

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of

The Regular Meeting of April 19, 2017

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Norm Bednarek, Chair; John Van Wie, Commissioner; Keith Miller, Commissioner; Richard Hasse, CVSO & Executive Secretary.

It was certified that the agenda was properly posted and the meeting properly noticed. There were no changes to the agenda. The agenda was approved on motion by Miller, seconded by Bednarek. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last regular meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved on motion by Bednarek, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

The Commission's expense report since the last regular meeting was reviewed and no expenses had occurred or were documented since the last regular meeting. Approval of the report was motioned by Van Wie and seconded by Miller. Motions carried.

Hasse provided the Commissioners news articles and advised the Commissioners that a bill was pending signature by the President to grant an extension to the VA Veteran's Choice Program so that it can continue past the current sunset date of August 7, 2017. The article also announced that the VA has initiated a test program with CVS Pharmacy to allow veterans to obtain care at their Minute Clinics for treatment of minor illnesses and injuries. This program will begin in Phoenix, AZ, and if it proves effective, will likely be rolled out nation-wide.

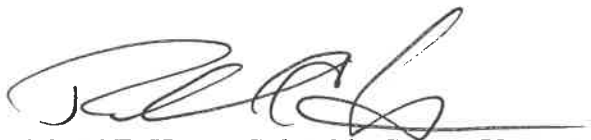
Hasse provided the Commissioners with a map of the coverage area for the WDVA's homeless program called VORP (Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program). He indicated how the areas in white in the southern third of the state are not covered by this program. Hasse detailed to the Commissioners that he is in discussion with others to perhaps find a means to provide a similar service to the homeless veterans of Columbia County and perhaps some of the surrounding counties, as well. Hasse mentioned that he will brief the Commissioners with greater details as the come to formulation.

Hasse revealed to the Commissioners the plaque he had made by former Board member Bob Westby. This plaque commemorates the creation of the Columbia County Veterans Service Office in November 1937 and lists all of the past CVSOs who have held office. The plaque will become a permanent part of the new CVSO office in the new administration building upon moving there in the next couple of months.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017 at 8:30 am. Motioned by Bednarek, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

There being no other business before the commission at this time, Van Wie motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard E. Hasse, Columbia County Veterans' Assistant Service Officer
and Executive Secretary, Columbia County Veterans' Service Commission