

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2018

Present: Bob Warnke, Joe Maehl, Roy Rogers, Tom Snider, Joe Aulik and
Judy Steckbauer

Absent: Dale Witzke

Others Present: None

Bob Warnke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Joe Maehl so moved, second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 1:01 p.m., second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motioned carried. Convened in closed session for the purposes of acting on applications for financial, medical, social, or personal histories of such applicants which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or date, as provided in sec. 19.85 [1] [f], Wisconsin State Statutes.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to come out of closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 1:10 p.m., second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated February 12, 2018. Joe Maehl so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated March 12, 2018. Joe Maehl so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried. Joe briefly detailed report. \$609.00 which was the remaining balance at the VSC at the end of 2017 has been carried over to 2018. We are in good shape so far this year.

Old Business: Greg Brittnacher has taken over Wendy Conger's position and Susan Giese, an Army veteran has been hired to replace Greg. She starts 2/26/18. She will be formally introduced at next months VSC meeting.

The office currently has an intern who is doing her Master's Degree clinical. Having her in the office, especially now that the office is short staffed, shows just how much an extra person is

needed. She has also been doing some intense case management with very good results and many ancillary benefits for clients. We will have another intern starting in September 2018 and she is working on her Bachelor's degree in Human Services.

Jim Harsh from the Green Bay Vet Center is taking over a Director position in the U.P. A new counselor has been hired and is starting the 3rd week in April. Wants to have a permanent presence in the office on Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday. Would like to have late Tuesday hours until 7:00. Working with maintenance to see how this will work with building being closed, etc. Also if an office staff would have to be here during those hours.

With recent shooting at VA PTSD Center in CA, Joe discussed letting people down easy when we have to cut them off from VSC funds. The office has obtained some desk sirens for each person. Staff is concerned for their own safety with all the recent shootings.

New Business: The VORP bill will be coming up for a vote shortly. The federal CVSO funding bill is having a hard time finding support from someone on the Veterans Committee. The check for the CVSO Grant in the amount of \$13,000 has received last week. Per Finance all funds put back to 2017.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 9, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 112 Otter Ave., Oshkosh, WI. Roy Rogers moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Veterans Benefit Supervisor