

## VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: APRIL 14, 2014

PRESENT: BOB WARNKE, DALE WITZKE, JIM ROMNEK, TOM SNIDER, JOE MAEHL, ROBERT STONE AND JUDY STECKBAUER

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Tom Snider so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. As none, minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting were read. Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting minutes. Jim Romnek so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried. Bob Warnke requested a motion for acceptance of the April 14, 2014 financial report. Joe Maehl so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried. Current balance is not far off from last year. March had a lot of activity and would expect that April would also because of utility disconnect notices.

**Old Business:** Question previously rose regarding services at Father Carr's. Tom Snider has contact there and sent an e-mail to him. Services at this facility are free. They do a background check on individuals and don't allow people with a violent history in the past ten years or longer depending on the severity. They look out for the safety of everyone at the shelter, especially children. They are the only shelter in the area for children. They allow people to stay for 30 days. After this time there is a re-evaluation and depending on how they are doing this can be extended an additional 30 days. There is no limit on the number of extensions if they are working or doing a serious job hunt, saving money and are respectful and sober. The average stay is about 90 days. The WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) homeless program (VAP) expects payment of up to 30% of income if you have a job while staying at shelter.

**New Business:** March CVSO report distributed. Robert happy that pending actions are down but happiness is dampened because pending files are up! The WDVA \$13,000.00 CVSO grant application will be submitted today. Robert spoke on the need for a new laptop because it will no longer be supported by the county. Cost is about \$1,100 to replace between unit & docking station. Office is working on Memorial Day already and cemeteries are calling for flag orders. The Isle of Valor is having an Armed Forces Day Event on Saturday, May 17 @ 1:00 PM. Veterans using VA Health Care and in priority groups 7 and 8 will no longer be required to annual income verification. Bob Warnke very concerned about PTSD and mental health issues and services available to children of veterans suffering with this. This problem passes from generation to generation and does not end with a suicide. This concern should be expressed! An idea would be to educate and promote to school counselors. Robert spoke on a recent "Dad Challenge" event he put on in conjunction with his church earlier this year. A lot of energy is put into outreach activities in spring. Word of mouth is still the best PR.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 9:45 a.m., second by Jim Romnek. Roll Call – Bob Warnke –aye, Jim Romnek – aye, Tom Snider – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Joe Maehl - aye. All ayes, motion carried. Convened in closed session for the purposes of acting on applications for financial, medical, social, or personal histories of such applicants which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or date, as provided in sec. 19.85 [1] [f], Wisconsin State Statutes.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to come out of closed session. Jim Romnek so moved at 10:30 a.m., second by Tom Snider. Roll call – Bob Warnke – aye, Jim Romnek – aye, Tom Snider – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Joe Maehl - aye. All ayes, motion carried.

The next meeting will be on May 12, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. @ the Orrin King Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

Jim Romnek moved to adjourn, seconded by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer, Secretary

