

# MINUTES

**Quarterly Meeting of the  
Missouri Veterans Commission  
Held, pursuant to notice  
May 1, 2017 — 10:00 AM  
205 Jefferson Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor State Board of Education Room,  
Jefferson City, Missouri**

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call  
In attendance: Chairman Scott Englund; Member Mike Mowrer; Member Nancy Nelson; Member Bill Wallace; Member Chuck Wooten; Member Representative Pat Conway  
Via Phone: Member Representative Steven Lynch  
Absent: Member Senator Dan Brown; Member Senator Jill Schupp; Ex-Officio Member Michael Dunbar

Guests and staff present:

- 1. Guests: Stephen Gaither, Richard Heigert, Michael Elmore, Shawn Lee, Carmen Gamble, Kim Chamberlain, David Kollore, Robert Crecelius, William Bellomy, Representative Charlie Davis, Bryan Matthews, Richard Ivnik
- 2. Staff: Larry Kay, Executive Director; Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director; Jill Talken, Executive Secretary; Kevin Hall, General Counsel; Daniel Bell, Public Information; Kim Packard, Director Homes Program; Stan Baughn, Director Cemetery Program; Doug Meyer, Director Veterans Service Program; Tim Norton, Director Facilities Operations; Julie Miller, Fiscal and Administrative Manager; Becky Wolken, Administrative Assistant; Terry McAdams, Director Human Resources; Kevin Onstott, Capital Improvement Specialist; Melissa Wilding, Veteran Ombudsman; Melissa Skinner, HIPAA Compliance Officer

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes January 30, 2017  
Member Wooten made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written and Member Mowrer seconded the motion. By a voice vote the minutes were passed unanimously as written.

## III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- A. FY 2018 Budget –
  - 1. Director Kay thanked the Commission's Elected

Officials for their help and leadership in this years budget process

2. \$750,000 loss in General Revenue
3. Representative Davis sponsored amendment for a fund switch to the Home Fund
4. Received inflationary increases in the Home Fund for FY2018

FY2019 Budget Challenges:

1. Veterans Full Cost of Care
2. Pharmacy
3. VSO Salary Increases
4. RN & LPN staff shortages

Recommendations will be distributed at August Commission Meeting

- B. Meeting with the Federal Department of Veteran Affairs – Chairman Englund and Tim Norton, Facilities Operations met with the VA on March 21, 2017.
  1. The VA will only support 1,257 authorized beds although we are grandfathered for our current 1,350 beds.
  2. VA will participate in the replacement of the 150 bed Mexico Veterans Home. VA's portion of this total would be approximately 60% federal and 40% state
  3. VA indicated they would not participate in adding any additional skilled nursing beds in Missouri.
  4. VA indicated Adult Day Care is a national priority since the cost is lower and it allows Veterans to stay at home as long as possible
  5. No construction grants or per diem will be available for Assisted Living Facilities
  6. VA is looking at states being able to have contract agreements for placing Veteran in private nursing homes
- C. State of Missouri Single Audit Year Ended June 30, 2016 – No reported findings
- D. The Whitfield Suite – 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room
- E. Calendar – Memorial Day Events

#### IV. PROGRAM REPORTS

Program reports were delivered by Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director

Chairman Englund advised the Commission to continue planning for changing Veterans demographics; and to look at future Veterans needs in the Homes Program.

Chairman Englund inquired why AMVETS has no Fully Developed Claims reported. Deputy Director Hunt advised a meeting has been scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss.

## **V. STAFF REPORTS**

Tim Norton, Director Facilities Operations reported on construction projects.

Retirement Plaque Presentation to Tim Norton, Director Facilities Operations

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

Ms. Miller reported it is standard process for the Commission to be audited yearly for the following:

1. State of Missouri Single Audit
2. Statewide Financial Statement Audit

## **VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Legislative Update was delivered by Members Representative Conway and Representative Lynch.

Representative Conway reported legislature will proceed this week working on the budget.

Representative Lynch reported on House Bill 1040 – Changes the law regarding the Show-Me Heroes Program

Representative Davis reported November 4, 2017 Kick-off Event Honoring WWII and Korean War Veterans at the State Capitol Building.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. VSO Salary Increases –The Commission is still working with our elected officials, Human Resources and OA in changing classifications and pay range.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Executive Order 17-03 Regulations – Director Kay advised that the Commission did a comprehensive review of all MVC regulations in 2015 and determined that the existing regulations are basically a brief description of the organization and how each program is structured. There are no unnecessary costs created by the regulations nor do they create any adverse effects. Director Kay recommended the adoption of Governor Executive Order 17-03 and our report as written. Member Wooten made a motion to accept Executive Order 17-03 and our report as written. Member Mowrer seconded the motion. By a voice vote the Executive Order 17-03 was passed unanimously as written.

B. Executive Order 17-09 Parental Leave – Director Kay advised the Missouri Veterans Commission has complied effective March 13<sup>th</sup>. He advised he is bringing this decision to comply with Executive Order 17-09 back to the Commissioners for final review and consideration. After brief discussion, Member Wooten made a motion to accept Executive Order 17-09 as written. Member Wallace seconded the motion. By a voice vote the Executive Order 17-09 was passed unanimously as written.

- C. Bryan Matthews, Medical Center Director, Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks, Fayetteville Arkansas
1. CBOC Update: Springfield CBOC under construction with open date scheduled for end of 2018; Joplin CBOC is currently under contracting process
  2. Implemented the Veteran Appointment Request – electronic based system
  3. Hosting Vietnam Moving Wall - May 18-22, 2017
  4. VA Fayetteville offers same-day access to care

Rick Ivnik, Interim Director VA St. Louis Health Care System

1. National Issues: Same-Day Access to Care; and Veterans Choice to modify the termination date for the Veterans Choice Program
2. VA St. Louis Health Care System designated most improving medical center
3. Construction Update
4. More primary care providers have been hired
5. Celebrated Volunteers Week

Stephen Gaither, Public Affairs Officer Harry S Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital

1. VAMC-Columbia Quarterly Town Hall will held on Wednesday, June 7 at 5:30 pm at the VAMC
2. Expansions: opened Inpatient Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program in Behavioral Health; new Dental Clinic
3. New National VA Access & Quality in VA Healthcare website was rolled out in April.
4. Construction Update
5. Truman VA received the 2016 Excellence in Eye Donation Award from Saving Sight in April

D. Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) – Richard Heigert

1. Update MAVO Legislative Report

E. Missouri Military Preparedness Enhancement Commission (MMPEC) – No Report

F. Office of the Lt. Governor – Bill Bellomy, Veteran & Military Advocate

1. Lt. Governor's Office primary focus "Take Care of Veterans"
2. Thanked the Commission for what they do for Veterans
3. Thanked the VA for their hard work
4. Improved Lt. Governor's website for Veterans

5. Working on plans for November 4, 2017 Veterans Kick-off Week

**IX. VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

No Motion

**X. VOTE TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION**

No Motion

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Missouri State Veterans Home – St. James.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry D. Kay", written over a horizontal line.

Larry D. Kay, Secretary