



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

December 11, 2015

Chairperson Heather French Henry called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Roll Call

- Melissa DeAnne Hall (KDVA Executive Secretary) called roll.
- **Members Present:** Chairperson Heather French Henry (KDVA), Vice-Chairperson Margaret Plattner (KDVA), Ben Adams (Kentucky National Guard), Ted Austin (Am Legion), Joe Doebler (AMVETS), Richard Eisert (JECVO), Dave Jarrett (DAV), Carl Kaelin (VFW), and Carlos Pugh (At-Large), Larry Roberts (Governor's Advisory Board)
- **Members Absent:** Dave Thompson (At-Large).
- **Guest in Attendance:** Phyllis Abbott
- The majority of voting members were able to participate to satisfy a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting(s)
 - ❖ Board approved minutes from September 18, 2015 meeting as presented.

Approval of Finance Report

- Activity Report – FY 15 (July 2014 – June 2015) Period Ending April 2015 - **Approved**
- Requested funding for the following project:
 - ❖ Requested approval for item not on Agenda. Requested approval for additional funding for the Vietnam Traveling Wall that was short \$135.22. Board approved the request for **\$135.22 to cover the shortfall.**

Old Business

- ❖ None

New Business

1. KY Foothills Therapeutic Horsemanship Center

- ❖ Funding to expand its veteran's activities in order to provide a unique opportunity to develop horsemanship skills and also the possibility of equine ownership - **\$48,090**
- ✓ The Board voted to obligate **\$12,090** for the purchase of a carriage and harness. One member voted to abstain from voting.

2. DAV Chapter 128, Floyd County

- ❖ Funding to assist in the purchase of a van to transport veterans to medical appointments and members of the Honor Guard program to and from funerals - **\$15,000**
- ✓ Board voted to approve the full request.

3. Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame

- ❖ Funding to help offset the cost of operations of the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame organization to honor distinguished veterans in the Commonwealth of Kentucky - **\$30,000**
- ✓ Board voted to approve **\$10,000** of the request.

4. Save-A-Warrior

- ❖ Funding for up to five groups or "cohorts" at \$25,000 per individual in the state during the following twelve (12 months). This will allow approximately 40 to 60 Warriors and provide them with the tools they need to prevent PTS - **\$100,000**
- ✓ The Board voted to deny this request.

5. Active Heroes

- ❖ Funding to expand the Active Heroes Acupuncture treatments for veterans - **\$15,500**
- ✓ The Board voted to deny this request.

6. Life Adventure Center

- ❖ Funding to launch Veterans Youth Resiliency Camps and increase their impact on veterans in Kentucky - **\$55,960**
- ✓ The Board took no action, as this request does not meet the Trust Fund's regulations..

7. Veterans Outreach

- ❖ Funding to for the new Food Pantry. The Food Pantry will be used to feed the veterans once a month. This will sustain the program for one (1) year- **\$2,400**
- ✓ Board voted to approve **\$3,500** for this request.

9. Women Veterans Program

- ❖ Funding to assist with outreach to Kentucky's Women Veterans by hosting two (2) state regional summits in Eastern and Western Kentucky - **\$14,000**
- ✓ The Board voted to approve this request.

10. VisionWorks

- ❖ Funding to assist homeless veterans in obtaining permanent housing. This program also works to ensure that veterans and their families are living in habitable conditions with electricity, heat, and running water - **\$50,000**
- ✓ The Board voted to approve this request.

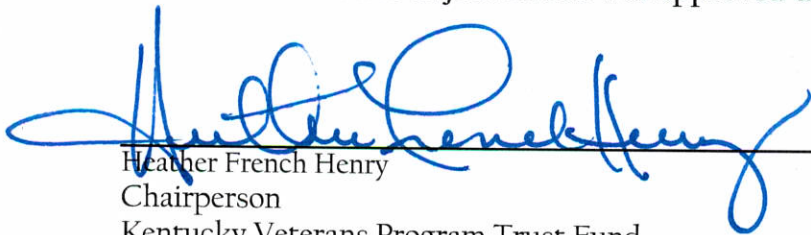
Discussion

Next Meeting

- Date: March 11, 2016
- Time: 1:00 P.M.
- Place: KY Department of Veterans Affairs
Conference Room

Adjournment

- There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn.
 - ❖ Motion to adjournment was approved unanimously.



Heather French Henry
Chairperson
Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund