



**County of El Dorado**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Veteran Affairs Commission**

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 Robert “Bob” Sweatt, District V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth  
 Lance Poinsett, Secretary Ex-Officio

**Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 1200 hours**

Veteran Memorial Building  
 130 Placerville Drive  
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**CALL TO ORDER @ 12:01 - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

District	Present	Absent
I	Poimiroo	Smith
II	Reynolds	Thompson
III	Raffetto	Parsons
IV	Scrivani, Page	
V	Sweatt, Houseworth	

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS:**

Jason Shelley, Intern EDC Veteran Services; David Zelinsky, American Legion Post 119; Tim Whalen, VA Citrus Heights Vet Center; Austin Wiswell; Pierre Walker; Ashley Smith, HHSA; Daniel Del Monte, Deputy Director HHSA, Community Services Division; Patty Moley Asst. Director, HHSA, Assistant Director of Self-Sufficiency and Community Resources; Don Semon, HHSA Director.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR** (All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests separate action on a specific item including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the Agenda and the Consent Calendar for discussion. At the appropriate time as called by the Chair, members of the public may make a comment on matters on the Consent Calendar prior to action.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Chair recommending the Commission approve the MINUTES of the regular meeting of November 12, 2019. Bob Sweatt made motion to approve, John Poiriroo seconded the motion, approved.

## END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

## ACTION ITEMS

- o Discussion on property tax for veteran issues, continued. (Raffetto).

## NEW BUSINESS

## VSO/EX-OFFICIO REPORT – *Absent no report.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS – *RECEIVE AND FILE*

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani)
  - o Award Mini-grant applications received. TOT committee recommendation that Commissioners approve Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Mini-Grant applications received for Cycle #2 FY19/20 in the amount of \$21,410. Roger Reynolds motion to approve recommendation; Bob Sweatt second motion, approved.

App ID	Organization	First Name	Last Name	E-Mail	Grant Title	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Award
2382777	Windows To My Soul	Chris	Catemis	ccatemis@gmail.com	Heroes and Horses Working Together	\$3,500	\$3,500
2382843	Sierra Community Access Television	George	Sabato	scatv2@gmail.com	Promoting Veterans Services and Ceremonies	\$3,000	\$3,000
2393580	Elder Community Fund	Elizabeth	Heape Caldwell	liz@elderoptionsca.com	Veteran transportation to health facilities out of county	\$2,500	\$1,000
2395984	Detachment 697, Marine Corps League	David	Zelinsky	zelinsky.david@gmail.com	Parking lot improvements	\$3,500	\$3,500
2396989	Arts and Culture El Dorado	Marya	Osucha	marya@artsandcultureel dorado.org	Veteran's Voices Writing Workshop	\$3,500	\$3,500
2403720	El Dorado County Fire Safe Council	Ernie	Lory	ernielory@aol.com	Develop and/or maintain fire safe defensible space around veterans' homes	\$3,410	\$3,410
2409215	Lake Tahoe Community Foundation	Aaron	Barnett	barnett@ltcc.edu	Veterans Resource Center Instructional and Personal Supplies Fund	\$3,500	\$3,500
						\$22,910	\$21,410

12/12/2019 TOT Committee presented award recommendation; Commissioners approved recommendation.

- o Public comment from Austin Wiswell, asking for more detailed and transparent information about the TOT programs applicants who were awarded mini-grants; basically how veterans benefit and what services are provided by these mini-grants.

Kurt Raffetto reports the FY19/20 for Veteran Affairs Transient Occupancy Tax TOT allocation (collected in 2018) is \$265,739; Veteran Affairs Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors award FY19/20 allocation as follows:

Only Kindness, Inc.	12,000
Friends of the Veteran Memorial Monument	10,000
Snowline Hospice	25,000
Lake Tahoe Community College	18,000
Folsom Lake College (Los Rios Community College District)	5,000
Folsom Lake College (Los Rios Community College District) Veterans Success Center	35,000
Military Family Support Group	8,000
Sierra Chaplaincy	3,000
EDC Veteran Services Office – Career Path to Work (Intern)	19,000
Program Allocation	135,000
Mini-Grant Allocation FY19/20 Cycle #1-FY20/21 Cycle #2	130,739
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>265,739</b>

- Allocation (completed this meeting) and proposed recommendation for future fiscal process to be addressed and continued at a later date.
- Board of Supervisor Agenda 12/10/19 Item #44 Transient Occupancy Tax-Amend General Economic Development Elements and Item #45 Transient Occupancy Tax Revenue Distribution (Poimiroo) Brief discussion of the purpose of TOT is to support funding impacts, new concepts as well as economic development. Recommended guidelines to remove a fixed percentage policy amount, however there is still the commitment to continue the funding
- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani)
  - By-Laws status report. Todd Smith (by email) reports removal of the paragraph from the by-laws with regard to a supervisor being a voting member of the commission; this edit must go through process and will continue 01/07/20 at Board of Supervisor meeting.
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith) Recommendation to continue CACVSO 2019 End of Year Legislative Report when VSO, Lance Poinsett returns.
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Page) Tim Page announcement program still seeking additional volunteer drivers.
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) No report
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) No report
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo) Bill Scrivani reports on future coordination meetings to post events.

### COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council)
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** David Zelinsky shared stories about veterans and veteran programs.
- **EL DORADO COUNTY VETERANS ALLIANCE** John Poimiroo reports on Salute to Valor fundraising efforts was a huge success.
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN** No report

## **ADDITIONAL REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) – (Moley) Daniel Del Monte reports that the VASH 2019 program successfully applied for and received (5) vouchers due to data improvement in local Continuum of Care, El Dorado Opportunity Knocks. This data is supported and validated by the local VA Medical Clinic. Good news is that these improved numbers and further applications, we were awarded an additional (25) VASH Vouchers. Currently, vouchers are mostly used as Housing Choice Vouchers, the individual can take the voucher wherever they'd like. Without adequate affordable housing stock, that can be a challenge to locate housing. Instead of relying on this, Housing Authorities can utilize these resources as "Project Based" which means that VASH vouchers are tied to a specific permanent unit (instead of following the individual).

In 2020, the Housing Authority will be putting out these vouchers for procurement, seeking housing developers that can utilize these vouchers to make any housing construction or rehab financially feasible, while also creating an indefinite permanent housing unit that can be dedicated to local homeless veterans. As there are currently 33 homeless veterans identified by the Continuum of Care's Intake Process, these 30 VASH vouchers can be used as a mechanism to, over the span of 5 years, significantly veteran homelessness at a minimum if not end it with the support of other Continuum of Care grant funding and services to prevent veteran homelessness before it occurs. If anyone wants further information on VASH vouchers, please feel free to contact me.

- New Officers for 2020 will be the order of business at the next meeting
- 2020 Roundtable of all Veteran groups in process, continue next meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

12 Noon on January 9, 2020, Veteran Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667.

**ADJOURNMENT @ 1246 hours.**