



Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County

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12 Mar 2020

Commission Meeting

1:00 PM

- I. Call to Order:
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Opening Prayer:
- II. Roll Call of Attendees: Secretary

Executive Board		
Attendee Name	Title	Status
Vic Martinka	Chairman	
Jack Picciolo	Vice Chairman	
Denise Williams	Secretary	
Tom Mlynek	Treasurer	
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	
Jim Singler	Chaplain	
James Baskerville	Member	
Nicholas Barry	Member	
John Kestel	Past Chairman	
John York	Past Chairman	
Tony Sallese	Past Chairman	
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	

- III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:
- IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting (14 Nov 2019 @ 4:00pm)
 - A. Motion:
- V. Superintendents Report: McNichol
 - A. Financial Assistance Report
 - a) Nov 2019
 - 1. Gas Bill: \$660.97 (13)
 - 2. Electric Bill: \$1808.58 (26)
 - 3. Water Bill: \$513.13 (8)
 - 4. Shelter: \$8900.00 (25)
 - b) Dec 2019
 - 1. Gas: 613.92 (8)
 - 2. Electric: \$1022.85 (16)
 - 3. Water: \$850.89 (9)
 - 4. Shelter: \$7750.00 (21)
 - c) Jan 2020
 - 1. Gas: (8)



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2. Electric: \$457.37 (16)
3. Water: \$147.21 (6)
4. Shelter: \$1400.00 (21) – (Reflects # Veterans Served. Money spent in Feb)
- d) February 2020
 1. Gas: \$927.17 (6)
 2. Electric: \$1351.13 (15)
 3. Water: \$910.71 (11)
 4. Shelter: \$11550.00 (18)
- B. Award Log/VSO Productivity
- VI. Introduce Homeless Community Collaborative Program Manager Valerie Tawrel
 - A. Discuss mission/goals
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Financial Assistance Policy Changes
 - a) Discuss outcomes
 - B. Employee Handbook
 - a) All signed by employees
- VIII. For Good of the Commission:
- IX. Outreach planning for 2020

07 April 2020	Vietnam Commemoration Pinning Ceremony, Joliet City Hall
23 May 2020	Wil CO Beer & Bourbon Fest, H4H Veteran Build Fundraiser
30 Aug 2020	SkyZone Joliet, Community Connection
First Tue of Month	H4H Veteran Homeownership Orientation, VAC office
- X. VAC Employee Training for 2020
 - A. VSO Papineau & Wiza @ NOVA, 23 -26 April, Atlanta, GA
 - a) VSO Papineau, NACVSO CVA Training, June (TBA) Atlanta, GA
 - B. VSO Acosta, Solum, Georgakopoulos, & McNichol to IACVAC, Peoria, Sept 2020
- XI. Motion to Enter Executive Closed Session As Per (5 ILCS 5/120/2(c)(11))
 - A. Pending Litigation
- XII. Motion to Adjourn

VAC Executive Committee Meeting

04/09/2020 05/14/2020 06/11/2020

1PM

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VAC Commission Meeting

09 July 2020

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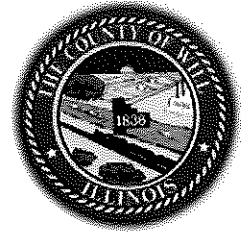
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none

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B. Award Log/VSO Productivity

Form 4138 – Basic Intake

Form 2122 -Power of Attorney/New

Form 0966 – Intent for Benefits;

Form 526ez – Fully developed claims

Form 0995 – Appeals Modernization Act

1). Total awards current: 16,882,441.61

2) error noticed on 5/8/19, should not be \$31,069.04; will be updated, will impact both FY2019YTD and FY2020YTD

Motion: Piccolio, York; unanimous

VI. Introduce Homeless Community Collaborative Program Manager Valerie Tawrel

A. Discuss mission/goals

Develop housing, funding through Our Patriots; in discovery phase; working with various stakeholders, legislators at local, county, state levels, CoC; intent to find/fund/discover housing for veterans w/emphasis on female veterans.

Conversation re: Habitat for Humanity program for tax incentive for employers to encourage employees to purchase in the community.

VII. Old Business

A. Financial Assistance Policy Changes

a) Discuss outcomes

Discussion re: policy change went into effect 1/1/20; 7 on current award log will no longer qualify, working w/VSO's to ensure transition off Financial Assistance; as of 7/1/20, those 13 will free up a total of \$39,000. between 7/1/20-12/31/20, less potential new clients

B. Employee Handbook



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a) All signed by employees

Discussion: signed by 1/1/20; had been edited per suggestions of Board; handbook now states once the VAC has 15 or more employees, ADA compliance will be enacted

VIII. For Good of the Commission:

Motion: All meetings will be at 1:00pm on the second Thursday; York, Mylnek; unanimous

Discussion re: Hope Manor Joliet currently on lockdown due to COVID-19; discussion of list of other/most senior homes/assisted living on or about to be on lockdown; per Koch, county buildings not yet on lockdown over concerns of impacting the election

Discussion March 25, 2020, ALNC ceremony in honor of Vietnam Veterans

Discussion of April 7, City of Joliet is doing a Vietnam Veteran pinning ceremony, will be pinning Joliet Residents; members encouraged to submit names of friends

Discussion of Joliet Hospice meeting at Lockport American Legion; Vietnam Veteran pinning ceremony, dinner included, must RSVP

IX. Outreach planning for 2020

07 April 2020	Vietnam Commemoration Pinning Ceremony, Joliet City Hall
23 May 2020	Wil CO Beer & Bourbon Fest, H4H Veteran Build Fundraiser
30 Aug 2020	SkyZone Joliet, Community Connection - facility has been rented; looking for "sponsor" for socks kids must wear, looking for "sponsor" for breakfast
First Tue of Month	H4H Veteran Homeownership Orientation, VAC office

Discussion – Lemont Adventure Park as location for future outreach event; will be explored

X. VAC Employee Training for 2020

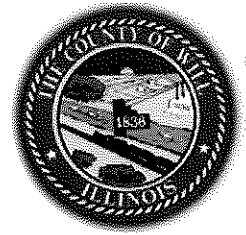
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RE: may be cancelled due to COVID-19

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Discussion, IACVAC will be attended instead of NACVSO;
In April, IACVAC State meeting will be in Springfield; morning training on
Monday, April 20, speaker will be an attorney, encouraging how to address
state Military Veterans Assistance Act; Geriann Wiesbrook will be afternoon
speaker, teaching social media/networking for VAC's; McNichol and Solum will
attend

XI. Motion to Enter Executive Closed Session As Per (5 ILCS 5/120/2(c)(11))

A. Pending Litigation

Motion: York, Williams; unanimous

Attendance; Martinka, Picciolo, Williams, Mlynek, Koch, Singler, York

Discussion re: legal proceedings...

(Singler stepped out)



Motion to Exit: York, Picciolo; unanimous

XII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: York, Williams; unanimous

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