Wisconsin Balance of State

Veteran Advocate Committee

September 18, 2019 Minutes

Open meeting 11:00 am

In attendance: Sharon, Faye, Katy (for Amy), Chandler, Lori, Angel, Larry, Mike, and Don

Excused: Cindy, Iraida, Sarah, Casey, and Amy

1. Minutes reviewed- Sharon motion to approve; Mike second; all in favor to approve- passed.
2. Committee Charter- The committee reviewed charter, which Sharon and Lori recommended the removal of the phrase “which ultimately ends veteran homelessness in the State of Wisconsin in paragraph two of the Purpose and Mission. This was redundant and caused confusion for the reader.

 Sharon motioned to approve the charter with the recommended changes; Faye seconded

the motion; the committee voted and approved the charter.

1. Time in Kind Form- The time in kind from was discussed and identified when the form should be used and sent to the committee chair. The most current form will be sent to the committee members, which it has been requested they each complete the form and send to the committee chair.
2. Committee Members reported on their counties progress or issues -
3. Sharon Pease - Kenosha / Racine were conducting their Stand-down, which was funded by a private party and no grant was required.

She also informed the committee about the “Tiny Homes Program” in Milwaukee, which has 20 newly built homes and are available to homeless veterans.

 b) Lori Kirchgatter - WDVA’s VORP program stated the VHRP that was located

near the King Veterans Home was closed. All the veterans were relocated to other

programs or to permanent housing.

The VORP is hiring for the Green Bay - Kenosha counties. She asked if the

committee members knew of anyone that may be interested in the position, to

please let her know.

 c) Mike Hanke - Informed the committee about a collaboration between AMVETS

of Eau Claire and Feed My People to provide meals to veterans and their families

in much the same as Meals on Wheels assist those in need.

He also informed the committee about a program for the homeless veteran and

families which will provide case management through a variety of programs.

This will begin January 1, 2020 and is completely free to the veteran and family.

There are no governmental funds used to supplement the program. For more

information regarding the program, individuals may visit the website

AMVETS@Home.

5. A motion to adjourn was made by Mike; second by Sharon. All approved; meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.