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MEL BAHER
COMMISSIONER



American Veterans
FRANK POCCHI
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans
CHRISTOPHER GRAU
COMMISSIONER



Veterans of Foreign Wars
CLAYTON E. UZELL
COMMISSIONER



Vietnam Veterans of America
BOB POTTS
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MINUTES

DATE: May 16, 2018 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Bob Potts, President
Clayton E. Uzell, Vice President
Mel Baher, Secretary
Christopher Grau, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

EXCUSED: Frank Pocci, Commissioner
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor

VISITORS: None

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Potts followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Clay Uzell and seconded by Mel Baher to dispense with the reading of the Consent Agenda and to accept the agenda with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.) One item was set aside for discussion under New Business. AYES: Baher, Grau, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

STATE OF THE COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT (Attached):

A motion was made by Clay Uzell and seconded by Christopher Grau to accept the report of the Executive Director, as read by Commissioner Baher. AYES: Baher, Grau, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Asst. County Prosecutor joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

In the absence of the Executive Director, all action item updates were deferred to the June 20, 2018 public meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center has extended an invitation to attend an event at the Union Club to hear speaker Hershel "Woody" Williams, Medal of Honor Recipient, share his passion for Gold Star Families. The event will take place on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and tickets are \$45 per person.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve Resolution 2018-10 providing for the purchase of up to 5,000 military service branch pins for CCVSC clients in recognition for their service. The pins will be purchased from Novak Supply LLC, expenses not to exceed \$6,900.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Christopher Grau proposed a phone application for our social media called "Civically," a means for local government to connect to any community. The information will be given to the Executive Director for further details.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to go into Executive Session to conduct the interviews of two applicants for the Executive Secretary position.

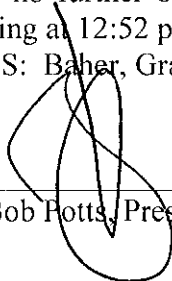
AYES: Baher, Grau, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried. 10:15 a.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 12:50 p.m.


In Executive Session, two interviews were conducted for the position of Executive Secretary. The Executive Director will be instructed on how to proceed.

With no further business, a motion was made by Clay Uzell and seconded Mel Baher to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.



Bob Potts, President



Mel Baher, Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

Requests for Financial Assistance/
Filing claims with the Dept. of

Veterans' Affairs/Memorial Affairs:
Social Work Dept.:

Executive Director:
Commissioners:

Melinda Halliburton, Service Office Mgr. (216-698-2639)
Terry Walker, Social Worker/Case Mgmt.) (216-698-2379)
Jon Reiss (216-698-2611)
Lorri Slivka, Secretary to the Board (216-698-2646)

CUYAHOGA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

APRIL 2018

State of the Commission and Finance Report



Submitted By:
Jon Reiss
Executive Director
May 16, 2018



Frank Pocci
Commissioner
AMVETS



Bob Potts
President
VVA



Clayton E. Uzell
Vice-President
VFW



Christopher Grau
Commissioner
DAV



Mel Baher
Secretary
American Legion

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STATE OF COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT (APRIL)

Executive Report

DIRECTOR'S OUTREACH

- Met with Ian Haynes – City Impact Manager
- Attended a Council meeting at the Garfield Hts. Civic Center
- Attended Breaking Down Barriers Planning Meeting
- Met with Jacob Smith from Marcy Kapturs office
- Met with Ryan Dick from Get Worker Fit
- Attended the Veterans Pass Follow-up with RTA
- Attended the Tri-C Military Advisors Conference
- Met with Ann Maria Hamm
- Met with Farley Helms
- Attended the United Way 211 Data Strategy Workgroup
- CVEB Task Force Follow-up conference call
- Attended the NEOVCTF Advisory Committee meeting

OUTREACH TEAM

- City of Independence Health Fair
- Poker Walk
- Operation Safe Arrival
- Coffee Chat in Berea
- Harvard Square Center Community Resource Fair

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bedford Rotary Rib Fest
- Ohio State Funeral Directors Conference
- Birdtown Community Picnic
- 92.3 The Fan Golf Outing
- Vietnam Wall

NEW CLIENT REPORT

- Total New Clients for April 2018: 287 (YTD: 1,165)
- Financial Assistance New Clients for April 2018: 27 (Down from 36 in 2017)
25 approved, 0 at Level III, 2 partial, 0 denied, 0 incomplete
- Financial Assistance New Clients Year-to-Date: 111 (Down from 146 in 2017)

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS

There were 38 surveys completed; all positive.

