



GWG Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Subcommittee Leaders Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, June 3

Time: 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Conference Room 139 at Anderson Bldg. 695 Palmer Drive Raleigh, NC 27603

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (5 mins)

- **Purpose:** To discuss and collaborate on the GWG meetings and events to date, hear from Subcommittee Leaders and agree on goals and direction for Subcommittees, and discuss the future schedule.

2. Short Game (10 mins)

Split into groups for a fun and lighthearted common interest game.

3. Recap of Meetings and Events to Date (10 minutes)

2025: 1/30 Chair & Vice-Chairs Meeting, prep meetings with Subcommittee Leaders for 3/7 NC Family Summit, 3/7 NC Family, 4/30 Chair & Vice-Chairs Meeting, Subcommittee Leaders May meeting in prep for 6/2 Chair, Vice-Chairs, *Todays Meeting*.

Focus on the 3/7 NC Family Summit

Recap: Full-day event at NCSU McKimmon Center.

Opening Remarks from NCDMVA Secretary Mallette and DHHS Secretary Dr. Devdutta Sangvai, 1st Panel Supporting SMVF: A Live Summit Panel on Collaboration, NC4VETs – words from President & Publisher of Triangle Business Journal Sougata Mukherjee, Breakout Sessions Led by Subcommittee Leaders: Education, Healthcare, *Lunch*, Benefits, Healthcare, Housing, and 2nd panel Suicide Prevention in the SMVF Community: Live from the NC Summit. Closing Remarks from Kayreen and Director of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services, Kelly Crosbie. There were 131 in attendance on this day.

Informal AAR

- What went well? Great event venue. Really liked the space the breakout rooms provided and the conference room, allowing plenty of space for attendees, exhibitors, and the panels.

- What could be improved or tweaked next time? Several folks recommend shorter sessions. One full hour seemed a bit long for presentations. Shorter, 30-minute or less sessions that can help ensure a good balance, where everyone can have an opportunity to view all or more breakout sessions.

4. Words from Secretary Mallette (5-10 minutes), Marc - paraphrasing the best I can from my notes

Secretary Mallette - *Asking this group and any group like this one to collaborate and make sure that there are the best current practices are being used. Be sure that there is a focus on everyone generationally to help ensure more full-circle work.*

3. Subcommittee Leader Presentations (5-7 mins per presentation, 5 Subcommittees, 45 mins)

Presentations will include:

- Summary of Subcommittee goal(s) and key focus areas for 2025
 - Group membership and notable updates
 - History and context of their group
 - Risks, challenges, and support/resources needed to achieve your goals
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4. 5-minute Break

5. Group Feedback (15–20 mins)

- **Focusing on Subcommittees**
 - Do the Subcommittee goals align with the entire group?
 - How can we measure success as a group?
 - What structural or communication updates would help our collaboration?
 - Meeting Frequency and discussion on Recruitment and Membership length agreements. Can we agree on a minimum frequency of **bimonthly** meetings?
- Open floor for thoughts (moderated to ensure everyone has a chance to contribute)

Employment

Goal(s) for 2025: Promoting Agriculture and Apprenticeships in veteran programs.

Benefits

Goal(s) for 2025: Orientation: Collaborating with leadership to align on key objectives, with a focus on enhancing inter-agency understanding and capabilities.

Healthcare

Healthcare Goal(s) 2025: Subcommittee Development. Working to refine the structure and organization of the Subcommittee, with a focus on establishing a clear game plan and exploring opportunities for more diverse recruitment.

Housing

Goal(s) for 2025: Functional Zero for Veterans across the state of NC, Common Statewide Data Set for all Veterans (HMIS, HOMES, UNITEUS), and Continuation of the “One Team” Initiative throughout all housing providers.

Education

Goal(s) for 2025: Create a series of short, podcast-style videos aimed at educating applicants and their families on the details and best practices for using VA education benefits, including the GI Bill.

6. Open Discussion and New Business (5 mins)

- Tuesday, August 26, from 10 – 10:45 am: Chair & Vice-Chairs (Virtual)
- September - TBD
- October – Tuesday, October 28 from 10 – 10:30 am: Chair & Vice-Chairs (Virtual)
- November/December – No meetings currently scheduled. I’ll check in closer to the fall to see if a meeting is needed and will also begin coordinating 2026 dates around that time.

TBD Dates to Mention

- The plan to have the next big meeting, like the Summit, is looking to be a Virtual 3–4-hour meeting in the fall. Exact date and times are TBD, but we are currently looking for mid-September or early October. The meetings' focus will be education based on the most current, useful information, resources, and tools for the SMVF community in our state.
- GWG Volunteer Event – Open to anyone available and interested in the group. TBD in the fall, looking for September. I will follow up on a separate message whenever some more details arise, and if anyone has a good recommendation, please let me know.

7. Closing Reflections and Next Steps (5 mins)

We were able to get a nice photo. Such a nice day and meeting area, appreciate Kayreen helping to get it all set up at DHHS!

