



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1400 hrs on February 12, 2015 at 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Krum, Mike Scione, Jennifer Oliver

County Attorney Dan Flaherty Present

Moved by Krum, Seconded by Scione to approve the minutes of January 8, 2015 meeting as submitted.
VOTE YEA: Krum, Oliver, Scione

Moved by Oliver, Seconded by Krum to approve the claims of January 8, 2015 meeting as submitted.
VOTE YEA: Krum, Oliver, Scione

Administrators Report:

Rebecca reported the National Association of Veterans Service Officers training will be held in Appleton, Wisconsin this June. Service officers attending have not been determined due to grant expenditures from previous year training being expended this fiscal year. Veterans Representatives Michael Mortensen and John Alessio will be attending accreditation training in North Platte, Nebraska in April.

Veteran Representative Michael Mortensen reported our involvement with the Polk County Jail and incarcerated veterans. In the past thirty days; seventy two incarcerated veterans were reported; fifty three percent of those incarcerated were Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans. Ninety three percent of those veterans were not receiving VA benefits. Michael also reported staff will have more involvement with incarcerated veterans on a daily basis and now has access to visiting with veterans while incarcerated to explain our programs and further VA benefits.

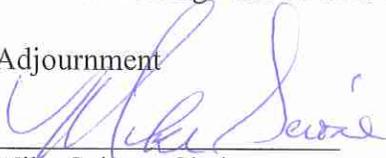
Rebecca thanked Commissioner Tim Krum for the assistance in gaining access and space to assist incarcerated veterans within the Polk County Jail.

Assistant Administrator Nick Lemmo reported in the past three Mondays at the Central Iowa Shelter Services he has assisted six veterans in all aspects of VA benefits. Nick attended the Point in Time count on January 21, 2015. Report came back total homeless accounted for was one hundred and five, with eleven veterans. Totals that were reported did not include camps that appeared to be active but there was no one in them at the time of the count.

Commissioner Oliver asked for further information as to how the Iowa Trust Fund applications are completed. Rebecca stated the Iowa Commission of Veteran Affairs votes on the applications at their monthly meeting. Assisting with completing the application and gathering the documentation is done here at Polk County Veteran Affairs before it is sent to Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs.

March's meeting: will be held on March 12, 2015 at 1400 hrs.

Adjournment

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Scione", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Scione, Chairperson