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Executive Meeting Agenda

Monday, Nov 13, 2024

Where: VFW 10302 - 2349 Stockyard Rd, Springfield, IL

Call to order by Shawn Miller at 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Shawn Miller, Rose Connolly, Bill Mowder, Mike Woodcox, Dale Abbot, Dan Davis, Cory Galloway, Tammy Harmony, Ashti Dawson, and David Rieger. Josh Seed met requirements for not being present Mike and Tammy moved to accept Josh Seed via phone.

Superintendent Report:

Interactions have doubled since the last year (4,713 last 2,025). In Sept 446, Oct 569

John is now accredited VSO

Word of mouth to catch those that have un-submitted claims that were not in the VETPRO system.

Shawn brought up concerns about a one and only VSO assigned to a veteran should there be a call and unavailable. Another VSO can look up basic information but David is the only one with access to the VBMS and dig deeper to answer claim status.

Josh brought up employee expectations and evaluations.

Dec 10 at 6pm next county board meeting which Ashti will attend

Unfinished Business

As far as the Legal rundown, we're in a good spot.

The .02% levy has one more step and that's the AG office and is expected in the coming next week. Mike Coffee is aware of our disagreement with Sangamon County.

Open Meetings Act: Rose stated that Shawn, Tim, Jay and her own certificate is on our google drive. Board members have 90 days to complete the training.

Legal Rundown: AG office has something planned for the county.

Adapt and Adopt - Jay Hoffman was excused from the meeting. We discussed issues regarding following Sangamon county policies. Dec 1 is the fiscal year to assure that our VAC knows our budget is approved. Nov 12 at 6PM is the board and we should all get the organizations to be on the agenda. The requirement to get on the agenda at least 2 days prior to the meeting. }

New Business

We have till 24th Nov to get a human rights complaint in. We have a good solid position statement.

We are getting close on the county vote. Of the 14 that voted "NO", did not have enough data discussed about other county populations/wages. Email MVAA areas they should be reading. Contact our district representative.

AG's office/HIPPA: Jul 11 meeting Joe Aelo about walls Jul 31 asking for bare minimum regarding personal issues and privacy. There is a fine if it becomes a bigger issue. Sep 3d sent a complaint to the AG office since she hasn't heard anything about a plan. If she moves out of office and uses it for private visits then we are limited to one veteran at a time with 3 VSOs. An office possibility behind Aaron's furniture store near Menards. ADA accessible and currently had dental equipment in the office. (3100 Walton Dr)

Reports by Officers

Admin: Reiterated earlier about OMA certificates. The October Board meeting minutes were moved by Bill seconded by Mike Minutes approved. Bill felt the survey results

Provost: Not present. Shawn feels we need to change it to Judge Adv

Vice-Chair: Discussed service officer at the post level, to wit a water heater issue

Chair: Senate and house representatives for veterans affairs contacts.

Next executive board meeting Jan 8 at 7pm next exec board meeting with a location to be determined. Next Quarterly VAC meeting Jan 15.

Adjournment 8:27 PM

Rosemary Connolly

Secretary VAC Sangamon County Board