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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

MARYLAND COLLEGE COLLABORATION FOR
STUDENT VETERANS COMMISSION

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COLLABORATION FOR STUDENT VETERANS
COMMISSION

PURPOSE:

Senate Bill 606, passed by the 2016 Maryland General Assembly, establishes the Commission's purpose. It is to ensure the educational success of returning veterans, including their recruitment, successful transition into higher education and eventual graduation. The Commission accomplishes this by facilitating the sharing of best practices, and potential adjustment of policies and procedures, among the institutions of higher education and state agencies regarding academic programs and support services designed for returning veterans. Commissioners, representing institutions of higher education in the state, address the following issues: awareness of veteran reintegration challenges; communication and coordination of available veteran services at the institution, state and federal level – including financial aid and GI Bill support services, mental health services and the use of career and transition services, at the education institution, to facilitate post-educational employment.

PARTICIPANTS:

For 2022, the Commission consists of the following appointed members and guests.

- Chair: Dena Allen-Few | The University of Baltimore (UBalt)
- Vice-Chair: Josiah Guthland | The University of Baltimore (UBalt)
- Secretary: Kristin Byerly | University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC)
- MDVA Secretary Designee: Denise Nooe | Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS

- Irnande Altema | MICUA
- Cathryn Camp | Prince Georges Community College (PGCC)
- Dario DiBattista | Towson University (TU)
- Shannon Hardester | Salisbury University (SU)
- Clarissa Lang | Frostburg State University (FSU)
- Andrew Langston | Washington Adventist University (WAU)
- Dr. Derrick Little | Community Colleges of Baltimore County (CCBC)
- Kristen Maszarose | Carroll Community College (CCC)
- Melissa Moore | Carroll Community College (CCC)
- Kat Schorr | Anne Arundel Community College (AACC)
- Johanna Seymour | University of MD Baltimore County (UMBC)
- Melissa Smith | Howard Community College (HCC)
- Alfred Taylor | Washington Adventist University (WAU)
- Arthur Toole | Prince Georges Community College (PGCC)
- Barbara Travers | Harford County Community College (HCCC)
- Ashley M. Wilt | Garrett County Community College (GCCC)

GUESTS

- Elizabeth A. Atherton | McDaniel College (MC)
- Avonelle Colbert | Baltimore County Community College (BCCC)
- Amy Coldren | Frederick Community College (FCC)
- Tracie Foutrakis | Cecil College (CC)
- Jason Franklin | Montgomery College (MC)
- Rebecca Gerken | U of MD College Park (UMD)

- Alex Getachew | University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)
- Denitta Glading | University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES)
- Tasha Graham | Prince Georges Community College (PGCC)
- Alissa Hart | Mount St Mary's (MSM)
- Pam Hawley | University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)
- Paul Hunter | Mt. Saint Mary's University (MSM)
- Jerry Isaac | Bowie State University (BSU)
- Everette D. Jackson, Jr. | Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)
- Laura Keller | Notre Dame Maryland (NDM)
- Dr. Zakiya Lee | University System of Maryland (USM)
- Dr. Nicole Lee | Coppin State University (CSU)
- Tiffanie Means | Coppin State University (CSU)
- Katie Piper | Howard County Community College (HCCC)
- Shirleen Prioleau | Morgan State (MS)
- Issac Templeton | Prince Georges Community College (PGCC)
- Cindy Welzel | Chesapeake College (CC)

QUARTERLY MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS. In accordance with the legislation establishing its existence, the Commission meets four times per year. Meeting locations rotate between the various institutions represented on the Commission.

2022 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

1. February 8, 2022 | Salisbury University | Host Shannon Hardester
2. April 7, 2021 | University of Baltimore | Host: Josiah Guthland
3. July 21, 2022 | University of Maryland Global Campus | Host: Kristin Byerly
4. October 27, 2021 | Towson University | Host: Dario Batista

MINUTES AND SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMISSION MEETINGS.

1ST QUARTER MEETING: Virtual

Host: Salisbury University

Meeting Date: February 8, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 10:00 am

Total Attendees: 29

COMMISSIONERS In Attendance:

Appointed In Attendance: BOARD

- Denise Nooe, Department of Maryland Veterans Affairs (MDVA)
- Chair - Dena Allen-Few, University of Baltimore (UBALT)
- Vice Chair - Josiah Guthland, University of Baltimore (UBALT)
- Secretary - Kristin Byerly, University of MD Global Campus (UMGC),

Appointed In Attendance: COMMISSIONERS

- Shannon Hardester, Salisbury University (SU)
- Clarissa Lang, Frostburg University (FU)
- Kat Schorr, Anne Arundel Community College (AACC)

- Pam Nussbaum, Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA)
- Dario DiBattista Towson University (TU)
- Melissa Smith (Howard Community College) HCC
- Derrick Little, Community College of Baltimore City (CCBC)

In Attendance: GUESTS

- Johanna Seymour, University of Maryland Baltimore County(UMBC)
- Betsy Atherton, McDaniel College (MC)
- Pam Hawley University of Maryland Baltimore County(UMBC)
- Wayne Holmes, Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)
- Alfred Taylor, Washington Adventist University (WAU)
- Rebecca Gerken, University of Maryland College Park (UMCP)
- Amy Coldren, Frederick CC (FCC)
- Nicole Lee - Coppin State University (CSU)
- Tashana Curtis, UMB
- Katie Piper (Howard CC)
- Jerry Issac, Bowie
- Kathy Barbland
- Andrew Langston
- Denitta Glading (UMES)
- Rickiea Cohen (UMB)
- Arthur Toole Prince George's Community College (PGCC)
- Mark Longhurst (UBALT)
- Paul Hunter, Mount St. Mary's University

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Melissa Huber and Jessica Lafave from Veterans Affairs, Veterans Suicide Prevention Initiative

Intro to Salisbury University

- Welcome and fortunate to be hosting.

