

**Veterans Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**July 17, 2023**

**Present:** Alfred Banfield, Hank Scherf, Donna Vaillancourt, Fred Baer, Kyle Corcoran, Brandon Jones, Stan Maupin, Aditi Patel, Mary Cravalho,

**Staff:** Ed Kirychn, Alex Ayag, Samay Chhun, Marci Dragun, John Nibbelin

**Public Comments By:** None

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Next Steps
<b>Meeting called to order &amp; Pledge of Allegiance Recited</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm</li><li>- Pledge of allegiance and roll call taken – 9 present.</li></ul>	No Additional actions or steps
<b>Approval of minutes &amp; adoption of agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Minutes from May 8, 2023, commission meeting was adopted.</li><li>- Minutes approved 9 Y/ 0 N</li><li>- Agenda approved 9 Y/ 0 N</li><li>- Swearing in of New Commission Members: Stan Maupin and Aditi Patel</li><li>- Re-appointment of Commission Members</li></ul>	No Additional actions or steps
<b>Public Comments</b>	None	No Additional actions or steps

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**Ed Kiryczun, VSO Operation Update**

No Additional actions or steps

## 2022 TO 2023 COMPARISON

Measure	2022 Jan to July	2023 Jan to July	Difference	2019* Pre-Pandemic
Veteran Interactions *	1285	1441	156	<i>NA (different methodology)</i>
Total Retroactive received	\$1,203,417.39	\$2,226,311.05	\$977,106.34	<i>\$1,239,859.83</i>
Total Monthly Assistance	\$149,921.73	\$259,876.97	\$109,955.34	<i>\$168,797.59</i>
Claims Submitted	407	615	208	<i>396</i>
College Fee Waivers Granted	59	60	1	<i>75</i>
College Fee's Waived	\$461,085.00	\$498,900.00	\$7,815.00	<i>\$586,125.00</i>

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<b>Veterans Commission Business (Continued)</b>	<p><b>Ed Kiryczun, VSO Operation Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CVSO now working with County Courts—Access to Odyssey system. Once criminal court identifies a Veteran, we are notified.</li> <li>- CVSO Attending Military Diversion Court and Treatment Court</li> <li>- Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is a specialized court available to current or former members of the United States Military involved in the criminal justice system.</li> <li>- Helps connects veterans to services they may need including mental health treatment and therapy, substance abuse counseling, healthcare, help with housing, job training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Veteran of the Year Nominations are now open.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nominations can be made electronically or by paper.</li> <li>- Nominations due by Aug 20th</li> </ul>	No Additional actions or steps
<b>Veterans Commission Business (Continued)</b>	<p><b>Ed Kiryczun, VSO Operation Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Care: Helping Veterans Navigate the Healthcare System</li> <li>- For VA reimbursement the following is required- Veteran is enrolled in VA health system.</li> <li>- The medical situation is of such a nature that a prudent layperson would reasonably expect that a delay in seeking immediate medical attention would be hazardous to life or health.</li> <li>- VA must be notified within 72 hours of treatment.</li> <li>- Generally, emergency treatment is only covered until such time as the Veteran can be safely transferred to a VA or other federal facility.</li> <li>- There are limitations to the VA ability to provide coverage when you have other health insurance.</li> <li>- Notifying VA in a timely fashion is important because this:</li> <li>- Allows VA to assist the Veteran in coordinating necessary care or transfer, helps ensure that the administrative and clinical requirements for VA to pay for the care are met and may impact a Veteran’s eligibility for VA to cover the cost of emergency treatment.</li> </ul>	No Additional actions or steps

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<p><b>Veterans Commission Business (Continued)</b></p>	<p><b>Ed Kiryczun, VSO Operation Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COMPACT ACT-January 17, 2023, VA will pay for, provide, or reimburse emergency care for certain Veterans and individuals—including ambulance transportation cost.</li> <li>- Eligibility for COMPACT ACT: Former member of armed forces who were discharged or release under conditions other than dishonorable after more than 24 months of active service, who served more than 100 days under a combat exclusion or support of a contingency operation either directly or by operating unmanned aerial vehicle, members of armed forces who were victims or physical assault of a sexual nature or harassment while serving.</li> <li>- Emergency Care should always be the first consideration.</li> <li>- Veterans not enrolled in VA healthcare may not be able to see reimbursement through VA unless; covered under COMPACT ACT, subsequent service connection and issue related to SC claim.</li> <li>- Veteran covered under the PACT ACT who are not otherwise eligible have until Aug 10, 2023, to apply for VHA</li> </ul>	<p>No Additional actions or steps</p>
<p><b>Veterans Commission Business (Continued)</b></p>	<p><b>Donna Vaillancourt Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting on September 11, set aside time to talk about Sub-committee updates and plans for November 13 Meeting</li> <li>- Legislative update: Board approved supporting legislative adopted resolution underway (Draft Only)</li> </ul> <p><b>Brandon Jones Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Petition for SamTrans Bus Service along Mission Road near Colma Village</li> <li>- Vets must walk a mile to get to nearest bus stops.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hank Scherf Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Veteran of the Year Event on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Westin near SF Airport</li> <li>- Speaker: Coast Guard Admiral Tianguan</li> </ul>	<p>-Marci suggestion: Get in touch with Canapa and Slocum to draft correspondence -Hank to meet or make meeting to talk about SamsTrans. Designate Ron Mussman to address concerns for Colma SamTrans</p>

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<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm</li><li>- Adjourn approved 9 Y/ 0 N</li></ul>	No Additional actions or steps