

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: AUGUST 9, 2012

PRESENT: STAN KINE, BOB WIPF, JOE MAEHL, DALE WITZKE, BOB WARNKE, ROBERT STONE AND JUDY STECKBAUER

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

Stan Kline called the meeting to order and requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Bob Warnke. All ayes, motion carried. Stan Kline called for Public Comments. As none, minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting were read. Stan Kline requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting minutes. Bob Warnke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried. Stan Kline requested motion for acceptance of the August 9, 2012 financial report. Bob Warnke so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Discussion on requesting more funding for 2013 budget. Stan believes that in light of the other WI counties VSC budgets, we are in pretty good shape. Believes that only Sheboygan's budget is larger. Also explained the 1992 Law regarding budget constraints on counties. Robert stated that he will always wrestle with supply & demand for this program. He believes that balancing resources to demand is an administrative issue. Question raised as to what is driving a higher demand? Some is the economy, new OIE/OEF returnees and also attitude of staff.

Old Business: None.

New Business: July CVSO Report distributed. Robert commented on increase in pending files. There are several reasons for this but 1 is the lack of extra help this summer. He has utilized some funds from the CVSO grant for 2 extra hours/day for the office secretary. Another reason is the increase in veterans that are disagreeing with VA decision. Stan commented that all numbers on CVSO report were higher than last year so it would make sense that the pending files are up also. Robert spoke on 2 specific widow death pension cases that brought in retroactive benefits to the claimants that more than cover the total budget for the CVSO office for a year. The return to the county is \$109 per \$1 spent!

The annual meeting for the Veteran Service Commissioners is slated for September 7th in Waupaca. Judy will call commissioners with final details when agenda comes out. Dale Witzke stated that he planned on attending.

Stan Kline requested motion to go into closed session. Bob Warnke so moved at 8:30 a.m., second by Joe Maehl. Roll Call – Stan Kline – aye, Bob Wipf – aye, Joe Maehl – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Bob Warnke - aye. All ayes, motion 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.

Stan Kline requested motion to come out of closed session. Bob Warnke so moved at 8:50 a.m., second by Joe Maehl. Roll call – Stan Kline – aye, Bob Wipf – aye, Joe Maehl – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Bob Warnke - aye. All ayes, motion carried.

The next meeting will be on September 13, 2012, 8:00 a.m. @ the James P. Coughlin Center, 625 East County Rd Y, Oshkosh WI 54901

Bob Warnke moved to adjourn, seconded by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer, Secretary

