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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1534 hrs on May 10, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vikki Palmer, Kolleen Dahl, James Marren

Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Present

Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present

Assistant Director Michael Mortensen Present

Minutes:

Aprils' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Pat discussed the previous months' claims. Current expenditures at 75.82% for this fiscal year.

Moved by Marren, seconded by Dahl to approve the claims of April 2022.

VOTE YEA: Palmer, Dahl, Marren

Exception Report:

Pat discussed forty total exceptions for the month of April- nineteen shelter, eleven utility, and ten food assistance vouchers. The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Marren to approve the exceptions for April 2022

VOTE YEA: Dahl, Palmer, Marren

Executive Directors' Report:

Pat discussed the significant increase in both total clients seen and new clients compared to April of 2021. Total clients seen increased by 167 clients while new clients also increased by 24 total.

Commission discussed advertising and outreach tactics to further engage the communities Veterans and inform them of the benefits they may be entitled too.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Assistant Director Michael Mortensen reported 59 Veterans incarcerated in April. Michael has been training Jeromy Geiken on procedures in place at the jail to further assist our Veterans while incarcerated. Michael will begin discussing face-to-face meetings with our staff; rotating days a service officer will conduct jail visits.

Junes' meeting will be held on June 21, 2022 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Vikki Palmer, Chair

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