

February 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 1:35pm by Chair Lucier

Roll Call Commissioners Riordan and Levitt were not in attendance.

Commissioner O'Byrne left at 2:37 pm, Commissioner Karpuk left at 3:07pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of The Day's Agenda: motioned by Secretary Sheehan, seconded by Commissioner Sabo passed 7-0

Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes; postponed to next meeting.

Kathleen Chance from the Napa County Mental Health Board will now be our liason to their meetings.

Postponed, County Veterans Services Officer Dell Pratt away at a conference.

Old Business

- Update, discussion and possible action on San Francisco VA mental health for Napa County Veterans
 - 25 veterans have been seen by VAHC SW Glynis Banks. All of them have been community veterans, not students of the college. Jessica Walsh has been hired on as a psychologist by the VA to work one day a week but her schedule has yet to be determined. She will be in support of all SFVAHC outreach. Individual psychotherapy services will be her main focus.
- Update, discussion and possible action on the Napa County war dead list and creation of a memorial
 - Head of Napa County Library, A. Halstead has asked for more details on the war dead list. They have taken the lead on the project as it grows. The Historcial Society, Genealogical Society and Veterans Home are now listed as resources in this project as well.
- Update, discussion and possible action on the Napa County 2020 Federal and State Legislative and Regulatory Platform
 - Summary of page 15 of the platform, supporting veterans causes.
- Discussion and possible action on establishing an Ad Hoc committee to review the applications make suggestion to the Commission on recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for the open positions.
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New Business

- Presentation, discussion and possible action on the Partnership Evaluation Guidelines from the San Francisco VA, Commissioner Sabo's email information from the VA website, and if it is the responsibility of the Commission to vet Veterans Organizations.
 - Commission decided it is not their responsibility after discussing an emailed resource from Commissioner Sabo. The VA resource for evaluating entities was researched in regard to a complaint brought to the Commision last month
- Commission house keeping issues, Committee meetings and reports.
 - Commissioners discussed the structure of the standing committes and assigned the topic to a future commission meeting once the new commissioners are appointed.

No reports were made by any standing committee.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- Presentation, discussion and possible action on Veterans discount program and letter to businesses
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Adjournment 3:16pm, motioned by Chair Lucier, seconded by Secretary Sheehan passed 5-0

Next Meeting: March 25, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.