



Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County



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11 June 2020

Executive Commission

1:00 PM

Meeting

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- 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 May @ 1:00pm)
 - A. Motion:
- V. Superintendents Report:
 - A. Will County purchase of new building
 - a) DCEO Grant receipt of \$130K
 - B. Financial Assistance Report
 - a) Mar 2020
 1. Gas Bill: \$779.29(12)
 2. Electric Bill: \$818.53 (13)
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 - b) Apr 2020



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c) May 2020

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C. Award Log/VSO Productivity: (attached)

VI. Will County Community Partners COVID19 Plan

VII. Will County \$120Mil CARES Fund

VIII. Old Business

A. Financial Assistance Policy Changes

a) COVID19 Financial Assistance Policy, attached

IX. For Good of the Commission:

X. Outreach planning for 2020

Cancelled 23 May 2020 Wil CO Beer & Bourbon Fest, H4H Veteran Build Fundraiser
Undecided 30 Aug 2020 SkyZone Joliet, Community Connection
Postponed First Tue of Mo H4H Veteran Homeownership Orientation, VAC office

XI. VAC Employee Training for 2020

A. VSO Papineau & Wiza @ NOVA, 23 -26 April, Atlanta, GA CANCELLED

a) VSO Papineau, NACVSO CVA Training, June (TBA) Atlanta, GA

B. VSO Acosta, Solum, Georgakopoulos, & McNichol to IACVAC, Peoria, Sept 2020
Unknown/TBD

XII. Motion to Adjourn

VAC Executive Committee Meeting

08/13/2020 09/13/2020 10/10/2020

1PM

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VAC Commission Meeting

09 July 2020

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IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting (14 May @ 1:00pm)

- A. Motion: York, Picciolo; unanimous

V. Superintendents Report: McNichol

- A. Will County Purchase of new building
between VA clinic/Hope Manor; goes to Silver Cross board, move-in 6-12 months;
media report says 12-18 months; VAC will operate 4th floor w/Dr. Cathleen Burke,
Will County Sub Abuse; H4H; Gym will be in basement
County Clerk office will be in the space w/voting machines
Children’s Advocacy Center may also go in the building; CAC goal is to become
“certified” center, to discuss the VAC clientele



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Parking lot to be repaved; windows are boarded but not broken

One dedicated elevator to VAC on 4th floor, 1st flr and basement, 3rd floor will have dedicated elevator for CAC; 2nd floor will be storage

IDVA will have separate office space on 4th flr, 2nd IDVA VSO to be added (in negotiation w/IDVA)

a) DCEO Grant receipt of \$130K

Grant now to be used for new van, gym equipment, gym floor, architect services; request for initial 25% to pay for architect or the van, dependent on timing by County

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This is the last month those on Financial Assistance are eligible; VSO's currently working w/other agencies to cover those who will not be able to afford their living situations

We are about to begin the 200% poverty level next month

LiHEAP availability has begun

April 2020 numbers dipped, rose again in May 2020

B. Award Log/VSO Productivity:

VI. Will County Community Partners COVID 19 Plan

VAC working w/other agencies/partners to maintain continuity in services;



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Barry advised Morning Star has remained open, stated any/all including those previously banned have been offered services; working on trying to reopen facility; have been housing COC hotels, working on re-opening to other communities, currently only servicing those with Will County ID's.

VII. Will County \$120MIL CARES fund

County is hiring a consulting firm; VAC has requested \$500k to prevent denial of support due to lack of funding; those funds will only assist Will County veterans

Percentage can be applied to nonprofits, including AL, VFW who have lost income to COVID19; proposal is to have applications start w/smaller organizations, then nonprofits, then larger organizations/businesses – McNichol will advise if/when passed; application will be hosted on Will County website

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Veterans Day program at Rialto discussion, still scheduled; concerns about potential resurgence of COVID19, predicted flu season; discussed livestream on JCTV, Zoom, YouTube; VSO Solum suggested have a virtual event at the office; Williams suggested using the Joliet City Council Chambers; McNichol suggested Joliet Central ROTC, National Guard/Reserve facility;

Motion: Williams/Barry – unanimous; cancel Rialto for Veterans Day event, explore alternate facility/virtual event; Per Rialto, state would have to be in Phase 5, not possible by November;

IX. For Good of the Commission

Lockport AL/VFW both open for outdoor drinking/dining

1080 also open for outdoor



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Plainfield Legion open for outdoor drinking/dining

67 people have been housed through the hotel program, including 3 veterans currently consolidating to one hotel

Reminded that participation in online meetings can be via phone, will reach out to members who do not have computer access.

X. Motion to Adjourn: Williams/Picciolo; unanimous

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Submitted by Secretary Williams