Welcome to The Greater Miami Valley myVA Community

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- Welcome, Introductions (Dr. Barlow)
- Introduction of Greater Miami Valley myVA Community (Dr. Barlow)
- Dayton Region Military Collaborative Update (Mr. Maurice McDonald, DDC)
- United Way Update (Mr. Matthew Purkey, United Way)
- Veteran Employer Connection Update (Mr. Dan Semsel, GESMV)
- Ohio National Guard Update (Lt Col Kathryn Lowrey, OHANG)
- Veteran Transition Initiative Update (Mr. Brian Niswander)
- Discussion
- Meeting Adjourned

GMV myVA Community Invitees

WPAFB **Ohio National Guard Ohio Department of Veterans Services** Montgomery County Veterans Services **Greene County Veterans Services** Allen County Veterans Services Auglaize County Veterans Services **Butler County Veterans Services Champaign County Veterans Services Clark County Veterans Services Clinton County Veterans Services Darke County Veterans Services** Hardin County Veterans Services Logan County Veterans Services Mercer County Veterans Services Miami County Veterans Services **Preble County Veterans Services**

Putnam County Veterans Services Shelby County Veterans Services Warren County Veterans Services Wayne County Veterans Services **Projects Unlimited GE** Aviation **Dayton Development Coalition** LexisNexis **Kettering Foundation** Vietnam Veterans Association Dayton VAMC Veterans Advisory Council Paralyzed Veterans of America Veteran Owned Business Omega Baptist United Way of the Greater Dayton Area Goodwill Easter Seals of the Miami Valley Miami Valley Human Resources Association

What is a *MyVA Community*?

MyVA Communities bring together local Veterans service providers, resources, advocates, and other stakeholders to improve outcomes for Veterans, Service members, and their families.



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What Does a *MyVA Community* Do?

A *MyVA Community* drives a shared understanding among stakeholders of the complex challenges that Veterans and transitioning Service Members face and leverages its collective strengths to improve the Veteran experience.



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Why are *MyVA Communities* Important?

MyVA Communities provide a forum for local collaboration among public and private resources, services, and advocates. United around common goals, objectives, and actions, these communities will...



Improve Veteran outcomes by connecting public and private resources and capabilities



Create forums where public and private efforts can learn about each other and work together to enhance their effectiveness and improve Veteran outcomes



Enable Veterans to easily identify and reach all of the resources available to them, voice their opinions, and provide valuable input



Create direct and open lines of communication within the community to serve as an early warning system and enable local responsiveness to issues

MyVA Community Framework

The *MyVA Community Framework* delivers an overall structure for how Communities operate and succeed.

Inclusive	 A connected, comprehensive network of stakeholders, resources, Veterans, and advocates MyVA <i>Communities</i> are inclusive of all local Veteran-focused resources <i>MyVA Communities</i> hold public forums in geographically diverse locations
Accessible	 <i>MyVA Communities</i> hold public forums regularly throughout the year Forums are held in geographically diverse public venues to encourage broader participation Forums are actively promoted to involve the public on local Veteran issues
Community Driven	 Led by community veterans engagement boards that shape the broader community efforts Chaired by two respected community leaders and includes identified local stakeholders Local VA leaders serve on the board but do not form a majority of the board's membership
Flexible	 Charters define term appointments for board members to allow for flexibility Customized to reflect the unique characteristics of the community Community demographics inform geographic boundaries
Integrated	 VHA, VBA, and NCA leaders participate and actively engage in meetings and public forums <i>MyVA Community</i> promotes and leverages local capabilities and resources for Veterans Local and District VA leaders network across communities to share best practices



Establishing a *MyVA Community*

MyVA Communities are locally-operated but share a common mission. The below process guides the establishment of a *MyVA Community*, with room for local customization in each step.

