



Warrior Partnerships of Eastern Oklahoma (WPEO)

Key Accomplishments after 6 Months

- Formed six working groups involving over 50 people and 40 organizations.
- Developed a Monthly WPEO Newsletter that shares developments, trends, and accomplishments in helping vets in Eastern Oklahoma. Over 325 recipients
- With help from many organizations, we have developed an “Upcoming Events for Service Members e-mail. Send out every two weeks and get constant Updates
- People that are on these work groups seem to be appreciative of the opportunities to share ideas, swap data, and work collaboratively.
- Concept of WPEO is widely accepted – high levels of cooperation
- Enhanced data availability and accuracy for all agencies to use. Lists of services and organizations

Tasks and Projects Ahead

- Each work group has at least one significant task in front of them. Examples
 - Mental Health – assist in more state wide cooperation. Training and capacity issues
 - Education – distribute letter to Universities and schools to help them enhance their service to veterans. Statewide effort.
 - Housing – utilize CSC survey results with Tulsa area landlords to improve success of placing the homeless (Veterans and non-veterans)
 - Employment – explore ways to utilize the data and suggested procedures from a study by Department of Labor for improving the way organizations value military experience. Help publicize Hiring Events.
 - Basic Needs and Outreach – push for more legal aid and explore showers and laundering days for veterans at John 3:16 or using 1st Baptist Truck. Rural use of Mobile Pantry.
 - Social Opportunities and Outreach – promote more family activities for veterans. Publicize upcoming events on Facebook and websites
- Possibility of CSC meetings in Tulsa for Veterans who want to volunteer. Maybe 3 times /year
- Work more closely with Mary Cully (VA) and Indian Tribes/Native Americans on Veterans Issues
- Push more for statewide projects. Work thru OKDVA and Governors Council
- Promote more training for organizations helping veterans
- Help find and seek grants so that efforts of WPEO and other involved organizations can continue to impact the life of veterans in Eastern Oklahoma.
- Finish Stand Down 2016 on September 10 and start planning for 2017 Stand Down
- Continue to search for gaps in services provided to veterans and work on creative solutions