Election

- Last session re-elected Secretary: Kristin Byerly
 - Position available
 - Chair – Dena Allen-Few
- Reminder on how to become a commissioner
- Send a letter from the college/university appointing to the commission
 - Send completed form to Denise

Update from MHEC – Everette Jackson (Wayne Holmes)

- Updates: SAA for MHEC
- Further clarification on 85/15 requirements
- Need specific questions routed to MD ELR as it is a VA directive
- Status of Maryland ELR position
 - Previous position was vacated, new hire started on 1/31. Going through training but won't be official until they have completed training.
- Send ELR questions to the email but managed by only one person
- Additional items

- Send application with Catalog Review update form
- With each new publication a form must be submitted
- If there is a student that is being impacted by this process, please send an email so that it can be addressed
- VA is taking a full 45 days (increase from 30) to complete approvals/updates due to increased volume of requests
- **To SCO's: Please ensure that when you complete the Catalog Review Form (CRF), every program in WEEMS must be addressed on that form! This includes ANY changes, name changes, deletions etc. Use 221998. If you do not have a copy - email Wayne Holmes and he will get it to you. Why is this so important? An institution submitted without addressing some prior approvals, ELR withdrew the programs due to incomplete information on the CRF.**
 - Process: submit
 - Wayne Holmes then sends a draft to ensure all information is accurate (new process) Review draft and return as soon as possible. Extra step to help correct issues prior to them impacting the veteran student.
- Sunsetting will go back to online pay as of June 1st
- VA will be going through EOM rules so it will go through EOM - not through end of course
- Study Abroad programs: Foreign institutions MUST BE VA approved. The foreign institutions (in most cases) will be certifying the course. Questions regarding specific situations email Everett and Wayne. If they cannot answer, they will forward to ELR mailbox and copy you on it.
- Thank you to all SCO's that use innovation - online submission portal. Please ensure that you close the request once approved in One Stop.
- Chapter 35 students are considered In-state Tuition Rate effective August 1st. USM schools will need to update residency requirements to include Chapter 35 once USM completes the process. All non-USM will need to update their as well.

Institution Questions:

- *Dario DiBattista Towson* - new SCO so Dario is filling in right now. Is there a specific training for study abroad? Wayne has it and will send.
- *Karen Barland - Coppin State* - 8794 form for Dr Nicole Leigh serving as a interim until FT position completed. Still doesn't have access to the VA Once. Send email to ELR inbox
- *Betsy Atherton - McDaniel College*: visits DoVA has contracted an agency to do the compliance visit and the email will come from the agency. SAA will continue to complete Risk Based Survey.
- Concerns regarding sending of information to the contractor as a Pii infraction - If this request does take place, send to the ELR
- *Kristin Byerly, UMGC*: question regarding the VA EOM for hybrid. Job aides have been created. Wayne will send job aids for VA payment and Study Abroad
- *Melissa Smith* - Payment plan - are all supported or just the ones with a balance? Request Melissa send to Wayne and he will review the 85/15 rule, review and respond
wayne.holmes@maryland.gov

Update from MDVA – Denise Nooe

- Dena Allen-Few approved for the Chairperson
- Request for information if you are new to send email and school that you are representing.
- 2 week focus group for women veterans. Morning sessions for women veterans and afternoon sessions for all veterans. Recruiting for women veteran's advisory board
- MDVA follows legislation (currently following 48 pieces of legislation and can be found on the front page of the website. MDVA website: <https://veterans.maryland.gov/state-legislation/>

- Newsletter: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MDVA/bulletins/306c623>

University Updates

- *UBaltimore* - *Josiah Guthland* - new hire (Dena Allen-Few)
 - Hybrid and only 2 students allowed in lounge as well as special permission is required
 - Dr William Dunn - First for Guest Speaker Series
 - Panel of Women veterans - round table discussion on experiences. Covering 4 major services
 - Went to SVA NATCON
 - Looking for collaboration service project
- Jerry Issac Bowie State - lost SCO end of Dec to retirement. Registrar is assisting.
 - Retool the services being offered
 - Offering a conference to support veteran students
- Alfred Taylor - WAU - Wanda Canoles has left WAU.
 - New veteran recruiter Andrew Langston
- Pam Holly - UMBC registrar - New SCO, Johanna Seymour
 - Looking for a part time SCO position
 - In person for classes and staff
 - Most are in a hybrid, but offices are open full time
- UMGC - Primarily remote
- Clarissa Lang - Frostburg
 - Students must be fully vaccinated
 - Working on SVA
- Dario DiBattista - Towson
 - All back on campus but with strict vaccines and booster requirements. Looking forward to getting back to
- PGCC - Looking for Veteran's advisor as well as starting VET club
 - Hosting a Veterans Shark Tank last year and has some funding but open to all veterans in DMV area. Judges needed!
- Salisbury - Updating Green Zone training
 - Not back to business as usual but staff is back.
- Betsy Altherton - Medina
 - Homeless duffle back drive - with now a room for these bags as well as delivering
 - Back to campus close to 100%
 - 85/15 challenges
 - County is offering a Veterans Appreciation Event - goal is to approach younger veterans and school will help with outreach and planning.
- Karen Barland Coppin - looking for SCO - recruiting.
 - Back on campus, fully
- Melissa Smith - Howard CC - Students back but staff.
 - SVA participation is slow and hard to generate excitement via with virtual model.
- UMCP - Rebecca Gerken - Registrar, keeping up with SCO processes.
 - Trying to meet with Vet on student life side - next meeting should have more info. They will have two full time SCO.

Guest Speakers:

- Melissa Huber and Jessica Lafave from Veterans Affairs
 - Veterans Suicide Prevention Initiative

- Request PP Slide
- VHA - Veteran Health Administration
 - 135 estimate surviving individuals impacted by just 1 death by suicide
 - Anchors of Hope statistics
- All resources are free
- Please reach out if they can help in any way!

New Business

- Status of HB0009 – Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts
 - Administered by MHEC - open to dependents and adds stepchildren
 - Scholarship – Eligibility for Stepchildren (hearing 1/25 with no update)
- Event April 26-28 “Operation College Promise Conference and Education Fair with MVBOC – UMGC
- UMGC is looking for student veterans to be on a panel at the conference – Do any commission members have students that would be interested?
- Potential USM Telework Policy?
 - Reach out to Tracey Jamison
- Veteran Speaker Series at University of Baltimore
 - February 22nd – Dr. William Dunn
 - Combat Vet, Entrepreneur, founder of the Dunn Foundation
 - March 30th – Women Veteran Round Table
 - A Marine, Seabee, Air Force linguist and Army Combat Engineer walk into a university
- Additional events or points of interest from commission members?
- General discussion on 85/15 - Howard CC
 - Submit as you always have previously and more guidance to follow
- If a student defaults on a payment plan are they dropped? Some schools do and some don't. If they are not dropped, how are they counted.
- AVECO Board meeting next week in DC
- Dario - Question regarding Army IgniteEd - sign up for the Chat feature of TA simplified and Issues with degree plans not showing up, schools not in the platform, advisors are not being trained so they minimal assistance. Navy TA portal for the first time - any
- Arthur Toole - interested in events

April Meeting hosted by UofB

July Meeting hosted by UMGC

LINKS Shared:

<https://military-school-support.mn.co/feed> -Mighty Networks

<https://tasimplified.support/> -TA Simplified

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Meeting Adjourned at 11:57 pm

2ND QUARTER MEETING: Hybrid

Host: University of Baltimore

Meeting Date: April 7, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 10:03 a.m.

