Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 2:00 p.m. on August 16th, 2012 at 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lipovac, Scione

Teleconference with Commissioner Oliver

Administrator Rebecca Buch Present

Assistant Administrator Nick Lemmo Absent

County Attorney Dan Flaherty Present

Moved by Oliver, Seconded by Scione to approve the minutes of July 12th, 2012 meeting as submitted.
VOTE YEA: Scione, Lipovac, Oliver

Moved by Scione, Seconded by Oliver to approve the claims of July 12th, 2012 meeting as submitted.
VOTE YEA: Scione, Lipovac, Oliver

Chair, Terry Lipovac nominated Jennifer Oliver for Secretary seconded by Commissioner Mike Scione.
VOTE YEA: Scione, Lipovac, Oliver

Rebecca Buch gave the administrators report. The $10,000 grant allocation report was completed and sent to the Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs. Commissioners were provided copies showing expenditures for the year.

Commissioners received a vacancy review board form for their approval due to Thomas Acton, Veterans Representative retirement. Chairman Terry Lipovac and Administrator will present case to the Review Board. Administrator explained due to vacations, medical appointments, training and military leave, causing a further reduction in staff, our ability to serve our veterans immediate needs in a timely manner has and will be adversely affected.

On August 13th, the Department of Corrections sent out an announcement to all VA offices in Polk County that a veteran had been released and was threatening VA offices. Polk County Veteran Affairs notified Polk County Risk Management who sent a security officer to our office for the remainder of the day. These types of incidents have been increasing and the need for security in this building was discussed.

On August 15th, the Sheriff's Department called stating that a 75yr old veteran was being evicted tomorrow. VA Homeless coordinator Kim Neal has been working with the veteran since January. Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission approved to assist this veteran with storing his belongings while receiving treatment in the VA Medical Center.

The following events Polk County Veterans Affairs staff will be attending:

- NACVSO accreditation training, Veteran Representatives Alec Quijano attending September 10th-14th and Angel Kifer attending October 22nd-26th
- August 13th was Veterans Day at the Iowa State Fair, Administrator Rebecca Buch attended the parade before working at the VA booth with Assistant Administrator Nick Lemmo and Veteran Representative Alec Quijano
- September 7th-9th The Homeless Veterans Stand Down will be held on the Capitol grounds, Polk County Veteran Affairs staff will be taking shifts
- August 28th 1034th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion send off Ceremony at Camp Dodge, Veteran Representative Angel Kifer attending

September's meeting: will be held on September 13th, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Terry Lipovac, Chairperson