

**MINUTES OF THE
CALUMET COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
January 19, 2022 (9:00 A.M.)**

Dave La Shay called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

1. The meeting was properly announced and posted, and a quorum of members was present.

2. ROLL CALL (Committee Member Attendance):

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave La Shay, Bill Grube, Joe Mueller, and CVSO Greg Brittnacher

ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Alice Connors, Calumet County Board Chair, District 18

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by J. Mueller and SECONDED by B. Grube to approve the agenda for January 19, 2022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (October 20, 2021 meeting)

MOTION by B. Grube and SECONDED by J. Mueller to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2021 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

7. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT – Given by CVSO G. Brittnacher:

- A. Reviewed 2021 Veterans Service Commission Annual Report to members and discussed expenditures made.
- B. Reviewed and discussed department goals and objectives for 2022.
- C. Provided an overview of Objective: Veterans' Smile Dental Program. We reviewed the eligibility qualifications. The program has gotten a lot of interest by Veterans and the organization had to postpone the roll out of the program until February 2022.



- D. Provided an overview of Community Care to include urgent care and emergency room (ER) procedures. The drive time access standard of Community Care has changed from miles to minutes. 30 minutes travel time to receive primary care, mental health, and non-institutional extended care. 60 minutes travel time to receive specialty care services. The closest urgent care facility for us is the Urgent Care Physicians in Appleton near Menards off of 441 and CE. The Veteran or family member must notify the VA within 72 hours of an ER visit. The contact number is 1-844-724-7842.
- E. Reviewed the Wisconsin DOT Veteran Identifier Eligibility which is two continuous years of active duty service or 90 days of active duty during a statutorily-designed wartime period. National Guard or Reservist with no active duty time will not qualify based on the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) eligibility requirements.

8. REPORTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS – Chairperson La Shay invites anyone who is interested in attending the VFW Post 2925 -Four Chaplain Ceremony at St. James Church in Neshkoro, WI. The ceremony starts at 1:00pm on February 3, 2022.

9. COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. ITEMS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION –

- A. Updated the Committee that the VSC has provided assistance to one Veteran thus far in 2022.
- B. Provided the Committee with a proposed revision of the current Calumet County Veterans Service Commission – Policy and Procedure Manual for Administration of the Calumet County Veterans Commission Relief Fund. The Committee will review the revisions and provide feedback at the April meeting.

11. DISCUSS NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting has tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 9: 41 A.M., MOTION by D. La Shay and SECONDED by J. Mueller to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Greg Brittnacher, VSC Committee Member & Recording Secretary
APPROVED on 05/18/2022