



VETERANS' HOMES BOARD WORKSHOP/TRAINING MINUTES

April 21, 2025

The Veterans' Homes Board was convened in session at 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 21, 2025, at the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE

Board Members Present

Tom McBride, Military Order of the Purple Heart
Gregory Holloway (Chairman) & Dennis Schissel, Vietnam Veterans of America
Danny Reese & Jim Shuey, Disabled American Veterans
John Liebsack, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Bill Crosier & Eric Martin, American Legion
Debra Wehrli & Dana Morris AMVETS
David Ossian & Tom Brown, Marine Corps League
John Hilgert (Secretary), Director, Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Excused

Mike Sheets, Military Order of the Purple Heart
Dave Nelson & Will Leavitt, Paralyzed Veterans of America
Dan Kramer, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Alternates

Charles Gill, Military Order of Purple Heart
Joey Ossian, & Randy Meyers, Marine Corps League

Staff Present

Matt Bauman, Administrator, Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home
Levi Bennett, NDVA Deputy Director; Charlene Sheltraw, NDVA Administrative Programs Officer; Nicki Guretzky, NDVA HR Director; Jenifer Acierno, NDVA Agency Legal Counsel; Nancy Holmgren, NDVA Systems Clinician; Nicole Zimmermann, NDVA Finance Director

Staff by Zoom

Norfolk Veterans' Home, Josh Stafursky, Administrator and Angela Janssen, Business Office Manager
Central Nebraska Veterans' Home, Dorin Vaipan, Administrator and Lance McKenney, Business Office Manager
Western Nebraska Veterans' Home, RJ Stavely, Administrator and Elizabeth Stricker, Business Office Manager
Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home, Amanda Van Hill, Business Office Manager

Entering Public Notice into Record

Notice of the meeting was on the Nebraska.gov Public Meeting Calendar, NDVA calendar, news & events. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the published notice. As a courtesy, emails are sent to the Veterans' Homes Board, Veterans' Advisory Commission, Veterans' Council, and the County Veterans Service Officers. The Open Meetings Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-1407 through 84-1415) was posted at the entrance of the room.

Public Comments

None

Briefing for the Board Members:

Director Hilgert & NDVA State Veterans' Home Administrators provided briefing on the following: State Veterans' Homes levels of care, services available to the veterans, licensing of the State Veterans' Homes, State Veterans' Home census and capacity, State Veterans' Homes pharmacy matters and quarterly reports.

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Resumed: 10:20 a.m.

Nicki Guretzky, NDVA HR Director, provided a briefing on staffing, benefits, tuition reimbursement program, outreach with the community colleges and other colleges throughout the State.

Nancy Holmgren, NDVA Systems Clinician, provided a briefing on survey & inspection process for the facilities.

Director Hilgert & Charlene Sheltraw, NDVA Administrative Programs Officer, provided a briefing on: the application process, waiting list and admission process and determination of Member Contributions.

Next meeting May 2, 2025, at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home in Kearney.

Adjourned: 12:10 p.m.