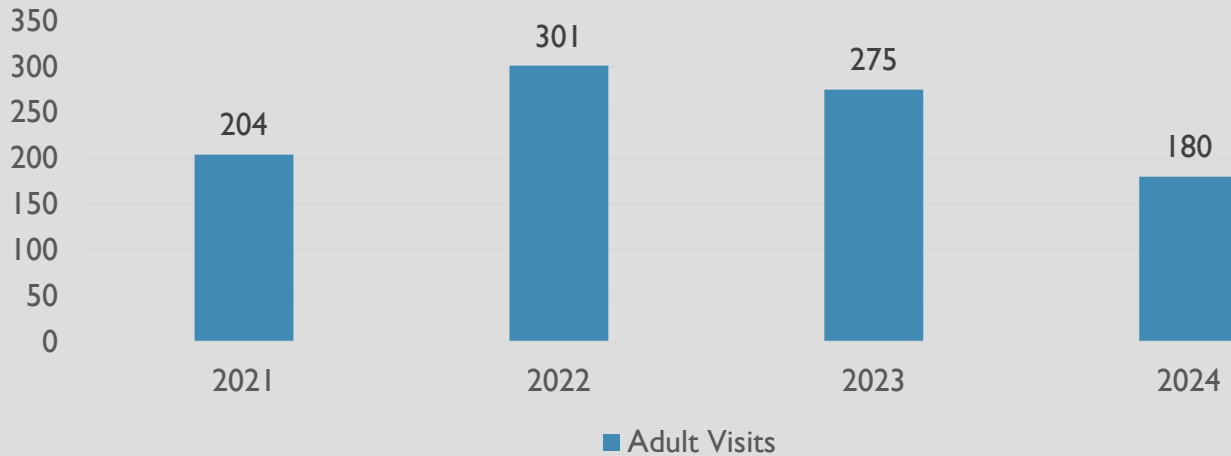
## DENTAL SERVICES

- Partner with Medical Teams International to offer two dental clinics per month-typically 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.
- We provide extractions and fillings.
- Other services include:
  - Limited dentures
  - Oral Health Program
  - Veterans Dental Program



# ON-SITE DENTAL SERVICES (MTI)

Adult Visits  
2021-Sept 2024

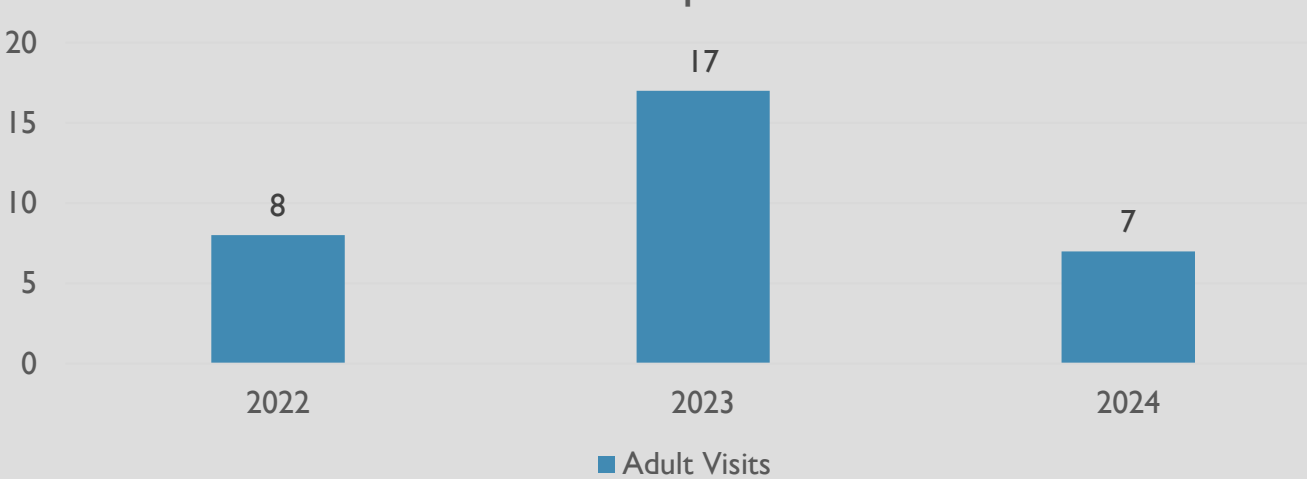


Total Value of Care	
2021	\$116,346
2022	\$162,615
2023	\$145,955
2024 (through Sept)	\$87,796

