MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting of the
Missouri Veterans Commission
Held, pursuant to notice
November 3, 2014 — 10:00 AM
205 Jefferson Street, 1st Floor State Board of Education Room,
Jefferson City, Missouri

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

In attendance: Chairman Scott Englund; Vice Chairman Paul Connors; Member Nancy Nelson Member Chuck Wooten;
Via Telephone: Member Denny Hoskins;
Absent: Member David Pearce; Member Scott Sifton; Member Michael Frame; Ex-Officio Member Michael Dunbar

Guests and staff present:

1. Guests: Bob Wonnell, Charlie Jamis, Christopher Bell, Fabian Grabski, J. Scott Adams, Richard Heigert, David Kollore, Robert Crecelius, Olin Parks, Robert Jones, Arvid West, Nancy Cowan, Jessie Jones, Stephen Gaither, Michael Elmore, Tom Mundell, George Newell, Virginia Riehn, Dewey Riehn, Mike Lederle, Marybeth Bruns, Charles Goodin, Tom Goodin, Lowry Finley-Jackson, Wade Vlosich, Lee Smith, Chief Wahwassuck, Daniel Isom, Senator Ryan Silvey, Former Governor Christopher "Kit" Bond
2. Staff: Larry Kay, Executive Director; Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director; Jill Talken, Executive Secretary; Kevin Hall, General Counsel; Daniel Bell, Public Information; Kim Taddeucci, Director Homes Program; Stan Baughn, Director Cemetery Program; Doug Meyer, Director Veteran Services Program; Tim Norton, Director Facilities Operations; Julie Miller, Fiscal and Administrative Manager; Melissa Skinner, Research Analyst; Becky Wolken, Administrative Assistant; Melissa Wilding, Ombudsman;

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Commission Meeting Minutes August 5, 2014
Member Wooten made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written and Member Connors seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was delivered by Larry Kay, Executive Director.

A. Calendar – Veterans Day November 11, 2014
B. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Warrensburg VA Community Center November 14, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

IV. PROGRAM REPORTS

Program reports were delivered by Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director

Chairman Englund inquired if the Commission has a contingency plan reference safety issues at the MVH- St. Louis. Mr. Hunt advised security is in place at the Veterans Home and MVC has contingency plans for the potential of a changing situation.

Chairman Englund updated Commissioners on status of Missouri State Auditor review of complaints handled by Veteran Service Officer staff. Review still pending at this time.

V. STAFF REPORTS

Tim Norton, Director Facilities Operations reported on construction projects.

Julie Miller, Fiscal and Administrative Manager reported on MVC Operating Appropriations by Fund.

Melissa Skinner, Research Analyst reported to the Commissioners on "Missouri Veterans by the Numbers: A prospective view of Missouri's Veterans Phase 2". Direct Kay advised that the Commission will do presentation at both House and Senate Veteran Committee Hearings.

Introduction of Department of Public Safety Director Daniel Isom.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update was delivered by Director Kay on behalf of Member Pearce.

1. December 1st Pre File Bills
2. January 7, 2015 First Day Session

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recommendation for Veteran Monthly Contribution - Director Kay advised that the Commission has not received input from MAVO at this time and recommends table discussion till January meeting.
B. Request Re-Appropriation in FY 16/17 Budget – Member Wooten made a motion to approve request. Member Connors seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.
C. Request New C.I. Budget Items in FY 16/17 Budget – Member Nelson made a motion to approve request. Member Wooten

seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously

D. Former Governor Christopher "Kit" Bond and Senator Ryan Silvey addressed the Commission regarding Medicaid. They have joined with MO Chamber of Commerce and Primary Care Association to introduce a bill that will bring healthcare to some 25,000 plus Veterans and $2 billion dollars more to Missouri. Senator Silvey will introduce the Medicaid Transformation Bill. Chairman Englund inquired if proposal would affect State Veterans Homes. Senator Silvey stated legislation would be drafted to protect State Veterans Homes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. United States Department of Veterans Affairs –

Wade Vlosich, Director Truman VA Medical Center reported on the following:

1. Leadership Change – Cheryle Kelley RN has been appointed Associate Director of Patient Services/Nurse Executive
2. FY 2014 Workload
3. Budget
4. Access to Care Initiatives
5. Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act (VACAA)
6. Construction Updates
7. FY 2015 Focus Areas
8. Next Quarterly Town Hall for Veterans and their families is scheduled for November 18
9. Springfield CBOC slated for 2018

Fabian Grabski, Acting Director, St. Louis Healthcare Systems reported on the following:

1. Leadership Update – New Deputy Director has been hired; Director and Chief of Staff position still open
2. Budget
3. Construction Updates
4. January 2015 Scott Air Force Base will open CMP Clinic
5. Expansion Belleville clinic

B. Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) – Michael Elmore, Chairman reported MAVO is meeting with the Missouri Veterans Commission today to discuss the legislative priority list for 2015

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IX. VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

No motion.

X. VOTE TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 10:00 AM at Jefferson City, Missouri

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry D. Kay, Secretary