

Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Michigan Homes for Veterans

Board of Managers Minutes

The 1420th meeting of the board of Managers of the Michigan Home for Veterans was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans by Manager Johnson, Chair.

PRESENT: MANAGERS:

Robert L. Johnson, Chair	(The American Legion)
Marita Okerstrom	(Independent)
Paul Mead	(AMVETS)
Ronald Schrieber	(DAV)
Lino B. Pretto	(Independent – via conference phone)
Paul Potter	(VFW)

EXCUSED: Manager James Ausdemore

GUESTS: Kim Olinger, Tess Morey, Mickey McCormick, Deny Campbell, Sue Forbes, Gregory McNeil, Charles Mangold, Sonya VanValkenburg, Mike Farage, Daniel Stone, Mark Sutton, Ray Moore, Michael Buda, Ron Runyan, Megan Holland, Ryan Engle, and Suzanne Thelen.

Also present at the meeting: James Redford, MVAA Director, Leslie Shanlian, CEO, MI Veteran Health System, Scott Blakeney, COO, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, Brad Slagle, COO D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Phil Yeiter, Contract Compliance Analyst, Joe Froehlich, Asst. Attorney General and Clerk, Patricia Howard.

This meeting has been posted pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Act of 1976 – The Open Meeting Act – on the bulletin board in the corridor adjacent to the volunteer office, main building, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. A notice of this meeting was also posted in the hallway adjacent to the Administrator’s office of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Bruce Kalish.

OPENING CEREMONY: Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mickey McCormick voiced a concern regarding beer purchasing privileges that has been taken away from Kozy Korners for members. Asked the Board to please re-consider reinstating the beer program for members at Kozy Korners.

Kim Olinger reported that Friends of Michigan Veterans Homes Inc. teamed up with La Z Boy Furniture and has purchased new furniture for Rankin 2 & 3 Day Rooms, plus two couches for Kozy Korners. Delivery date is scheduled for May 24, 2016. La Z Boy would like to make a presentation and dedicate the refurbished rooms to the members of Home and to the Board after the Board Meeting scheduled for May 25th.

Sonya VanValkenburg gave a brief update of the inventory in the clothing room. This has been the biggest year yet for all the donated items for the clothing room.

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Manager Schrieber, supported by Manager Potter to approve the minutes of the meeting held by the Board of Managers February 17, 2016. All present approved, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR/POPULATION REPORT

Motion was made by Manager Pretto, supported by Manager Schrieber to approve the Administrator/Population Report as will be given. All present approved, motion carried.

COO Scott Blakeney reported:

- Gave an update on the current population in comparison with last month's population report.
- Conducted interviews for an Interim Director of Nursing.
- Will be conducting interviews for Assistant Directors of Nursing on the 14th & 15th.
- Posted the Accounting Manager position – the former employee retired.
- Social Workers have been deployed to a designated floor. Each worker has her own floor.
- Gift Shop is under new management and will be run by Friends of Michigan Veterans Homes Inc.

CEO Leslie Shanlian reported:

- Has been involved in a lot of hearings this past week in Lansing.
- GRHV was involved in a mock survey and we are awaiting its findings that should be available March 15th.
- Revised the Complaint Procedure and all staff has been in-serviced on the new process.
- PIXIS machines for the pharmacy were delivered yesterday.
- Scott Blakeney, Brad Slagle, Steve Rolston, Joe Froehlich and herself attended the National Association of State Veterans Homes (NASVH) Conference. Brad Slagle gave a brief summary of the events.
- Reviewed the Quality of Care Scorecard for GRHV and D.J. Jacobetti with the national average.

Manager Mead stated that he wanted to recognize Leslie Shanlian and her team for the hard work that they have been doing in trying to react the audit before the findings.

III. D.J. JACOBETTI POPULATION/FINANCE REPORT

Motion was made by Manager Schrieber, supported by Manager Okerstrom to approve the D.J. Jacobetti Population/Finance Report as will be given. All present approved, motion carried.

COO Brad Slagle reported:

- Population remains steady.
- They are now doing a war breakdown within the new EMR system.
- Worker's compensation expense is much higher than historical due to a payoff last month.
- Last months' income & assessment was above our target. This month collected over \$530,000 and the goal set was \$450,000.
- EMR continues to roll on. The goal is to be done with the implementation stage by the end of March.
- Three of the VP for Michigan Veteran Health System showed up to do a surprise Mock Survey.
- February 11th former Director, Jeff Barnes and his staff did an employee engagement session; reviewed last year's employee survey and did some interaction with staff.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MVAA DIRECTOR/MVAA UPDATE

Leslie Shanlian introduced our new MVAA Director, James Redford. Board welcomed Director Redford. Director Redford gave a brief summary of his background and experiences and stated that he is looking forward to working with the Board.

V. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY UPDATE

Joe Froehlich, Assistant Attorney General reported that he received a letter from U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services informing him that the Olmstead Compliance Review that they conducted of the Home is finally closed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Grand Rapids – None

Marquette – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Manager Schrieber made a motion to table election of officers for three months, supported by Manager Mead. All present approved, motion carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Sutton stated that we are a presentation failure when it comes to the future of the Homes. From his opinion there is a lack of legislative strategy and the Board really needs to step up to get things done for the Home.

Manager Johnson reported that the Board has had some strategy meetings and will be having one this Saturday to look at short term, long term goals and see where we want to go.

Kim Olinger questioned that if the Home was going to Medicaid/Medicare Certification if the Home was going to be required accept non-veterans and non-veterans dependents? Leslie Shanlian reported that this is something they would have to look at because there are some Specialty Homes. That would not be the goal-we only want to serve the veterans.

The point of getting CMS Certification is to be able to provide more rehab to the veterans and to have Medicaid pay for cost here for people who can't pay.

Kim Olinger also asked if there was still a nursing shortage of caregivers for 2nd shift. Scott Blakeney reported that they are working closing with J2S to alleviate the shortage.

Tess Morey, State Commander of the DAV stated that their group has been watching what has been going on here at the Home and applaud the changes that have been made and they look forward to keeping an eye on upcoming changes. Thanked the Board for the changes they've made in moving the Home forward.

Brad Slagle advised the Commander to contact their congressman and tell them to co-sponsor HB#2460 – to provide full cost of care for adult day care in State Veteran's Homes.

Donald Stone, a Vietnam Veteran who received two Purple Hearts while in the service wanted the Board to know that he appreciate and respects everything the Board does.

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

None

Manager Schrieber made a motion to go into closed session to discuss members' issues, supported by Manager Potter. All present approved, motion carried.

Board moved into closed session @ 10:50 a.m.

Board reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Motion made by Manager Schrieber to accept the recommendation of COO Brad Slagle for Member "A", supported by Manager Potter. All present approved, motion carried

Motion made by Manager Okerstrom to review Policy #BP-016 – Member Assessments and have a new draft available at the April 2016 meeting, supported by Manager Mead. All present approved, motion carried.

X. CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bruce Kalish.

