

Open Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2018

Held pursuant to notice Jefferson Office Building, 205 Jefferson St. Jefferson City, MO 12th Floor
Conference Room A and Conference Call Option

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Noonan.
 - A. Roll call
Commissioners Present via telephone:
Senator Brown, Dr. Dominguez, Tim Smith, Tim Noonan, Rep. Conway, Meredith Knopp, Dr. Buckner, Rep. Lynch
Absent: Senator Schupp

Staff Members Present:
Daniel Bell, Grace Link, Terry McAdams, Kevin Onstott, Melissa Skinner, Nathan Weinert (DPS)
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. A motion was made by Tim Smith to approve minutes as written from the January 29, 2018 meeting. Motion seconded by Meredith Knopp, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
3. Executive Director Brief
 - A. Human Resources: Terry McAdams reviewed the Executive Director search schedule with members. Reported there had been 82 applicants to date. Application period closes Wednesday, March 7. Contracted search firm, Korn Ferry will screen applicants and reduce to 8 finalists. Interviews with selected finalists begin April 4. Two finalists will interview with commissioners in Jefferson City at a time to be determined.
Tim Noonan clarified purchasing / hiring decision of Korn Ferry. Discussed controls in place related to delegation of authority.
Terry McAdams reviewed Missouri Veterans Home-St. Louis open positions and hiring committee members that will select one administrator and two assistant administrator positions. Interviews for these three positions are scheduled for March 7 and 8, 2018.
Terry McAdams announced personnel changes throughout the Commission including one reassigned Human Resource clerical staff, Interim Director of Homes Program, Mr. Eric Endsley and new Ft. Leonard Wood Veterans Cemetery Director, Mrs. Patty Faenger. Interim General Counsel, Nathan Weinert was introduced to commissioners.
 - B. Financial: Grace Link reported hearings underway for supplemental budget request. MVC is requesting increase in spending authority for salary raises for direct care nurses at MVH-St. Louis. There are currently 100 vacant positions at MVH-St. Louis, 70 are nursing positions. MVC is currently spending \$20,000 per week on contracted temporary staffing agency.

Newly created Financial Board will begin meeting quarterly to establish transparency in financial decisions.

- C. Facilities: Kevin Onstott reported a newly created Facilities Board will assist in determining current projects and future projects. Expect update at the next quarterly Commission Meeting. MVC currently has four requests:
 - a. HB 17 re-appropriations;
 - b. HB18 Maintenance and Repair – 2 projects water and sanitation lines MVH-St. James and MVH- Mt. Vernon roof replacement;
 - c. HB19-two new construction requests that are reimbursable by federal VA grants. Senator Brown requested additional information be provided to him.

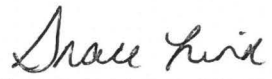
 - D. Support Requests-MVC receiving requests for Letters of Endorsement. Requests are for written support for low-income housing sent to Missouri Housing Development Commission for third party to obtain tax credits for new construction. Historically, MVC under direction of Larry Kay, had provided endorsements in a competitive bidding process. Interim Director briefed Missouri National Guard Foundation has requested endorsement letter on MVC letterhead and associated developer has been contacting MVH-Cameron Home Administrator Brad Haggard for letter of support. Interim Executive Director proposes sending all requests for letters of endorsements to Commission Chairman for review. Senator Brown instructed Interim Executive Director to send any requests received to the Chairman for vetting of the request. Senator Brown indicated the low-income housing developments were under the guise of being only for Veterans, but in actuality, the housing is based on income and not veteran status. Senator Brown further recommended that MVC staff remain independent and not take a position. Commission agreed.

 - E. HB2466 – Chairman Noonan reported the proposed legislation affects the MVC appointment process.

 - F. Veterans Innovation Task Force-Chairman Noonan reported he is collaborating with state leaders on how to engage stakeholders on how MVC can connect with Veterans through service organizations and private organizations.
4. Vote to go into Closed Session
Senator Brown made a motion to go into Closed Session. Motion seconded by Meredith Knopp, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
5. Motion to go into open session
6. Next Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2018 time TBD in Jefferson City, Missouri

7. Adjournment

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



Grace Link, Secretary