

MEETING – VETERANS’ SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: VETERANS’ SERVICE COMMITTEE
DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014
TIME: 3:30 P.M.
PLACE: U.W. EXTENSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chaney, Savard, Stormer, and Dale Baumgardner
Others Present: Robb Koplien and Alyson Wagoner

APPROVE AGENDA

Chairman Chaney would like to add Any Other Issues to the agenda. Motion by Stormer to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Savard , all present voting AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE October 31, 2013 VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2013 meeting, seconded by Stormer. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

INTRODCUTION

Veterans’ Service Officer Robb Koplien introduced Administrative Assistant Alyson Wagoner.

UPDATE OF THE 2014 CVSO GRANT WITH WDVA

VSO Robb Koplien informs that the grant has been received as of June 25, 2014.

ONEIDA COUNTY DAV VAN SCHEDULE

There is an Oneida County DAV Van that the Veterans can utilize. Other transportation options are MTM Services (Medicaid and BadgerCare Appointments), Veterans Transportation Service (will pick up veterans that are 50 miles within Iron Mountain), and the COA DOT Bus Schedule. All of these options are posted outside the Veterans’ Service Office. The Veterans’ Service Office has also created a form that must be filled out each time a Veteran is transported to a medical appointment. On this form it shows if the Veteran is being reimbursed the mileage from the VA facility. If so, the Veteran must reimburse the Veterans’ Service Office for the transportation. This form was shown during the meeting. The COA is creating a News Letter for the Elderly and Disabled population. The transportation options will be posted in the COA News Letter.

CVSO TRANSPORT BUDGET ISSUES

Tied in with the Oneida County DAV Van Schedule. By providing veterans with other transportation options (stated above), the FCVSO can possibly see a difference in transportation budget issues.

VETERANS’ RELIEF ISSUES

Robb has encountered veterans coming in searching for monies to help them out with certain hard time/emergency situations. Robb is going to look into seeing if there is any sort of budget counselor in the area that could assist some veterans.

WAUSAU VET CENTER TRAINING INFO

Robb attended a conference where Todd Stage was the trainer/speaker. His subject was PTSD. Robb contacted him and asked if he would be willing to come to Forest County and do training with the Sheriff's Department on how to handle veterans with PTSD. Todd and Sheriff John Dennee are both open to the idea, so Robb is looking at setting up training in the fall.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. There being no further business, motion by Stormer to adjourn, seconded by Savard. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.