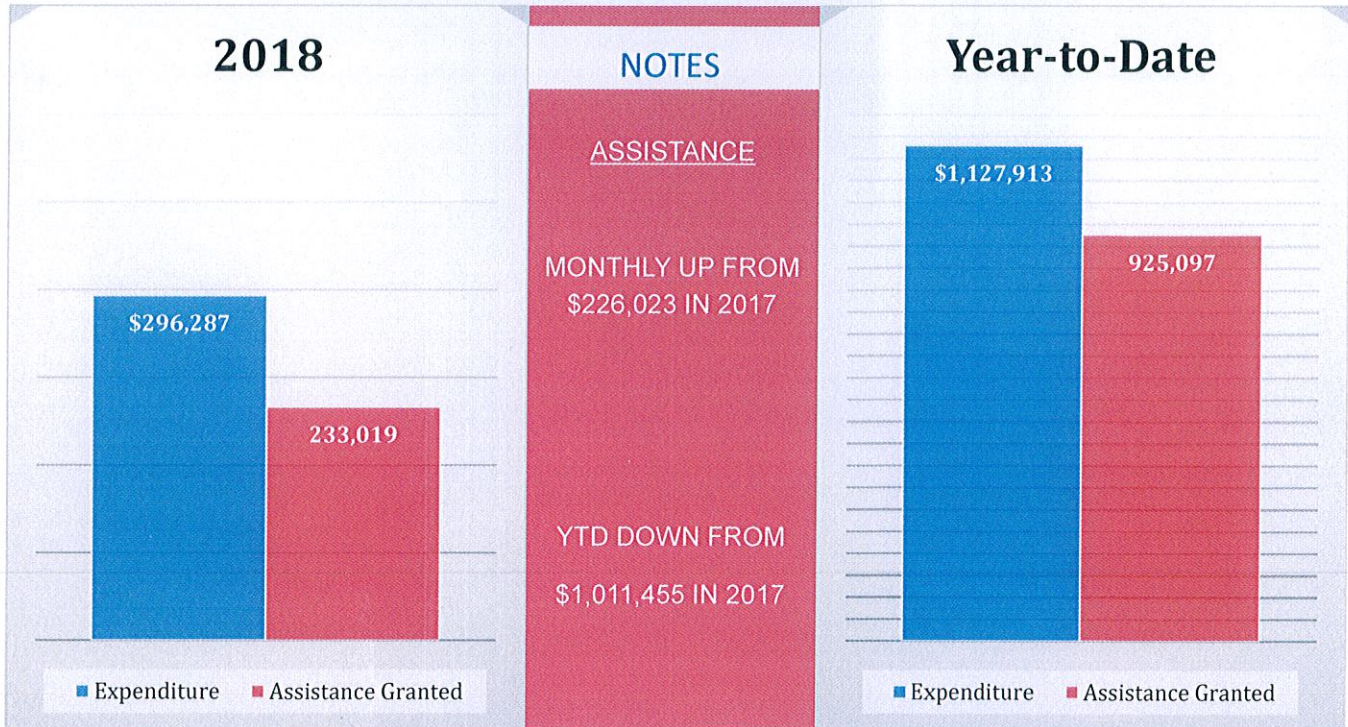
RE-OCCURRING OUTREACH

- LIBRARY OUTREACH
 - South Euclid Library
1st Week of each month
M-W 9am to 3pm
 - North Royalton Library
2nd Week of each month
M-W 9am to 3pm
 - Mayfield Library
3rd Week of each month
M-W 9am to 3pm
 - Fairview Park Library
4th Week of each month
M-W 9am to 3pm
- HOMELESS OUTREACH
 - Stella Maris
 - VOA
 - 2100 Lakeside
- OMJ ORIENTATION
- COUNTY JAIL VETS POD
- NEOCH

STATE OF COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT (APRIL)

Financial Summary

Below are selected reports from the CCVSC Finance Department.



Client Assistance includes: Financial Assistance for Medical, Food, Mortgage, Rent, Utilities, Infant Layette, Personal Hygiene, Shoes, and Clothing

Expense Analysis

	Total Budget	YTD Expenditure	Remaining Expenditures	2018 Projection	Budget Variance
Salaries	1,775,260	536,304	1,213,956	1,750,260	25,000
Fringe Benefits	727,230	243,758	473,849	717,607	9,623
Commodities	29,258	5,784	20,202	25,986	3,272
Contract Svcs	404,123	40,648	217,908	258,556	145,567
Controlled Exp.	149,536	87,016	158,221	245,237	(95,701)
Client Svcs	3,548,680	1,127,913	2,341,376	3,469,289	79,391
Other Exp	395,697	107,490	255,798	363,288	32,409
Capital Outlay	13,414	864	8,990	9,854	3,560
Total	7,043,198	2,149,777	4,690,300	6,840,077	203,121