260 visits have been provided since my last presentation (Aug 23-Sept 24)

# DENTURES

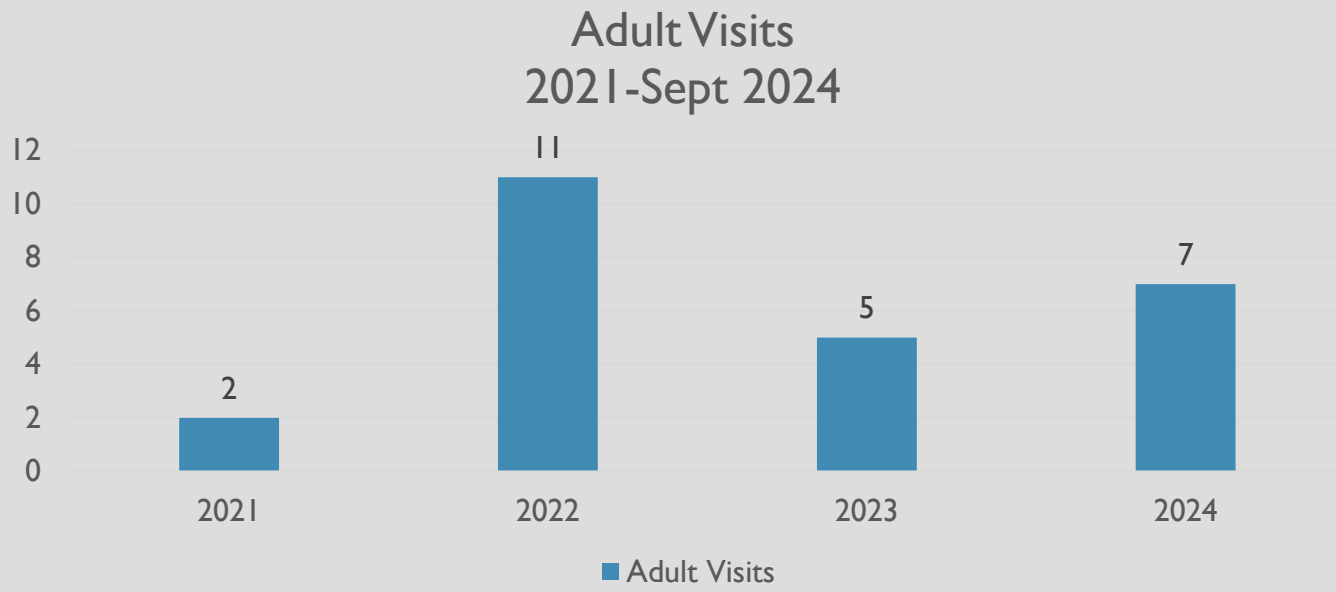
Dentures Provided  
2022-Sept 2024



Total Value of Care	
2022	\$2,083
2023	\$4,980
2024 (through Sept)	\$2,369

11 dentures have been provided since my last presentation (Aug 23-Sept 24)

# ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM



Total Value of Care	
2021	\$1,991
2022	\$14,035
2023	\$7,728
2024 (through Sept)	\$8,239

