

# **LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERANS' COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

May 29, 2018  
5:30 p.m.

Members Present	Hansel Keene Bruce Hundley Kevin Nagle Joe Riker James Wallace
Staff Present	Adam Smiddy

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Indicated the presence of a quorum. Also present, Diane Heinlein of Livingston County Community Mental Health.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Bruce Hundley asked that 7.1 CMH Proposal be moved to after 5. Call to the Public and to add 8.3 Out Reach Event to 8. New Business.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

**Moved By** Bruce Hundley

**Seconded By** Joe Riker

**Motion : Carried**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **4.1 Approval of Minutes Dated 23 April 2018.**

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

**Moved By** Kevin Nagle

**Seconded By** Joe Riker

**Motion : Carried**

**4.2 Approval of Closed Session Minutes Dated 23 April 2018.**

Motion to approve the closed minutes as presented.

**Moved By** Joe Riker

**Seconded By** Kevin Nagle

**Motion : Carried**

**5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**7.**

**7.1**

Discussion: The Director introduced Diane Heinlein of Livingston County Community Mental Health to discuss a partnership with CMH to provide services for Veterans in Livingston County. Ms. Heinlein discussed how the program would remove current thresholds to services for Veterans based on funding provided by LCVS. Ms. Heinlein discusses funding sources they currently use and their limitations to provide services as well as their participation in other treatment courts in the County. Ms. Heinlein stated that for CMH to run a program of this nature would be approximately \$37,000 per year.

The Director explained that the only requirement for Veteran discharge would follow the VA characteristic of service guidelines. The Director explained the role of the program in the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) as a supplement to services being provided by the VA Hospital for participants on a case by case basis.

The Committee discussed the various merits of the program. Hansel Keene presented discussions he had with the VTC on the program such that they were not endorsements and that he would like to bring them in to discuss the program. Kevin Nagle expressed concern about conflicting care to Veterans in the VTC but that this service would be very beneficial to area Veterans. Joe Riker discussed the desire for all levels of counseling to be made available and the need for ongoing care for Veterans who have suffered a crisis. Bruce Hundley asked for numbers of those who would use the program before committing to a long-term agreement.

## **6. APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF**

### **6.1 18-054: TBD for Tabled Foreclosure**

Discussion: Committee asked the applicant what he may do in the future for income given his age and job prospects. Applicant discussed upcoming contract jobs that may be available to help support household. Committee also discussed the need for the applicant to consider sale of the home in the future.

**Moved By** James Wallace

**Seconded By** Kevin Nagle

Motion to pay \$7,525.56 for foreclosure diversion.

Yes (4): Hansel Keene, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

No (1): Bruce Hundley

**Motion : Carried (4 to 1)**

### **6.2 18-059: \$4,170.00 for Home Repair**

Discussion: None

**Moved By** Bruce Hundley

**Seconded By** Kevin Nagle

Motion to approve \$4,170.00 and up to an additional 10% for contingencies.

Yes (5): Hansel Keene, Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

**Motion : Carried (5 to 0)**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Directors Report**

1. Office and Transportation Production
2. Relief Budget Report
3. Resolutions
4. May Events Update
5. June Events Update

The Director reported office production numbers and relief expenditures (see attached). The Director updated the Committee on the new driver and driver

hours. The Director updated the Committee on the funding of the VTC Coordinator position.

The Director updated the Committee on the hiring of new Benefits Counselors and asked for the full ability to fill 2 FTE. Committee members discussed the desire to have staff available for late hours and weekend events. The Director expressed the need for the office to have the requested personnel to provide the services discussed at a high quality.

The Director updated the Committee on a possible property donation.

**Moved By** James Wallace

**Seconded By** Joe Riker

Motion to allow the hiring of 2 FTE for Benefits Counselors.

Yes (2): Joe Riker, and James Wallace

No (3): Hansel Keene, Bruce Hundley, and Kevin Nagle

**Motion : Failed (2 to 3)**

**Moved By** Joe Riker

**Seconded By** James Wallace

Motion to hire 1 FTE for Benefits Counselors.

Yes (5): Hansel Keene, Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

**Motion : Carried (5 to 0)**

## **8.2 Transitional Housing**

Joe Riker presented information on possible transitional housing building sites and the desire to have some group formed on addressing Veteran Homelessness. The Director discussed his involvement in the Homeless Continuum of Care Committee which addresses homelessness in Livingston County as well as how other Counties have addressed homelessness.

## **8.3 Outreach Event**

Joe Riker discussed an upcoming event to be put on by VCAT Region 9 called "VetFest" on August 11th at Mount Brighton and asked for the support of the Department for the event.

The Director discussed hosting a discussion panel on Agent Orange for the moving wall coming to Howell with DAV 125.

**9. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Jim Wallace presented an upcoming low-income housing project coming to Hamburg Township which will be west of Ace Hardware.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

An audio recording is available.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm.

**Moved By** James Wallace

**Seconded By** Kevin Nagle

Yes (5): Hansel Keene, Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

**Motion : Carried (5 to 0)**