

Soldiers' Home in Holyoke Board of Trustees Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke (HLY) on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in Conference Room A. The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

- **Members Present:**

Brian Corridan; Christopher Dupont; Carmen Ostrander; Kevin Jourdain; and Cindy Lacoste;

- **Also Present:**

Bennett W. Walsh, Superintendent; Dr. David Clinton, Medical Director; Deb Foley, Director of Communications & Volunteer Programs; Jessica Powers, HR Liaison; Randy Stone, Director of Nursing; Jeremiah Laplante, Director of Operations; Mark Yankopoulos, Legal Counsel; and Carolyn Rogers, Recording Secretary.

- **Pledge of Allegiance** - All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Public Comment**

Brian Corridan asked if any member of the public wished to address the Trustees. No one did.

- **Regular Minutes**

Upon motion by Cindy Lacoste and seconded by Brian Corridan, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

- **Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meetings**

Dr. Clinton presented the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meeting held on August 8, 2019. Upon motion by Cindy Lacoste and seconded by Brian Corridan, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meetings.

- **Superintendent's Report**

Bennett W. Walsh presented the Superintendent's Report via a PowerPoint Presentation and copies were distributed to each Trustee.

Chris Dupont asked how the floors went from different levels of care to 'integrated'. Secretary Bonner's involvement was discussed, along with reasons why it was suggested.

Carmen Ostrander asked how many women veterans reside at the Home. About 12.

We have a special new chair for CC#1 that plays music and helps to relax the veterans.

Kevin Jourdain asked about orientation for new families. There is an orientation provided by the social services department, as well as a monthly Family Council meeting.

Kevin Jourdain asked about access to the Suffolk Staffing Study. It is forthcoming.

Kevin Jourdain inquired on the status of our new CFO. Marilyn Scott from DVS is working with Bennett in the interim. Brian Corridan asked how long the process is. The process is moving along.

Rounding is going well.

Upon motion by Kevin Jourdain and seconded by Cindy Lacoste, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented.

- **New Business**

Bennett indicated we received a large donation that's been in the works for a few years.

- **Old Business**
Debra Foley inquired about the status of the letter Cesar was discussing putting in the employee newsletter; she will draw up a draft letter.
- **Adjournment**
Kevin Jourdain made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carmen Ostrander, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennett W. Walsh
Secretary for the Board of Trustees