9 OHP visits have been provided since my last presentation (Aug 23-Sept 24)

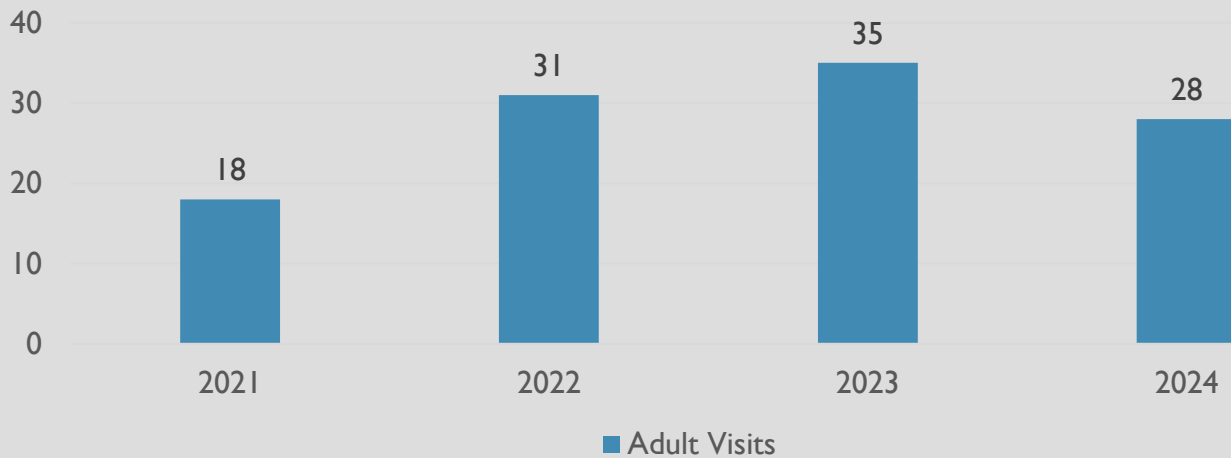


# VETERANS DENTAL PROGRAM

- Referrals are received from the Veterans Assistance Center
- Veterans are contacted by our Dental Coordinator and scheduled for services
- If dentures are needed, we send them to Tri-Star Denture or Evergreen Denture
  - The Free Clinic is billed for these services which get reimbursed through our contract with Clark County
- Additional billable costs include:
  - \$500 of staff salary (% of their time spent on veterans program), as well as payroll taxes, insurance, benefits, vacation.
  - Indirect expense is 21.6% indirect rate of other costs.

# VETERANS DENTAL PROGRAM

Adult Visits  
2021-Sept 2024



Total Value of Care (not billed amount)	
2021	\$19,839
2022	\$31,014
2023	\$34,001
2024 (through Sept)	\$18,347

35 veteran visits have been assisted since my last presentation (Aug 23-Sept 24)



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES- DENTAL

- Dentist
- Hygienist
- Dental Assistant
- Screening/Intake
- Interpreter

## VOLUNTEERING WITH THE FREE CLINIC

- Please visit our website: <https://freeclinics.org/volunteer/> to learn more about our requirements for volunteering and the application process.
- If you have any questions or would simply like to come by for a tour, please contact Rebecca, at [rebecca@freeclinics.org](mailto:rebecca@freeclinics.org).



## CONTACT INFO

- Main number: 360-450-3044
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- Rebecca O'Brien, Executive Director
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  - Phone: 360-450-3054



# Agenda Item V. September 2024 Contractor Reports

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- **CCVAC**

- 38 Veterans served in September, services totaling \$24,810.95
- 34 male Veterans, 4 female Veterans, 0 widow, and 0 others served
- 11 denials, 0 subject to appeal
- 603 visits to the center for essentials and food. 978 sack breakfasts and lunches and 33 food boxes provided. 3,142 total pounds of food provided.
- 1,301.50 volunteer hours, totaling \$52,424.42 in value

- **Free Clinic**

- 3 veterans served in September. Services totaled \$1,754 in value. Billed \$2,300.47.

- **Fund**

- September revenue: \$17,520.88; expenditures: \$119,091.67; fund balance: \$491,034.93



# Agenda Item VI. CCVAC updates

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**Honorably  
serving those  
who served  
honorably**



# 2025 VAF Budget Allocation



# 2025 Budget Proposals

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- Free Clinic
  - \$24,700 – same amount
- CCVAC
  - \$883,000 – 10% increase
  - Includes \$25,000 increase for Vet Services, rent increase, salary increases, part time CSO
- WDVA
  - \$134,520 – 2.5% decrease



# Agenda Items VII. – X.

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- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
  - Letters of Intent due by Dec 12 meeting
  - Speaker suggestions for 2025
  - Parking passes 2025
- **Open Forum**
- **Adjourn**

***Next meeting: December 12, 2024***