In Attendance: 24 plus guest speaker

Appointed In Attendance: BOARD

- Denise Nooe - MDVA - Maryland Dept of Veterans Affairs
- Dena Allen Few - UBALT - University of Baltimore
- Josiah Guthland UBALT - University of Baltimore
- Kristin Byerly - UMGC - University of MD Global Campus

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- Dario Towson- TU - Towson University
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- Kat Schorr - AACC - Anne Arundel Community College
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In Attendance: GUESTS

- Everette Jackson - MHEC - Maryland Higher Education Commission
- Roslyn Jones - MDVA - Maryland Dept of Veterans Affairs
- Joanne Seymour - UMBC - University of MD Baltimore County
- Paul Hunter - MSU - Mt St Mary's, Frederick Campus - VA Warriors to Work Program
- Toby Frevert - TU - Towson University - Veteran Support Specialist
- Karly Bliley - UBALT - University of Baltimore, Intern
- Ugo Onyeukwu - UBALT - University of Baltimore, Graduate Assistant
- Rebecca Gerken - University of MD College Park
- Stephanie Hallowell - UMES - University of MD Eastern Shore
- Amy Coldren - Frederick CC
- Betsy Atherton - MC - McDaniel College

WELCOME: Director of Bob Parsons Veteran Center - Josiah Guthland

OPENING REMARKS: Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Policies & Programs: Candace Caraco

- Thank you to the commission for their work and discusses challenges to working with veterans in a way that is productive and still allows for benefits for those that may need it.

INTRODUCTIONS and Comments:

- Karly Bliley - looking for entry level veterans administration position.

UPDATE: MDVA - Denise Nooe

- Welcome to new commissioners
- How to become a member
- Letter from President of school to Sec Owings, Contact Denise Nooe if you would like to become a commissioner.
- Vietnam Veterans welcome home day 3/29 and 3/30.
- New Tool Kit online for access to MDVA fliers, etc.
 - . [Community Partner Digital Communications Toolkit](#).

GUEST SPEAKER: Roslyn Jones, MDVA Woman's Veterans Inclusion

- Started in August of last year. Retired Army
- Dept of Labor after military service. Serving veterans that have served as well as family members.
- Her program is specific to underserved veterans - awareness of benefits for underserved

UPDATE: MHEC - Everette Jackson

- No updates on 85/15 - VA cancelled updates and will hold at next office hours
 - MHEC available to help with questions regarding reporting
- AVECO - Regional SCO conference and group that serves mid-west East and central regions July 10-14 First in person conference in Crystal City. Cost varies if member or not. This conference does satisfy as a training opportunity
- SAA updates - re-evaluating application process to streamline updates. Deeper reviews are beneficial but time consuming. In early summer will be sending out a new process training session. How to prepare a good catalog submission. Also, all SCO's aware that VA is backlogged and so is SAA. Reached out in Nov for catalog submissions and a lot in the queue. If you have a student that is pending authorization due to catalog let Everette know
- After approval letter has gone past 45 day processing time, reach out to MHEC for expedited approval, especially if impacting students
- VA is working on 60 day initiative to address backlog and are now working in teams for 85/15 in box,
- MD ELR position - Hired but not yet placed so please just send to the MLR in box. She is former SCO from Coppin that will be assigned to MD.
 - May be late 22 early 23 before she is available for MD
- SAA are getting out of the compliance survey side. They will be handled via the VA and a 3rd party
- Isaacson and Roe - Fiscal 23 Starting in October -
 - Will engage institutions regarding Risk Based Surveys instead of Compliance Surveys. Similar to SAA supervisory visits. Support for certification compliance surveys will come from the VA. They will be looking at indicators that may be identified as a potential risk. Information from DOE, if institution is on heightened cash monitoring, advertising, fluctuations in veteran enrollment or tuition and fees?
 - All are in a matrix. If you have had a risked base survey, this Fiscal 23 model is different. They are getting out of compliance work and trying to get more into addressing issues early on.

- MHEC still waiting on updates for new process but also know that any institution identified in that first year, MHEC is there to support.
- **Question** - If 2022 2023 catalog is already done reach out as they may need to wait for the training
 - If school has not received a catalog review approval for last year should they wait to submit our new - If not submitted yet, need to submit.
 - If its bi-annual can work with a bit differently but all must be within min of two years.
- **Question** - VA shift from distance to in person learning - Any training regarding how to do that shift from a SCO perspective?
 - If a student was in a resident course that was changed to online due to COVID, then VA would allow to receive payment despite shift to virtual.
 - VA deadline May 30th - **effective June 1st**, you need to be in a hybrid course that is at least once in a hybrid.
 - Any info if VA may extend? Possible but nothing stated yet. Seems like the VA is trying to get back to some sort of F2F resident training
- **Question:** Date set for catalog training?
 - Late May or early June - after graduations but before fall
- **Question** - McDaniel College got a voicemail from consulting company that wants to set up a compliance survey and they have not returned calls.
 - Derrick has had a survey 3 months ago and still has not gotten results.
 - Melissa has had a survey but they were persistent
 - Everette will also follow up as to why they have not been persistent

UPDATE: Institutions

- Howard CC - 100% back on site - business as usual
- UMGC - Little change since going remote in March 2020
 - Largo 1 & 2 buildings preparing to sell or lease
 - Most work has gone remote
 - Sr Leaders and some staff at Adelphi Campus
 - Cancelled OCP April 26,27
 - Military and Veteran Entrepreneur and Appreciation Fair - open to all veteran students/alumni. Guest Speakers Robin Fortner retired USMC E9 and Laurie Sales prior separated USMC
- Frostburg - Only shut down half of one semester
 - Low enrollment and anxious to be on site
 - First in person SALUTE for two years at end of the month!!
- UMBC - Open but masks are still required in classroom labs. Staff not required.
 - Mandatory vaccinations and hybrid version of the schedule.
 - Dr. Ashby from Duke - arriving in August. Hiring a 20 hrs a week veteran certifying official. Checking out websites! Towson website is really strong!
- UBALT - Quick shift in mask requirement
 - K95 Mask mandate on Monday and Tuesday no mandate - Back in February.
 - Mostly hybrid "4 year community college" Tend to be more adult learners.