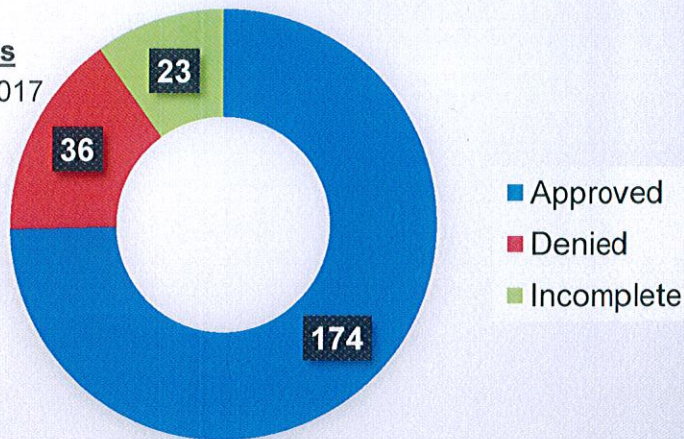
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Financial Assistance Department

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY REPORT

Monthly Application Outcome

233 Applications
Down 5.7% from 2017

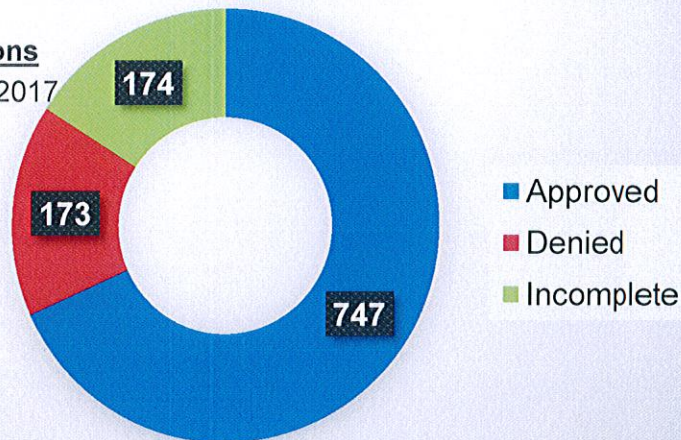


APPEALS

- Appeals Officer
Total: 36 (154)
Approved: 10 (49)
Partial: 1 (7)
Denied: 20 (83)
Incomplete: 5 (15)

YTD Application Outcome

1094 Applications
Down 1.0% from 2017



- Board Appeals
Total: 12 (48)
Approved: 6 (21)
Partial: 0 (0)
Denied: 6 (27)
Incomplete: 0 (0)
Other: 0 (0)

* Current Month (year-to-date)

NOTES

- Application Approval Rate: 82.0% (includes levels I, II, and III)
- Completed Application Approval Rate: 91.0% (includes levels I, II, and III)

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Transportation / Memorial Affairs / Social Work

MEDICAL AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION

DESCRIPTION	MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
Medical Bus Tickets	\$15,412.50	\$63,787.50
Other	\$253.00	\$726.00
Total	\$15,665.00	\$64,513.50
Applicants	632	2,514

MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION	MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
Dental	\$3,781.00	\$8,498.00
Vision	\$964.00	\$3,699.00
Hearing Aids	\$0	\$0
Total	\$4,745.00	\$12,197.00

INDIGENT BURIALS

DESCRIPTION	MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
Total (#)	4	19
Total (\$)	\$3,996.00	\$18,366.53

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SOCIAL WORK ACTIVITY

DESCRIPTION	MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
Seen	159	624
Not Seen	64	229
Offline	10	46
Total	233	875
Consultation	56	181
Follow-ups	103	405
Ohio Veterans Home Tours	3	3

SOCIAL WORK REFERRALS

DESCRIPTION	MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
VA Medical	0	2
Employment	0	2
Debt Counseling	2	2
Other	6	11

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

DATE	SCHEDULED	ATTENDED	RESCHEDULED	NO-SHOW	LEFT
4/5/2018	21	8	2	11	0
4/19/2018	11	9	0	2	0
4/26/2018	14	7	0	7	0
TOTAL	46	24	2	20	0
YTD	191	110	11	70	0

NUTRITION WORKSHOP

DATE	SCHEDULED	ATTENDED	RESCHEDULED	NO-SHOW	LEFT
4/2/2018	45	34	3	8	0
4/9/2018	49	39	4	6	0
4/16/2018	49	30	19	0	0
TOTAL	143	103	26	14	0
YTD	533	401	56	76	0

STATE OF COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT (APRIL)

Service Department

	Compensation	Pension	DIC	Follow-up	Medical	POA	Misc. Coord.	DD214	Headstone (New and Replacement)	PMC	Other
Wade Park	63	11	-	296	8	65	239	22	-	-	137
Parma	40	8	7	212	1	59	182	23	-	-	104
Main Office	19	18	1	126	7	32	196	194	16	28	76
Fed. Bldg.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CRRC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mobile Benefits Team	3	1	-	15	2	9	37	29	-	-	15
Total (Month)	125	38	8	649	18	165	654	268	16	28	332
Total (YTD)	542	149	22	2683	81	699	2643	1142	56	57	1472