

Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services  
Veterans' Affairs Committee  
September 14, 2016

- I. Call to Order by Chair, Michael Quinn at 8:02 AM
  
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Michael Quinn, Bill Becker, Tom Burton, Chad Dillon, Mike Jones  
Absent:  
Others: Beth Ridge, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Charlotte Smith, Commissioner Mike Seals, Mark Fletcher, Steven McClasky
  
- III. Review of previous month's minutes  
Motion made by B. Becker to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 10, 2016.  
Second by T. Burton. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
  
- IV. Citizen's Time. Chair M. Quinn opened the floor for citizen's time. No comment, issue or discussion was brought forward. Citizen's time was closed.
  
- V. Presentation by Mark Fletcher

Mark Fletcher with Adapt4U made a short presentation for the Veterans Board. He explained that Adapt4U is a 14 week class to help with the transition of veterans from deployment back into family life. The goal is to strengthen family bonds and bring the veterans into the present to keep families together. Information was distributed to those present at the meeting.

- VI. Financial Review  
*Financial Analyst, Beth Ridge*  
Below target on salaries. There is room in the budget to get the new Service Officer into some sort of training. Everything else is on target.

*Soldiers and Sailors*

With Mike out of the office we did find a way to get veterans access to these services, it was a team effort. Prescreening, verifying and signing off was done by different parties and it worked well.

*Michigan Veterans Trust Fund*

There is no activity in the trust fund budget.

*Burial Benefits*

Nothing to report at this time.



VII. New Business

*Veterans Service Office Report*

The flyers for the Stand Down have been distributed.

There are two events in October: Senior Expo and Project Connect, which the service office will be present for.

*C. Dillon*

Upton's office has seen an increase in business again since the VSO has been down to one officer.

VIII. Commissioner's Time

*M. Seals*

The commissioners are also getting complaints. There is an issue not having an accredited service officer in the office.

Tomorrow the commissioners are discussing the budget and they will have questions on our budget. B. Ridge let the board know that the operating budget is completely separate from the salary budget.

C. Smith is going to write up an MOU between the Veterans Board and County Administration. B. Becker suggested a sit down with the board, C. Smith, and J. Faul.

IX. Executive Session.

Motion was made to move into Executive Session by T. Burton. Seconded B. Becker. Carried. Committee Moved into Executive Session.

Attendance: M. Quinn, T. Burton, B. Becker, C. Dillon, Commissioner Seals

Motion was made to adjourn from Executive Session by ?? . Seconded ?? . Carried.

Committee adjourned Executive session.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by ?? , seconded by ?? and carried. Chair Quinn adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