- Fall of 2022 should be back to full operations for students
- May 21st Military and Veteran Open House to all Military Connected.
 - Addressing mostly Community Colleges - transfer Event
 - Special prize but can't tell what it is.
- Mt St Mary - 2 campuses - one never closed.
 - Frederick campus more evening adult online courses and went fully virtual but have hybrid options
- Stephanie UMES - has someone working with veteran students
 - 90% of veterans are not well aware of their VA benefits.
 - New recruitment strategy, going to high schools and help educate about things like dual enrollments.
 - Update Military Affiliated (MA) student website - trying to transfer from admissions to registrar.
 - Working on a resource guide for MA students.
 - Engagement day coming up from 9am-115 pm. MD Dept of Labor.
 - Working on a radio show to work with MA students and allow them a chance to tell a story. Helping veterans in the community.
 - 2nd academic year for Yellow Ribbon Program: About 100 students using GI Bill.
 - COVID status - hybrid format, masks in common areas, vaccination required and 2x a week testing for unvaccinated. Limit of 15 for smaller event. Still working with social distancing.
- Towson - Dario - Fully back on site.
 - New VP of enrollment and they are located in Student Affairs so helps to have someone that will support working to improve processes. They work beyond just certifying - Mega Advisor
 - Catch a Lift partnering with event - Towson Town Festival April 30 - May 1st
- Garrett County CC - Back to normal - no masks - in person graduation.
 - F2F, hybrid, Virtual remote, online - Students have the option to attend in person or stream in real time.
 - Asks how to handle certification if student is not required to be in person?
 - Masks in labs and classes but not offices. No vaccine mandate -
 - New president Anitha Cheek from Minnesota
 - Admissions Open House this Saturday 9-noon.
- UMCP Campus wide back in business - masks optional in Feb. for offices
 - Commencement live and in person - including more than current class.
 - Classrooms masks required. Trying to get full compliance of vaccinations.
 - ACRO - Association of collegiate registrars - recommend joining
- WAU - Working on a game plan to work with military as far as support.
 - Working on a survey for all Mil Affiliated to find some areas of strengths and opportunities.
 - Hybrid model for courses. Goal is to get all back but not there yet.
 - Masks not required but vaccines are.
 - Working on creating a veterans center.
- CCBC - masks are optional end of March

- Commencement from 2020 - 2022
- VRRAP Veterans enrolling in short term programs.
- CCBC is applying for YR and a final push in the VRRAP program as it ends in Dec.
- Dept of transportation grant in CDL training - all 18 positions filled to the end of the year.
- Continuing education programs review.
- McDaniel - No longer masks and most classes are F2F.
 - Partnering with Carroll County Veteran Appreciation Day -
 - Ages 30-60 who may not be using benefits.
 - Updating MOU with MDNG. 50% tuition discount to current students to tap into Star dollars available.
- WAU - Masking policies are mostly mask optional. There are some in the health centers and classrooms that require masks.
 - All campuses back in person with some hybrid.
 - Pending graduation decisions.
- AACC - Continuing mask requirements in buildings until 5/18 end of term.
 - Have ended vaccine records or weekly testing for non-vaccinated.
 - Fall open 2 days a week, Spring 3 days a week for vet center.
 - Start of fall should show 5 days a week.
 - Online, online synchronous, hybrid and F2F.
 - Hosting an in person commencement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Will UMGC send updated flier for cancellation of OCP – Kristin Byerly agreed to send
- Does USM have a revised USM teleworking policy.
 - Ask Me Union - Handling all at the institution level.
 - FU - Student Affairs has no telework policy but other depts do.
- Who operates a Veterans Center or lounge?
 - Will create a survey to send out to all institutions. After graduation - June time frame?
- DoD MOU - UBALT was asked to complete the survey
 - Howard CC all in compliance but unsure if accurate
 - UMGC gave DoD POC Janet Thomas contact info: janet.thomas@umgc.edu
 - Josiah will send questions they were given (attached to minutes)
- Green Zone - UBALT asks who has Green Zone training for Faculty and staff
 - Towson, UMGC, UMES (Stephanie) took hers from Shannon at SU
 - UMGC will share info when completed
- Veterans Affairs Acquisition Academy - Designed to train people “Warriors to WorkForce”
 - Need few college credits in business, and a specific disability.
 - Full time classes at the Mount - Veterans are trained to be “Contract Specialists”
 - Takes a commitment but great opportunity. Challenging and rigorous.
 - 10 months - 36 college level business credits,
 - VA assists with holistic health, sleep, mentors, professional dev, tutoring, personalized advising, students are paid and given housing.

- After 1st 10 months move to 2nd phase for contracting classes and they sign a contract that they will go where they are needed.
- Recruiting through end of May
- **Veterans Affairs Acquisition Academy Warriors to Workforce Program:**
 - <https://www.acquisitionacademy.va.gov/schools/internship/w2wAbout.asp>
 - Contact at the VAAA: Diane Fernandez Diane.Fernandez3@va.gov
 - **Please encourage any eligible and interested veterans to apply!**

FOLLOW UP:

- Create a survey for all institutions
 - Kristin and Dena work to gather ideas for questions
- Send PDF of MOU Questions
 - Attached to Minutes
- Send Green Zone info when available
- Send updated flier for OCP cancellation and current MVEAF event
 - Completed 4/7
- Who is scheduled for 4th quarter meeting?
- Send survey for 3rd Quarter Meeting

Next Meeting Hosted By: UMGC in later July

Meeting Ended: 11:57 a.m.

3RD QUARTER MEETING: Virtual

Host: University of Maryland Global Campus

Meeting Date: July 21, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 10:03 a.m.

Total Attendees: 27

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- Shannon Hardester - Salisbury
- Kraig Sheetz - Mount St Mary's
- Michael Vivial - University of MD College Park
- Denitta Gladding - University of MD Eastern Shore
- Nicole DeRamus - UMGC Speaker
- Jerry Isaac - Bowie State
- Cindy Welzel - Chesapeake College
- Andre Fletcher - University of MD College Park
- Arthur Toole - Prince George's Community College

OPENING REMARKS: Dena Allen-Few

- 85/15
- VR&E in terms of notification
- Chapter 13 transferability

Reminder on how to become a commissioner

- President of the college or university needs to send a letter to George Owings via Denise Nooe
- Announced cancellation of Guest Speaker from Dept of Labor
- Introduction from Host School: Nicole DeRamus, Assistant Vice President, Veterans Programs - University of Maryland Global Campus
 - Welcome and thank you all for attending - UMGC updates on Green Zone and events

MDVA UPDATE

- Invitation to MDVA Veterans Commission Meeting in August
- All 4 commissions and all county commissions are invited to an event August 16, 2022
- Closed out fiscal year 6/30
- Benefits with claims almost 35% above award from last year. If students are seeking compensation/benefits reach out
- Gave out 350,000 in grants over the last year
- Set records in outreach, online and social media.

