

County of Kent Department of Veterans' Affairs



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VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE May 1, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. 82 Ionia NW, STE 380

Paul Potter, Chair
Fred Chambers
Mary Johnson
Harold Mast
Edward Perdue

MINUTES

Present: Harold Mast, Fred Chambers, Paul Potter, Mary Johnson, Carrie Roy

Guests: None

Absent:

1. Call to Order – Chair Potter

2. Welcome –

3. Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Motion by Fred Chambers, second by Harold Mast. Minutes approved

4. Staff Report:

A. Financial Status as of 05/01/2013: Ms. Roy reviewed the AFF with the committee and reported that we have 72% of the budget remaining for the year. Mr. mast asked if we may need to make a line item shift to accommodate the amount of rent. Mr. Potter asked Ms. Roy for clarification on the rental assistance. Ms. Roy clarified that it is a one time assistance and not an on going expense.

B. Emergency Needs and Burials: Ms. Roy reviewed emergency relief assistance for the month of April, she noted that each month is different and it has been difficult to pin point a pattern. Mr. Mast asked about a particular veteran who received assistance with two utilities. Ms. Roy noted that the maximum amount a veteran can receive for utility assistance is \$750. Mr.

“Kent County . . . where diversity and inclusion matter”

Potter asked if we have had to turn any veterans away for rental assistance. Ms. Roy stated that she received a request from a cold war era veteran who did not meet the basic requirement and had to turn him away.

C. MVTF: Ms. Roy reviewed the expenditures for the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund with the committee. She stated that the MVTF committee met yesterday and that several applications had been submitted that are not reflected in the report. There was a brief discussion regarding the vacancy on the committee.

5. Reports:

A. Claims and Recoveries: Ms. Roy provided a report to the committee showing that in April, 31 claims were filed through the department. Ms. Roy explained that the recoveries report for Vetraspec is not working and that data is not available.

6. Other Items:

A. VA GDX: Ms. Roy reported that Kent County moved up 20 brackets from 2011 to 2012. She also reported that the State of Michigan is no longer in last place. Ms. Roy explained some of the information on the GDX report to the committee.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

8. Next Meeting: June 5, 2013.