

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE MEETING WITH THE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Building
1011 N 8th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081
Room 413

May 17, 2016

Called to Order: 9:06 A.M.

Adjourn: 9:25 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Jim Baumgart – Chair; Supervisor Brian Hoffmann – Vice Chair; Supervisor Jacob Van Dixhorn – Secretary; Supervisor Roger Otten, Supervisor Tom Epping, Supervisor Henry Nelson, and Mr. Curtiss Nyenhuis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Two Citizen Representatives

OTHERS PRESENT: County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Charlene Cobb

Due to the late arrival of CVSO Cobb, Supervisor Baumgart called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW

The Health and Human Services Department received an email noting that the agenda for the May 17, 2016 Veterans Service Office Meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee was posted on May 12, 2016, at 11:15 a.m., in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

REVIEW AND APPROVE VOUCHERS

Mr. Nyenhuis moved and Supervisor Otten seconded to approve the expense vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CVSO GRANT UPDATE

CVSO Cobb updated the Committee on a proposed bill for the legislature. This bill proposed to make CVSOs optional for counties, and in their place to provide a consortium or regional Veterans Service Office. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) would be in control of these consortiums and they would not have to be a veteran to work there. CVSO Cobb informed the Committee that she has received communication indicating that Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Scocos is still looking to regionalize CVSOs.

CVSO Cobb informed the Committee that the \$13,000 State Block Grant that has been given every year to CVSOs has been changed to a Reimbursement Grant by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. CVSO Cobb informed the Committee she submitted a reimbursement request of more than \$7,000 and the county received \$70.00 in reimbursement. The WDVA paperwork was ambiguous as to the reason for denial indicating she had not submitted sufficient documentation. The County will be able to resubmit the additional documentation with the second reimbursement cycle in June but this is time-consuming making it more difficult to receive monies from this grant than with the original block grant.

ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS

CVSO Cobb informed the Committee that Veterans Services Specialist, Craig Stewart attended accreditation training at the VA in Milwaukee the last week in March. Assistant Veterans Service Officer, Todd Richter attended the CVSO Association Spring conference the first week in April to fulfill his 16 continuing education credits to keep his accreditation with the VA.

CVSO Cobb informed the Committee that she and Assistant Veterans Services Officer Todd Richter have been taking online training through National Veterans Legal Services. CVSO Cobb needs to take 16 continuing education credits in order keep accreditation.

CVSO Cobb informed the Committee that she has been attending meetings regarding the Sheboygan Memorial Day Parade.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Tuesday, August 16, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 a.m., Mr. Nyenhuis moved and Supervisor Otten seconded to adjourn the May 17, 2016 meeting of the Veterans Service Office with the Health and Human Services Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Schaefer
Recording Secretary

Jacob Van Dixhorn
Committee Secretary