MHEC UPDATE

- Shout to Shannon - Great AVECO conference
- ELR Updates - MD ELR is not accessible to our schools yet - Jennifer Harris from Coppin - still in training and can not directly work with schools yet. Continue to write the ELR mailbox and if there are too many delays please reach out to Everett directly for escalation. Need to ensure you are counted for proper reporting. Legislation is on the horizon to hopefully streamline the reporting process

- Catalog Submission Updates
 - If you have a pending submission on the SAA side or the VA side and a student is waiting they can and will expedite the process and get the student paid
 - Updated the online application hoping t
 - Email invitation sent to August 9,10,11 at 11 am to 12 pm walk through the application process. They will record a session but can also offer a one on one for direct questions. Link to MD One Stop is online so you can review prior to the webinar
- Risk Based Surveys
 - SAA is getting out of compliant survey business - outsourcing to an external company. 3 types of surveys
 - St Georges Consulting - compliance surveys
 - SAA will be starting risk based surveys starting Oct 1 - Mirror almost an accreditation process to identify potential risks. Veteran enrollment, changes in tuition rates etc. Deep dive into financial advertising and one on one with students.
- Questions to Commission
 - No 85/15 updates
 - Willing to do one on one meetings
 - From Arthur at PGCC - Are Risk Based Surveys in addition to the Compliance or different? Record review for RBS will only be about 10 for record review and not doing expansion. Small scale compliance but then takes on different track such as sitting in the classroom and review of finances and marketing
 - From Dena at UBALT - Is it the VA or MHEC that is addressing the RBS? It's a joint effort.
 - Amy Coldren - FCC - so it's not a random sampling? Its more about data analyzed for potential schools. Correct, the school is identified as a risk but does not mean they are doing something bad. Is there a resource regarding the RBS? Answer: coming soon and will send when complete
 - Shirleene Prioleau - Is there a way for a school to know if they are falling in the "Risk Factor"? Public information is available on the data fields that they are looking at but not an actual list.

Question for commission:

1. Is there interest in knowing more about Green Zone Training and potentially becoming a Green Zone trainer? It was offered at NASPA in March
2. Survey of Veterans Centers/Lounges on college campus -

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

- PGCC - Arthur Toole - Positions available including the Upward Bound
 - Shark Tank happening again this year - deadline is Sept 30th. First 3 place 15k, 10k, 5k are the awards plus a year of
- U of Baltimore - Fall and spring events gathering. Hoping to work around the world cup. No on site housing so campus open, no mask and
- Frederick CC - Amy Coldren - New president and her Chief of Staff is an AF veteran. Looking to increase enrollment across the board. Want to reinvigorate the veterans lounge
- Salisbury - Shannon Hardester - event participation is increasing. Lunch and learns, veterans club is up and going thanks to an Army reservist assisting! Green Zone training self-paced online

training. Also welcomed a new president last fall.

<https://succeed.salisbury.edu/browse/registrar/courses/greenzone>

- UMCP - Rebecca Gerken/ Michael Vivian - Lost a veteran coordinator for Student Life and currently hiring for that position
- Morgan State - Peggy Horton and Shirleene Prioleau - Morgan State - Veterans association that is becoming more active and coming up with ideas. Struggling with getting students to even look at email!
- UMBC - Johanna Seymour - Hiring Assoc Dir of adult learners and students (developing the veterans lounge and coming up with new ideas for veterans). Just hired a part time SCO who only does veteran certifications. Having the info from the app at the AVECO conference she was able to download and share.
- AACC - Kat Schorr - still completes virtual veterans but working towards 4 days a week being open. Planning for fall activities. Veterans Day observation event. Trying to get things back to a new normal. Will always have virtual but how to entice them to come back on campus. Trying to figure out how to get SVA active
- Towson - Dario DiBattista - Hometown heroes football game - working on events, supporters and getting back to a new normal
- MSMU - Paul Hunter - struggles on getting involvement as with most but still working on it!
- Chesapeake College (on the Eastern Shore) - Cindy Welzel not many veterans, but starting to pick up.
- CCBC - Derrick Little - 3 different audits and going through them one by one! Still at 75% capacity but have multiple leadership positions available. To include to AVP positions. VRAP program - veterans hiring veterans? Still waiting on a telework policy.
- Melissa Smith at Howard CC - Pre COVID! Commencement in person. New President as of January so creating a presentation on how they help veteran students. Reduced teleworking option to 2 days a week.
- UMES - Denitta Gladding - Seeing an increase in military and veteran students across the board
- Bowie - Jerry Issac - Trying to reconfigure how they are working with Military Connected. Trying to create a "one stop shop" for Mil Con. Bringing in multiple resources to help expand. Also, as a key location between Baltimore and Annapolis and in PG county, utilizing the best of that
- UMCP - Andre Fletcher
- MSMU - Kraig Sheetz - 28 yr Army veteran and want to "do what we are doing better"
- UMGC - Kristin Byerly - Almost done with GZ training and prepping for FUNd RUN 10/31 - 11/6. Working with CSM and LaPlata on VSOC counselor office hours.

NEW BUSINESS/QUESTIONS:

1. Dario - TU - How does that funding work while waiting for payment so there is the creation of "Ghost Funds" (posting of pre-credit) while waiting to receive funds
 - a. There is legislation that you can not hold up a student while waiting for payment
https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/fgib/transition_act.asp
 - b. Andre Fletcher - Was told not the case - will work with MHEC to be able to
2. Can I be penalized for a late payment by VA?
 - a. The educational institution must adopt policy to ensure that it does not impose any penalty, including:

- b. assessment of late fees
 - c. denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities,
 - d. require the student using to borrow additional funds due to the inability to meet financial obligations to the institution as a result of delayed payments for educational assistance from VA.
3. Can the school require a student to use his or her federal financial aid for tuition and fees while it awaits a VA payment?
- a. No. The law prohibits the school from requiring a student to use his or her federal financial aid, or other sources of payment for tuition and fees while it awaits VA payments within the 90-day period. However, schools are not prohibited from allowing a student to utilize his or her federal financial aid, or any sort of aid or loan for tuition/fees during the interim period if the student wishes to do so. What a school may not do is insist that the student utilize this aid, take out loans, or do anything else so that the tuition and fees are paid in advance of the VA benefit payment.
- Kat Schorr: Free online course: The Columbia University Center for Veteran Transition and Integration has built a free edX course, "Supporting Veteran Success in Higher Education", which is designed for higher-ed admins, teachers, and support staff who want to learn more about the veteran population that they are serving. You can find more info on LinkedIn.
 - McDaniel College got a voicemail from consulting company that wants to set up a compliance survey and they have not returned calls.
 - Derrick has had a survey 3 months ago and still has not gotten results.
 - Melissa has had a survey but they were persistent
 - Everette will also follow up as to why they have not been persistent
4. Creation of survey for Green Zone trainings as well as veterans lounge information
5. If you have news to announce - get to Denise and/or Kristin

Towson will host the next meeting

Meeting ended at 11:16 am

4th QUARTER MEETING:HYBRID

Host: Towson University

Meeting Date: October 27, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 10:03 a.m.

