

The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held the regular monthly meeting at 3:00 p.m. on July 12, 2007 at 120 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lipovac, O’Kane, Quijano

Introduction of Commissioner Alec Quijano.

Moved by O’Kane, Seconded by Lipovac to approve the claims submitted for the month.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O’Kane

Discussion to change interviews to client contacts on the Quarterly Report.

Moved by O’Kane, Seconded by Lipovac.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O’Kane, Quijano

Commissioner Lipovac asked how many of the Iowa Veteran Home residents are from Polk County?

Discussion on changing the payment for the commissioners from \$25 a month to \$50 per month.

Moved by O’Kane, Seconded by Lipovac.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O’Kane, Quijano

Moved by O’Kane, Seconded by Lipovac to approve the minutes of June 14, 2007 meetings are submitted.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O’Kane, Quijano

Director’s report was given by David DeBolt. Director would like to expand our assistance to veterans to include used stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners and to pay prescriptions for seniors.

Director informed commission of a veteran, spouse and her grandson who was stranded here because of a automobile accident. We paid to send the them back to their home once the spouse was released from Mercy.

Commissioner O’Kane will let our office know if she is in need of the flags for the Veteran’s Parade at the Iowa State Fair on August 13, 2007.

Commissioner Quijano will attend the fall school.

Informed Commissioner Quijano on the matching grant which came from the Federal Veteran Affairs to the State of Iowa and that we would not be applying for any of this

assistance because we had to return money to Polk County from our budget. The commission was informed that Tim Belay wanted our county to apply for the grant so he could continue the work he was doing for Camp Dodge. It was previously decided that we would not ask for the grant in order to hire Mr. Belay to continue this task.

Client #GR8076- Veteran has an updated VA claim. Grant veteran assistance with his rent this time which is over the guidelines and further assistance will be granted per the guidelines

VOTE YEA: O’Kane, Lipovac, Quijano

Client #GT5162 – Veteran will probably be evicted if we do not assist. Grant rent assistance.

VOTE YEA: O’Kane, Lipovac, Quijano

Commissioner O’Kane will be going to school in Marshalltown.

August’s meeting. It was decided that the regular meeting would be held August 9, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by O’Kane. Seconded by Lipovac to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O’Kane

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Terry Lipovac, Chairperson