

Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1400 hrs on August 13, 2015 at 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Krum, Mike Scione

Commissioner Jennifer Oliver present via teleconference

County Attorney Dan Flaherty Present

Moved by Krum, Seconded by Oliver to approve the minutes of July 9, 2015 meeting as submitted.

VOTE YEA: Krum, Oliver, Scione

Claims Discussion:

Rebecca reported we have doubled our federal benefit claims since July 2014. Representatives have been seeing a lot more of the returning OIF/OEF veterans. 537 total clients seen for the past month.

Moved by Krum, Seconded by Oliver to approve the claims of July 9, 2015 meeting as submitted.

VOTE YEA: Krum, Oliver, Scione

Administrator's Report:

Rebecca reported staff continues to attend multiple outreach events. Rebecca and Connie will be attending the Iowa State Fair Veterans Day Parade on August 17, 2015, assisting at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center tent. Nick Lemmo will be on the County Veteran Service Officers float in the parade. Michael will assist the County Veteran Service Officers tent. September 12, 2015 staff has been asked to speak to a National Guard unit in Perry, Iowa. The annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down will be held September 18-20, 2015 on the Iowa State Capital grounds. Staff will be rotating shifts throughout the weekend.

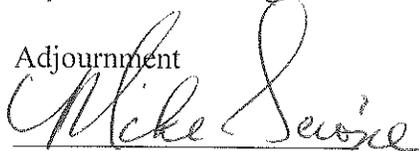
The Fourth District Annual meeting had a great turn out with forty-eight attendees from many different counties. The guest speakers were very informative and answered many questions. Rebecca thanked her staff for all their assistance with the meeting.

Vacancy Discussion:

Rebecca discussed the job vacancy with the Commission, as John Alessios' last day was August 7, 2015. County Veteran Service Officer Angel Kifer will be on Military leave from September 28-November 4, 2015 returning to work on November 18. Rebecca would like to have this position filled by September.

September's meeting: will be held on September 10, 2015 at 1400 hrs.

Adjournment

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Scione". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mike Scione, Chairperson