MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting of the
Missouri Veterans Commission
Held, pursuant to notice
January 27, 2020 — 9:00 AM
Jefferson State Office Building,
205 Jefferson Street
1st Floor State Board of Education Room
Jefferson City, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation: Representative Steve Lynch
- Roll Call

In attendance: Chairman Tim Noonan; Vice Chairman John Buckner; Commissioner Jose Dominguez; Commissioner Meredith Knopp; Commissioner Tim Smith; Commissioner Steve Lynch; Commissioner Wayne Wallingford; Ex-Officio Member Robert Hagedorn

On the phone: Commissioner Robert Sauls; Commissioner Jill Schupp

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Commission Meeting, Open Meeting Minutes, October 28, 2019
Commissioner Wallingford made a motion to approve minutes and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

B. Commission Meeting, Closed Meeting Minutes, October 28, 2019
Commissioner Wallingford made a motion to approve minutes and Commissioner Knopp seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following topics were briefed:

A. MVC Employee dedication and selfless service to our Veterans

B. Tim Yaecker: Veterans Feasibility Study update
- MVC should move ahead with Adult Day Health Care
- St Louis Home should be first
- Continue to track Waiting List reduction
- No new Homes or Cemeteries
- Should identify and allocate additional resources for Veterans Service Officers

C. Lyndall Fraker: Medical Marijuana update
- Revenue collected and projected growth

IV. PROGRAM REPORTS

A. Jim Nugent, Director, Cemetery Program briefed:
- Cemeteries update on inspection results
- Suicide Prevention

B. David Lee, Director, Veteran Services Program briefed:
   - Introduction as new VSP Director
   - Income generated by MVC Veterans Service Officers
   - Compensation generated by Grant Partners

C. Paul Kirchhoff, Special Assistant to the Director briefed:
   - Veterans Innovation Task Force recommendations

D. Kevin Onstott, Director, Facilities briefed:
   - Capital Improvements: In progress and future
     - Can we create a Bond for working capital?
   - Federal Grants
   - Emergency Management

E. Brenda Ezell, Director, Homes Operations and Brad Haggard, Assistant Director, Homes Program briefed:
   - Strategies for constant improvement
   - CNA Retention and Turnover
   - Veteran satisfaction
   - Investing in our Workforce: Preparing to promote / move up
   - Request for approval of rate increase of $137.00 per month rate increase based on 6.7% COLA increase to begin on July 1, 2020
     - New Rate requested: $2137.00 per month
     - Commissioner Dominguez motioned to vote. Commissioner Knopp seconded.
       - Commission Approved $137.00 monthly rate increase by unanimous vote to a monthly rate of $2137.00

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- No Update

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dr. Keith Repko, St Louis VA Hospital Director briefed:
   - John Cochran VA Hospital has a high 4 Star Rating
   - Better on 4 of 8 ratings compared to community hospitals
   - Third year in a row of increased Veterans treated despite decrease in Missouri's Veteran population
   - Smoke Free

B. Dr. Trish Hall, Harry S Truman VA Hospital Director briefed:
   - National Recognition as High Reliability Organization

C. Dr. Jaconda Lightburn, Director, Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks briefed:
   - They are rated as a 4 Star facility
   - Women Veterans is the greatest increasing Veteran Population
   - Whole Health Initiative
   - Partnered with Walmart
   - High Reliability Organization
   - Always looking for partnerships

D. Commission Ex-Officio Member Robert Hagedorn, briefed on upcoming Military Appreciation Day with Missouri Legislators in February.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

- Chairman Noonan announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the Missouri Gaming Commission Headquarters, Jefferson City, Missouri.

IX. VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

- Commissioner Wallingford motioned to go to Closed Session. Commissioner Knopp seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters relating to legal actions, causes of action or litigation pursuant to Section 610.021 (1); pursuant to Section 610.021 (3); pursuant to Section 610.021 (9); and pursuant to Section 610.021 (14) RSMo.
- Commissioner Wallingford motioned to return to Open Session. Commissioner Knopp seconded the motion. The meeting was reopened.
- With no further business before the Commission, meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Grace Link, Secretary