NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING:
The Oklahoma Veterans Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, February 26th, 2021, at 10:00 AM. This meeting was held at the Vezey Veterans Complex, 2132 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City. A Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State’s Office on January 29th, 2021.

AGENDA:
Friday, February 26th, 2021 10:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER
   The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00am

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
   a. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS
      Commissioner Ball:  Present
      Commissioner Costilow:  Absent
      Commissioner Jackson:  Present
      Commissioner Kokendoffer:  Present
      Commissioner Lasser:  Present
      Commissioner LeDay:  Present
      Commissioner Secor:  Present
      Commissioner Smithson:  Present
      Mr. Chairman:  Present
      The Clerk notified the Chairman that 8 Commissioners were present, with 1 absent.
   b. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
      The Chairman declared a quorum.

III. INVOCATION
    Commissioner Ball led the Invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
    Commissioner Smithson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO VISITORS AND GUESTS
   The Chairman acknowledged that there were no visitors or guests present outside of the agenda.

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VI. ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SIGN-IN FOR OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
Individuals requesting to speak are required to sign-in onsite at the meeting prior to the commencement of the meeting.
The Chairman confirmed that there were no sign-ins for public comments.

The Chairman asked that item IXa be discussed out of order. There were no objections.

The Chairman called for a five minute break at 10:30am
The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 10:35am

VII. OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION
a. DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22ND, 2021 OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING
i. Action
Commissioner Ball made the motion to approve the January 22nd, 2021 minutes.
Commissioner Smithson provided the second.

The Clerk called the vote, and the vote is as follows:
Commissioner Ball: Aye
Commissioner Costilow: Absent
Commissioner Jackson: Aye
Commissioner Kokendoffer: Aye
Commissioner Lasser: Aye
Commissioner LeDay: Aye
Commissioner Secor: Was not in the room
Commissioner Smithson: Aye
Mr. Chairman: Aye

The vote is 7 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent 1 Not In the Room
Motion Passes

b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TRAVEL OF COMMISSIONERS SINCE PRIOR REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 22ND 2021
i. Written Travel Reports Filed by Commissioners

ii. Presentation of Summary Travel Reports by Commissioners in Lieu of Written Reports
Commissioner Ball: Had nothing to report.
Commissioner Costilow: Was absent.
Commissioner Jackson: Had nothing to report.
Commissioner Kokendoffer: Had nothing to report.
Commissioner Lasser: Had nothing to report.  
Commissioner LeDay: Had nothing to report.  
Commissioner Secor: Had nothing to report.  
Commissioner Smithson: Had nothing to report.  
Mr. Chairman: Visited all seven facilities to check on the status of the pipes during the storm. He commented on the extraordinary dedication of the staff during this time.

VIII. OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND MILITARY

a. BEN ROBINSON, CABINET SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR STITT, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING:
   i. Report from Monthly Cabinet Meeting
      The Cabinet Secretary was not present for the meeting.

IX. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

a. WADE VLOSICH, DIRECTOR, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, OKLAHOMA CITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS DIRECTOR
   i. Mission Act Metrics and Information Update
      Mr. Vlosich gave a brief update as to the progress of the Mission Act. This was presented to the Commission out of order and began at 10:05am.

      He stated that many providers have been added to the network. He stated that scheduling has been impacted due to COVID as well as the storm, but prior to that, 60% of individuals were able to schedule within 90 days. Mr. Vlosich stated that they are working to reschedule appointments now that were disrupted due to the recent storm. He stated that beginning in April 2021, approximately 1,500 consultations a month would be scheduled.

      He stated that they currently rely heavily on OU for their Residency program, but was in the process of working with OKC/OSU to expand that Residency program. He stated that there were also conversations taking place that would potentially produce a new bed tower for the Oklahoma City facility.

      He stated that the current budget for Community Care was $134,000,000 (One hundred thirty-four million dollars).

