



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Budget and programs for veterans related to monies in support of veteran-to-veteran programs.

PURPOSE: To review the budget and programs for veterans under the jurisdiction of the Assembly Standing Committee on Veterans' Affairs

ALBANY, NEW YORK

WEDNESDAY

December 6, 2017

11:00 AM

Roosevelt Hearing Room C Legislative Office Building

In the SFY 2017-18 enacted budget, the Division of Veterans' Affairs was allocated \$1 million for services and expenses for veteran-to-veteran support services. Peer-to-peer support services provide peer-to-peer counseling between veterans who personally suffer from mental health conditions to share their knowledge and experiences with other veterans in achieving recovery goals. Veteran-to-veteran support services provide assistance to veterans through programs maintained by veterans service organizations, and connect veteran defendants to treatment and support services directed by the criminal justice system. This hearing will review these programs.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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**Member of Assembly
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