Total Attendees: 8 in person 23 virtual

Appointed In Attendance: BOARD

- Denise Nooe - MDVA - Maryland Dept of Veterans Affairs
- Dena Allen Few - UBALT - University of Baltimore
- Josiah Guthland UBALT - University of Baltimore
- Kristin Byerly - UMGC - University of MD Global Campus

Appointed In Attendance: COMMISSIONERS

- Dario Di Battista - TU - Towson University
- Derrick Little - CCBC - Community College of Baltimore County

- Ashley Witt - GCCC - Garrett County Community College
- Kristen Maszarose - Carroll Community College
- Melissa Moore - Carroll Community College
- Barbara Travers - Harford Community College
- Clarissa Lang - Frostburg State University
- Arthur Toole - Prince George's Community College
- Melissa Smith - Howard Community College
- Elizabeth Atherton "Betsy" - McDaniel College

In Attendance: GUESTS

- Everette Jackson - MHEC - Maryland Higher Education Commission
- Johanna Seymour - UMBC - University of MD Baltimore County
- Lori - UMBC - University of MD Baltimore County
- Toby Frevert - TU - Towson University - Veteran Support Specialist
- Rebecca Gerken - University of MD College Park
- Amy Coldren - Frederick CC
- Tracie Foutrakis - Cecil College
- Shannon Hardester - Salisbury
- Jerry Isaac - Bowie State
- Alissa Hart - MSMU - Mount St Mary's
- Cindy Welzel - Chesapeake College
- Tiffanie Means - Coppin State University (CSU)
- Stephanie Hallowell - UMES - University of MD Eastern Shore
- Pam Nussbaumer - Micua
- Social Media liaison for TU

In Attendance: SPEAKERS

Phillip Munley - MDVA
Tom Riley - DLVETS

OPENING REMARKS: Dario DiBattista

Welcome: VP of Enrollment Dr. Boyd Bradshaw

- Inaugural position which used to fall under provost - at one point above 24,000 student population and now below 20,000. Veteran population is a great resource. Dr Bradshaw came from IUPI - awards degrees to both IU and Perdue U.
- Recognizing MilVet accomplishments at TU. Focusing on opening up pathways - One area is prior credit. At IUPUI - brought prior military in a week early for pre-orientation and realized the need for a visible space.
- Accolades for TU!
 - #7 on East in US News
 - Silver Status for military friendly
 - Freshman class is majority minority

Veteran enrollment question - dept of Labor - tracking veteran questions?

- Strategy requires working with admissions and not just relying on veteran areas.

MCCSVC CHAIR: Dena Allen-Few

Reminder on how to become a commissioner - Denise Nooe

- President of the college or university needs to send a letter to George Owings via Denise Nooe
- 3 new Commissioners Kristen Maszaro, Melissa Moore (Carroll CC) and Barbara Travers (Harford CC)

GUEST SPEAKER: Phillip Munley (Prior State of CA VA) Phone 410-230-4449 - MDVA Service and Benefits Program

- Role: To sit with veteran or survivor and work through process of gaining benefits
 - All staff is required to be accredited by US Dept of VA
 - Can access VA tracking system at all locations
- Challenge is to focus not just on the education
 - Ask where did you serve?
 - Participate in activities
 - Educate a younger generation on the life of the military servicemember.
- PACT ACT -
 - Gulf War veterans and post 9/11 veterans. If served Sept 11 2001 at specific locations or in the air space above those locations. Or after September 2, 1980 in other locations - You are presumed to have been exposed to toxic burn pit fumes. If receiving treatment for the list of these of cancers and other conditions apply.
 - Also included are Vietnam veterans used to recognize only those on site or within 12 mile radius for potential exposure to agent orange. This area has been expanded and therefore can file a claim for any of the 18 agent orange conditions . Currently the predominant number of claims coming in.
 - Camp LeJeune Drinking water issue - drinking water was contaminated at the time (1953-1987). Presumption is a way to establish service connection. A list has been created. This list is separate from the class action lawsuit. If a service member receives a settlement from the class action lawsuit, the VA will withhold funding if SM attempts to make a VA claim as well. 15 qualifying conditions for dependents as well as SM. They can receive out of pocket expenses. Phone number is 1-866-372-1144 VA form
 - QUESTIONS: Have you seen an increase in claims?
 - Vietnam Vet increase for the PACT ACT
 - Not a huge influx from Gulf War or Post 9/11
 - Small increase of Surviving Spouse - for Vietnam Vets Dependency Indemnity Compensation - an annuity the VA will pay for service related
 - PACT Info with list is available on the MDVA website.
 - F/U from Phil <https://veterans.maryland.gov/>- carousel has info for PACT Act and Camp Lejeune info.

MDVA UPDATE

- Gearing up for Veterans Day - all over the state. 2 big events coming up:
 - Operation Green light 11/7-11/13. Asking public institutions to light up the buildings with green. Governor's mansion, M&T Bank Stadium, World Trade Center in Baltimore,

John's Hopkins and Washington College have agreed to light up in green. If you want to highlight in green - please send pictures to Denise Nooe.

- November 5, partnering with the library in Annapolis that are resources for veterans. All tables are designed for FUN! Team River Runner or Fly fishing, anything recreational. Please reach out to Denise Nooe for details.

MHEC UPDATE - Everette Jackson

- ELR Updates - Not a lot has changed. There is a hired ELR for MD but still email to MD inbox. Currently Jerald Miller has been assisting. If a pending issue that the SA can not solve, please reach out to Everette
- 85/15 - Legislation passed for the 35% waiver you will be exempt from 85/15 reporting. You do not have to submit for waiver once approved but there is a delay in getting approved. Reach out to Everette if you need help from the process. 35% waiver is for those with veteran population of less than 35% and allows them to be exempt from 85/15 reporting.
 - Shannon from Salisbury - 85/15 with 35% waiver in September - good until she hears differently?
 - 85/15 is outside of MHEC however if out of compliance VA send a referral to the SAA. Submit late as the VA is behind in processing. Currently no punishments for late submissions.
 - Catalog submissions - transitioned to online submission using excel for changes. Did a webinar for this process training. The webinar is on their website for reporting.
 - Tiffany asks - definition of supported and non-supported students in regard to 85/15 (breakdown can be found on a VA Power Point). Cannot have more than 85% of supported students
 - Betsy Atherton - McDaniel College – Are you hearing that people are having any difficulty with locations? Response: reach out to the ELR Inbox
 - Tracie Foutrakis - Cecil College – What is the process for institutions that have not received approval for the 2021-2022 catalog? Response: reach out to MHEC if you any time sensitive situation for a student
 - Arthur Toole: submit the 22/23 on the catalog? No changes than you can go ahead and submit but if any changes, they need to be approved before submission.
 - Do you reach out via email? or USPS mail? We have had some staffing changes and did have an issue with our compliance survey of the email landing in an inactive email account.
 - Ensure your info is updated but will go through all avenues to try and contact. If unable to due to inability to contact, they may allow extended time
- Risk Based surveys
 - October 1 begins the year in regard for the Risk Based survey includes a small record review such as advertising, finance, enrollment info and student complaints. There is a pre survey and on site portions. Pre-survey asks for certain documents for review and then schedule the on-site visit. Recommend you have additional staff available such as marketing and finance. On site – there are 4 records for review and not given students' names in advance and 2 are non-vets.