      Commissioner Lasser requested that the Commission receive regular updates related to the Community Care program. There were no objections.

   ii. Recognition for Service to Oklahoma Veterans by Military Order of the Purple Heart
Mr. Vlosich was presented with an award for Distinguished Service from the Chairman on behalf of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was presented with the Spirit of Oklahoma Award by the Chairman.

X. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

a. JOEL KINTSEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SARAH LANE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL, AGENCY REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING:
   i. Legislative Updates
      The Director stated with the exception of three Bills, everything has made it out of Committee. He stated that the three remaining Bills are SB278 related to the State Use list, SB401 related to State Income Tax on Military Retirement, and SB465 also related to Military Retirement.

   ii. Veterans Cemetery Eligibility
      The Director stated he did not have an update today, but did reach out for clarification on the matter. He stated that he should have an update for the Commission by the next Commission meeting.

   iii. New Team Members
      i. Krista Townsend – Public Affairs & Marketing Programs Administrator
         The Director introduced Ms. Townsend to the Commission. She provided a brief background and introduction.
      ii. Denise Figueroa, OMES/ODVA, Chief Technology Officer
         The Director introduced Ms. Figueroa to the Commission. She provided a brief background and introduction.

b. SARAH LANE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING:
   i. Sulphur Veterans Center Remodel
      The Deputy Director stated that the first steps have been taken in the planning process for studying the feasibility and cost of a potential remodel of the Sulphur Veterans Center to repurpose into a Long-Term Care Geriatric Psych facility. She stated that a proposal is currently in the works related to a possible design.

c. NANNEEUSHA YOUNG, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATOR, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:
   i. Veterans Center Winter Weather Update

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Ms. Young stated that all of the facilities experienced storm related issues. She stated that sprinkler lines were the common complaint. She stated that there were a few broiler issues agency wide, and the Norman facility experienced a gas leak. She stated that all issues were taken care of swiftly. She stated that the Maintenance staff agency wide were incredibly diligent.

d. CAMI McKINNEY, ODVA DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL COMPLIANCE, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING:
   i. COVID-19 & Vaccine Update
   ii. Clinical Update
   A digital version of this presentation is attached to these recorded minutes.

e. STEPHANIE TAYLOR, ADMINISTRATOR, CLINTON VETERANS CENTER, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:
   i. Administrator Acknowledgements
   ii. Overtime
   iii. Vacancies
   iv. GALT
   v. Workers Compensation Update
   vi. Census
   vii. Average Occupancy
   viii. Total Days of Care
   A digital version of this presentation is attached to these recorded minutes.

The Chairman requested that a line item be added moving forward to include the number of Purple Heart Residents in each facility. There were no objections.

XI. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
The Oklahoma Veterans Commission shall hear public comments limited to only matters that are listed on the current meeting Agenda. Topics that are outside the scope of the present agenda will not be recognized. Individuals requesting to speak are required to sign-in onsite at the meeting prior to the commencement of the meeting. Speakers must provide the speaker’s name, address, email or phone number, and the subject on which they wish to speak. Open public comments are limited to not more than five (5) minutes per person. The Board Chairman may limit, interrupt, and/or terminate any presentation during public comment which is disruptive to the meeting or does not conform to the procedures outlined under this section. The Board Chairman reserves and retains the right to limit, interrupt, terminate, or postpone public comments as necessary to effectuate the management of the public meeting.
There were no public comments.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

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Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311, “New Business” shall mean any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting (24 hours prior to the meeting).
There was no new business.

XIII. CARRYOVER TOPICS DEFERRED TO A FUTURE AGENDA
There were no carryover topics.

XIV. SUBMISSION AND DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS BY THE OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
Commissioner Ball requested that the target goal for reopening be discussed in the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

XV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATE TO INCLUDE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
Friday, March 26th, 2021
Central Office for the Ardmore Veterans Center

XVI. ADJOURNMENT
a. CHAIRMAN
   i. Motion
      Commissioner Smithson made a motion to adjourn.
      Commissioner Lasser provided the second.
      There were no objections.

      Meeting adjourned at 11:38am

      JGB