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STORY COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: March 10th, 2020 @ 11:30 AM

Location: **Conference room 010A Story County Human Services Center (lower level)**

Roll Call:

Commissioners: Chair Pat Peakin, Nic Briseño, Luke Vance, Monty Woodward (via phone) Secretary: Amy Rosenberg.

Staff: Director Brett McLain, Erin Rewerts CVSO

Guest Jeremy Putzier, Telehealth Clinical Technician.

1. Call to Order at 11:32 AM
2. Pledge to the Flag, moment of silence for POW/MIA
3. Guest Jeremy Putzier came to discuss telehealth's new initiative, the mobile medical unit, and discussed the ipads that are sent to veterans to attend appointments virtually. Would like to set up a location to do appointments virtually. They'd like to park the truck in our parking lot and possibly a room for them to meet with additional patients if there were overflow. Brett is going to ask permission from facilities for them to park in the parking lot.
4. February minutes were approved for posting after change of meeting attendees.
5. Certification and approval of claims.
6. Directors monthly report was approved
7. Ames Women's Club PTSD program, we received a card saying thanks to Brett for coming to speak
8. Hometown outreach programs. Turnout in Roland wasn't good. We may consider having an event into the evening so that people who work during the day.
9. Budget update. Cutting it close but should be fine to get through the year.
10. VA Website Review. We will revisit the mission statement as a commission next month. Brett will e mail it out so that we can review it next month.
11. Enrollment in VA Health Care day, time and place. Enrollment in VA healthcare is extremely low. In the past we've done it at the Legion in Story City, set up an enrollment table where veterans can fill out the application. We will plan on skipping this event this year because of the outreach programs and the veterans appreciation event and supermarket events.
12. County VA rent income threshold study meeting. April 7th at 10:00am Brett and Erin are going to the board of supervisors to show the 10% increase of income guidelines and what it would look like at 100% of poverty threshold. We're asking the 10% at minimum, with the goal of attaining the 100% poverty.
13. 2020 census takers, Story County jobs, FYI
14. Honor Flight 2020 5/9 9/19. Anybody serving between WWII and Vietnam are able to go. The money is available.

15. Honoring Vietnam Veterans day March 21, 9-11, you can only attend if a Vietnam veteran invites you
16. Veterans appreciation date at McFarland Park, June 19th 5:00pm-8:00pm. Need flyer by end of April.
17. Supermarket of Veterans Benefits: November 13th, 2020 at the Plex. Think of something new to incorporate

Commission Remarks

1. Next Commission meeting Monday April 6th at 11:30 in the Ames office
2. No other commission remarks
3. Amy made a motion to adjourn, Nic seconds, meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.