- Compliance surveys would come on site and then review. Compliance St George Consulting aids in the
 - Questions for more than just SCO i.e., for advertising should have someone from marketing
 - On site record review of 4 students that you would not get in advance. Total survey is a 10 record review 10 records total: 4 pre-surveys, 4 on site and 2 non-vet unless areas of concern that may require additional records.
- Barbara Travers asked how do you reach out? By email? Response: yes, and then reach out to contacts on the VA form. It is a new process

GUEST SPEAKER: Tom Riley - Dept of Labor Veteran's Employment and Training Service (VETS, agency with Dept of Labor not VA)

- What can we do for veterans as they leave the service?
- Often what they offered are called "Best kept secrets" - 5 major programs
 - Jobs for Veterans State Grant
 - American Job Centers - MD DL - helps veterans get priority of service. This is not just blue collar jobs. Also helps with resume building.
 - Transition Assistance Program - Connections at all installations across the state. PGAJC wanted to get linked in closer with the installations in the area.
 - Veteran Homelessness - Homeless veterans re-integration program. Goal to get them off the street and into a career field.
 - Veteran's Preference (VP) - Applies to federal employment and federal hiring. Veterans do get a number of "points" that aid in the application process for government jobs. If you see someone that is not receiving fair treatment, reach out to DL VETS.
 - Hire Vets Medallion Program (HVMP) Employers who are known to support the veteran population. Employers can apply and lists are available for veteran review of military friendly employers. Nationwide list so a great tool for veterans to look for jobs - even out of area.
 - Uniform Services (USARA) - Authority to investigate areas of discrimination - investigates federal and non-federal employers
 - Connecting people to the right places and organizations.
 - SBA in connected with veterans programs
- QUESTIONS: Is the program for homelessness for chronic homelessness or less permanent? Helps both as there is no money for housing however, they can help with training, clothing etc.
- SSVF Grants - Outreach opportunities
- DLLR Vets: <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/veteranservices.shtml>

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

- *McDaniel College*: Betsy Atherton - Veterans Day ceremony - flag raising and breakfast
- *Carroll Comm College*: Kristen Masiures - SALUTE induction on Nov 7 at 1 pm and Veterans Day
- *PGCC* - Arthur Toole - Final stages of Veteran Shark Tank. Final round is Nov 9th at 1pm with dinner that night. About 140 RSVP. Grant workshop with how to write grants on Nov 10th at 1pm, Nov 17 partnering to do a Vet job fair open to all. Opening for Academic Coordinator in Upward Bound

- *U of Baltimore* - Nov 5th collaborative and \$5/ticket open to all Higher Ed students in attendance. Towson is going to play Villanova so game will be afterwards. DJ games, food drinks, all proceeds go to support veteran services. Under 12 is free and can bring a guest
 - Mil Appreciation week - free lunch for veterans on Nov 10. Nov 11 may participate in veterans' day parade. Ask the colleges within the school if they would like to sponsor a day. Veteran alumni will speak at the schools
- *Frederick CC*: Amy Coldren -showing PBS documentary of American Veteran - flag raising ceremony on 11/10
 - Survived first compliance survey
- *Salisbury*: Shannon Hardester - Veterans Week of Events
 - Mon grab and go - food and swag
 - Mobil Vet Center will be coming 9-11/Cupcakes and conversation with SU President
 - Wed - Resume writer help
 - Thur - Having a "combatsation" Discuss transitions from mil to vet
 - Fri - Vet Day ceremony - General Burkhead and other guest speakers
 - <https://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.html> - Homeless shelters providers 300 nationwide
- *Towson* - Dario DiBattista - UBALT partners military appreciation game Sat Nov 5th - tailgate and game. President will be in attendance. Large Vet Resource Fair (catch a lift and mobil vet center) Intent is to celebrate service. Nov 3 event
 - Welcoming Teresa Fasio - author for support of equity and equality
 - Feels pre pandemic
- *Howard CC*: Melissa Smith - Still trying to get Thur 11/10 brunch trying to get veteran students together on campus
- *UMES* - Stephanie Hallowell - New SCO as primary is moving to Asst Dir of Admissions. HelpVets Recognized SVA group - MD DL - 2000/per student per year. Military students can order stolls for their service. Designated as a military friendly school.
- *UMCP* - Andre Fletcher - Rebecca - Hired a new interim Vet Student life coordinator, Kat Last name? Veteran Student Life cutting board - Mon Nov 7, Honor and remember service lunch, Nov 11 Capital Hockey game, Battle of the Branches Bowling, Axe throwing, Sat 19th Vet reception and football game.
 - Big 10 academic alliance - veteran group. One of the plans is to work on a white paper - back to the process of Dean approved instead of catalog approved.
 - Looking for a SCO to be on the alliance
- *UMGC* - Kristin Byerly -
 - Senator Michael Jackson at Veterans Day
 - Expansion of VSOC counselor outreach.
 - Does the 800 number include dependents? Yes it does
 - FUNd RUN 10/31 - 11/6.
 - Hybrids currently still meeting 2 times in 8 week period for UG
- *Harford CC*: Barbara Travers - participating in Operation Green Light. Hosting Nov 9th a luncheon for veterans.
- *Cecil College* : Tracie Foutrakis - collecting donations for a drive and doing yellow ribbons around campus. Veterans Library is having a naming contest for 2 skeletons adopted 🐾

NEW BUSINESS/QUESTIONS:

1. Link to Veterans Lounge Survey: <https://forms.gle/Mag7LYuXFhrGYKGk6>
 - o 16 Responses – Graphic depictions in attachment 1 at the end of the minutes
2. Dario - TU - Chapter 35 Question:
 - o If out-of-state students become eligible for in-state tuition, does that make them eligible for the Conroy Scholarship?
3. AVECO Conference - July 2023 in St Louis
4. Is there a Chancellor of Veterans for USM Schools? Unknown
5. Next year need 4 schools to host:
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ZOOM CHAT:

- From Denise Nooe, MDVA to Everyone 11:09 AM
Helping Tom here, if you Goggle DLLR Vets:
<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/veteranservices.shtml>
- From Johanna and Lori- UMBC to Everyone 11:22 AM
yes
- From Denise Nooe, MDVA to Everyone 11:24 AM
I apologize, I have to hop off early today. I am especially interested in the Veterans Centers/Lounges on Campus discussion, so I will follow up after today's meeting. Thank you to everyone participating today.
- From Johanna and Lori- UMBC to Everyone 11:25 AM
Sorry, I have to pop off. New part-time SCO here with me- Lori. Event each day of Veterans Week. Great Veterans Q & A session regarding benefits yesterday.
Thank you for hosting!
- From Towson University - Meeting Room to Everyone 11:27 AM
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/military-appreciation-football-game-tailgate-and-veterans-resource-fair-tickets-433060384267>
- From Alissa- MSMU (Frederick) to Everyone 11:44 AM
Stepping away for a quick meeting. Will check back when done. Be well.
- From Rebecca J Gerken, UMCP to Everyone 11:49 AM
rsturtev@umd.edu
- From Clarissa Lang - FSU to Everyone 11:50 AM
Hi Everyone! Sorry that I can't speak up today because of microphone issues. We have a Veterans Day luncheon happening on November 11th. We are participating in a fundraiser for VetDogs on that evening - dodgeball tournament. We also have weekly webinars going on with a partnership with one of the bases downstate where veterans and dependents can log on and learn things like financial assistance or budgeting or car

buying, etc. I will send the information out to the group email this week. Lastly we are doing care packages for the Air Force base in Charleston, SC (where one of our students is based) for Christmas. I hope all is well and look forward to traveling next time to see everyone in person.

- I have to run. Have a great day!
- From Dena Allen-Few - University of Baltimore (she/her/hers) to Everyone 11:50 AM
 - Thank you!
 - UMES HAWK VETS and Admissions has teamed up with Worwic Community College in Salisbury to promote and facilitate military students transferring from WWCC to UMES w/o and loss of credits and services. We have been voted as a military friendly school for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Military students as of the spring 2022 semester can order stoles based on their military branch for commencement. Yellow Ribbon Program we have \$2,000 per student per year for 10 students in all majors.
- From Dena Allen-Few - University of Baltimore (she/her/hers) to Everyone 11:55 AM
 - We are capturing all this in the min.

Meeting ended at 12:00

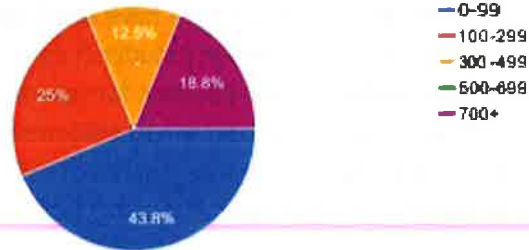
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MD	14-MD-214	Project PLASE, Inc.	(MD-501) Baltimore CoC;(MD-505) Baltimore County CoC	shorton@projectplase.org	shorton@projectplase.org	410 8371400 148
MD	14-MD-215	New Vision House of Hope, Inc.	(MD-501) Baltimore CoC	cculver@newvisionhouseofhope.com	victoriawynn7@gmail.com	(410) 466-8558
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MD	14-MD-217	St. James A.M.E. Zion Church-Zion House	(MD-511) Mid-Shore Regional CoC;(MD-513) Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester Counties CoC	zionhouse03@outlook.com		(410) 742-4950

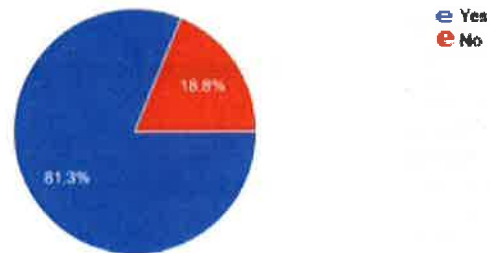
Attachment 2: Survey Results

MCCSVC Veteran Spaces on Campus Survey Results

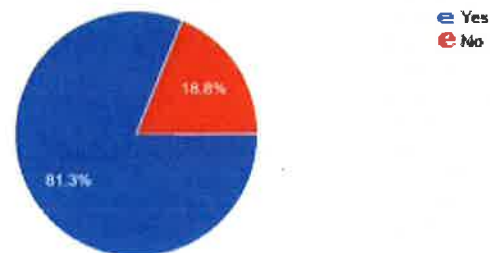
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16 responses



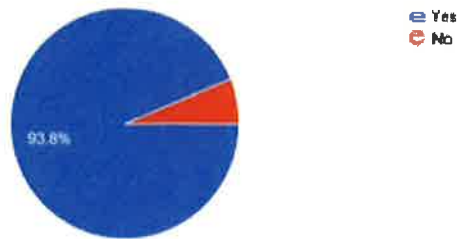
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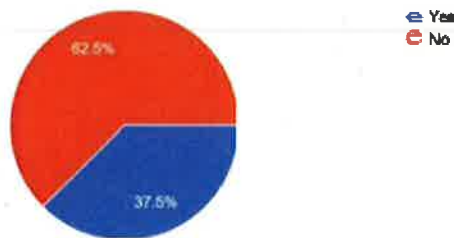
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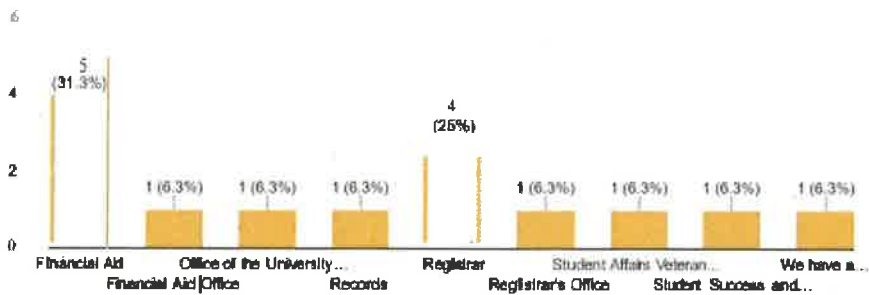
Does your institution have a veteran/military-affiliated resource counselor/personnel?
16 responses



Is this person your SCO?
16 responses



What office does your SCO work out of?
16 responses



If your institution does not offer a lounge/center, are you interested in providing one?
5 responses



ITEMS FOR ACTION in 2023

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