



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1530 hrs on October 18, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vikki Palmer, James Marren, Kolleen Dahl
Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Present
Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present
Assistant Director Michael Mortensen Present

Minutes:

Septembers' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Pat discussed the previous months' claims, currently 26.53% expended
Moved by Marren, seconded by Dahl to approve the claims of September 2022.
VOTE YEA: Palmer, Marren, Dahl

Exception Report:

Pat discussed thirty-one total exceptions for the month of September 21 shelter, eight utility, in addition, two food assistance vouchers. The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Marren to approve the exceptions for September 2022
VOTE YEA: Marren, Palmer, Dahl

Executive Directors' Report:

Pat discussed the October mobile food pantry distributed to 250 families within an hour and half, having to turn several attendees away. Due to the success, we will be increasing our needs to assist more families facing food insecurities.

November 10th will be our annual Winter Coat Give-away here at River place in conference rooms 3 and 3A. Distribution will be open to Veterans and their families only from 9am-12pm and open to the public from 1-3pm.

Service Officers attended fall school October 11-14 obtaining half of their required CEUs. The NACVSO conference will be held in Madison, WI in June 2023; Assistant Director Michael Mortensen will be attending. Pat was asked to serve on the ISAC Board of Directors as the Veterans Representative until November 2023.

Office modifications are being discussed to best assist our Veterans and their families with the Federal Claims appeals process. Management will work with Human Resources on these modifications.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Assistant Director Michael Mortensen reported 29 total self-reported Veterans incarcerated in September with a continued increase in federal claims while incarcerated.

Novembers' meeting scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Vikki Palmer, Chair
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