



MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 18, 2020
10:00 a.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

A meeting of the Michigan Veteran Homes (MVH) Board of Directors was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chair David Henry. The meeting was held at the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) Headquarters – 222 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48933.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Attendance Roll Call

Chair David Henry called for a roll call of members present.

The following members were present: Zaneta Adams, Henry Boutros (via telephone), David Henry, MaryAnne Shannon, Brad Slagle

Excused Absence: Mary Naber, David Rutledge, Larry Yachcik

MVH Staff Present: Steve Rolston (via telephone), Fred Schaible, Tracey Nelson, Assistant Attorney General Katie Waskiewicz, Melissa Velie, and Patty Altimore

3. Approval of Agenda

None - a quorum was not available.

4. Approval of Proposed Minutes

None - a quorum was not available.

5. Public Comment

Mark Sutton, Public Relations Director for The American Legion, provided board members with a memorandum from The American Legion with the subject "Request the State of Michigan Legislature approve the funding to build two more State Veteran Homes". The memorandum addresses the State House, Senate, and Governor for the FY 2020-21 State Budget.

Kellie Cody Jr. stated that the board packet on the MVAA website did not download correctly. Dr. Cody also inquired as to the status of the procurement of the livestreaming equipment designed to be used at the board meetings.

Chair David Henry encouraged MVH board members to attend the board meetings. He added that when a quorum is not available, action items cannot move forward.

6. Housekeeping: MVH Administrative Update, New Construction Update, FY21 Governor's Budget Proposal Update

Steve Rolston provided an overview for the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans (DJJHV), where he is currently serving as interim administrator:

- The Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) surveyor exited on January 2, 2020 and cleared seven facility-reported incidents with one "D" level citation for failure to adequately supervise members while in the dayroom.
- Date of the alleged compliance for the most recent citation is January 31, 2020, with the anticipation of a CMS revisit within the next couple of weeks.
- Ron Oja has been hired as the new administrator, with a start date of March 16, 2020
- Cary Lincoln assumed the role of Director of Nursing on January 12, 2020.
- Staffing reorganization, including changes in nursing administration, to occur February 23, 2020; affected employees have received appropriate notification.
- Focus on Quality Measures and MDS accuracy remains a top focus in improving CMS star rating.

Tracey Nelson provided an overview for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans (GRHV):

- The final OAG follow-up report was issued on January 30, 2020; all items were complied, substantially complied, or partially complied.
- Point Click Care is "live" with an effective date of February 3, 2020.
- Admissions are currently on hold due to census reduction efforts. There is an anticipated budget deficit for FY20 related to the decrease in census.
- On March 2, 2020, a supervised smoking Performance Improvement Projects (PIP) will be implemented for the GRHV Members.
- The GRHV staff is developing a specialized behavior program designed to address specific behaviors at the Home.

Building Construction Specialist Mike Hassan offered a review of the construction status of the new Homes in Grand Rapids and Chesterfield Township. He reviewed the project milestones and provided a timeline for current activities and upcoming endeavors. In addition, Mr. Hassan stated that Christman was conducting virtual reality tours of the new homes today, and board members were welcome to experience the tour. He also introduced Laura Birchmeier, who is the information technology project manager for the new homes.

Fred Schaible reported that the MVH staff are successfully covering Anne Zerbe's duties with professionalism and passion during her maternity leave; Chair Henry concurred. Mr. Schaible indicated that he, selected MVH staff, and Brad Slagle attended the National Association of State Veteran Homes (NASVH) Conference in Washington D.C. in early-

February. He and Steve Rolston met with Michigan legislators and representatives of the Federal VA regarding future endeavors.

Mr. Schaible updated board members regarding the video conferencing equipment designed to livestream board meetings. Since the original equipment order did not fit the needs, DTMB is working on an alternate system which will include adaptive hearing headphones and a stationary tripod.

Fred Schaible updated the board on the status of the MVH website development. MVH staff are working with Brogan & Partners and the eMichigan Team in developing a site map.

Mr. Schaible also provided an overview of the Governor's FY21 Budget Recommendation. There will be no changes to the staffing models for the GRHV and DJJHV; however, the Southeast Michigan site will be a hybrid of the staffing models. By October 1, 2020, the MVA Board of Managers will be dissolved, and all governance of the Homes will be transferred to the MVFA.

7. New Business: Election of Board Treasurer, Revision of Board Committees, Board Committee and Chair Appointments

Chair Henry announced that no action may be taken at this time in electing a MVFA Board Treasurer because a quorum was not available. He added that Brad Slagle has shown interest in occupying a Secretary/Treasurer position.

Fred Schaible provided an overview of the revised board committee descriptions. Board members should contact Chair Henry or Fred Schaible if interested in serving on one of the board committees.

Chair Henry submitted the following recommendation of board committee chairpersons:

Facility and Capital Improvement – Henry Boutros

Executive Committee – Chair Henry

Budget and Financial Oversight – Brad Slagle

Outreach and Fund Development – Larry Yachcik

Governance and Policy Development – David Rutledge

8. Board Comments

Brad Slagle is energized and excited about the future of the homes. He also reiterated the need for an active and present board.

MaryAnne Shannon is excited about the memorandum provided by Mark Sutton and the teaming approach.

Zaneta Adams encouraged board members to promote the upcoming Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day Program scheduled for March 29, 2020; an information link will be sent to the board members.

Chair Henry appreciates everyone on the board and the public. He added that it is always good to hear public feedback.

9. Public Comments

Mark Sutton noted two points; the new Southeast Michigan home site is close in proximity to Canada and roaming issues could be a concern with cell phones. Lastly, he stressed that the current Board of Managers should assume the role as a direct line to veterans via a board council or subcommittee. The Board of Managers should not be eliminated and may be beneficial to the MVFA board as well.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Bradford Slagle,
MVFA Board Secretary