

Linn County Commission of Veteran Affairs Monthly Meeting Minutes January 25, 2017

Present: Tom Watson, Ray Ropa, Don Tyne, Karla Elm, John Harris and Marilyn Patterson by telephone conference call (except for client closed session)

Absent: Kelly Driscoll

1. Call to order @12 noon by Tom Watson
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discussion with Lisa Powell, LCHR Department: Lisa explained to the Commission the process regarding how to request a new position for the LCVA Department and also any job description drafts we are working on should be submitted to her asap for review.
4. Motion to approve the agenda as amended by moving discussion with Lisa Powell forward due to her time constraints by Ray; seconded by Karla. All Ayes.
5. Motion to approve December 14th, 2016 meeting minutes as written by Karla; seconded by Ray. All Ayes
6. Bills approved by signature.
7. Clients: 1(in closed session) Motion by Karla and seconded by Ray to help veteran with one (1) month's utilities per LVCA guidelines and veteran to follow up with Bruce Bortt @ Good Will for job counseling and Don @ LCVA.
8. New Business:
 - a. Director's Report: For the month of December Don saw 55 veterans, 11 Iraq vets, 2 Afghanistan; of the 55, 45 were compensation claims; Phillis- 23 for compensation claims; 12 for county relief; Julie- 27 for compensation claims; 9 for county relief. On 1-23-17 Don attended a public meeting @ the library for the homeless and near homeless that was well attended. The staff has been receiving training on team building and providing services to culturally diverse clients.
 - b. Don reported the LCVA food pantry refrigerator stopped working. Tom volunteered to remove and donate a replacement refrigerator.
 - c. Don gave an update on the meetings with the OPN Architect. An option 1 plan had been emailed to Don for his review. He reviewed the plan with 2 of his 3 staff members. John Harris explained this is one of several option plans and a decision does not need to be made until all the information/plans has been provided by OPN.
9. Old Business: None
10. Public Comment: None
11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8th, 2017 @ noon
12. Adjournment: Motion by Karla; seconded by Ray to adjourn. All Ayes. Time adjourned @ 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Patterson, LCVA Commission Secretary