

Soldiers' Home in Holyoke Board of Trustees Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in Conference Room A. The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

- **Members Present**
Daniel J. Smith, Acting Chairman; Benjamin H. Cluff; Brian Q. Corridan; Cindy T. Lacoste; and Cesar A. Lopez
- **Also Present**
Bennett W. Walsh, Superintendent; John K. Crotty, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. David Clinton, Medical Director; Alice Pizzi, Counsel II; Erin Spaulding, Chief Financial Officer; Randy G. Stone, Director of Nursing; Joseph Truschelli, Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations (Department of Veterans Services); and Lori Beswick, Recording Secretary
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Public Comment**
Daniel J. Smith asked if any member of the public wished to address the Trustees. No public comment was offered.
- **Minutes**
Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Brian Q. Corridan, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.
- **Presentation by Randy G. Stone, Director of Nursing**
Randy G. Stone discussed his background, education and experience. Randy conducted a detailed PowerPoint Presentation titled, "Soldiers' Home in Holyoke Dashboard-House". The Trustees posed many questions. Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Benjamin H. Cluff, it was unanimously VOTED to accept Randy G. Stone's Presentation.
- **Superintendent's Report**
Dr. Clinton presented the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meeting held on April 13, 2017, and sought approval to appoint Elizabeth Vizentin, DMD, to a two (2) year appointment to the Medical Staff. Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Benjamin H. Cluff, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meeting. Upon motion by Benjamin H. Cluff and seconded by Cindy T. Lacoste, it was unanimously VOTED to appoint Elizabeth Vizentin, DMD, to a two (2) year appointment to the Medical Staff. A Roll Call Vote was conducted. Prior to speaking, each Trustee identified themselves by name. The Roll Call Vote is as follows: Benjamin H. Cluff (Yes); Cesar A. Lopez

(Yes); Brian Q. Corridan (Yes); Cindy T. Lacoste (Yes); and Daniel J. Smith (Yes). The vote was unanimous.

Bennett W. Walsh presented the Superintendent's Report. Upon motion by Cindy T. Lacoste and seconded by Brian Q. Corridan, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented. Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Benjamin H. Cluff, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the expenditure of up to \$7,000.00, from the Trustees' Fund, to reupholster the existing furniture in the Main Lobby.

- **Old Business**

- Electric beds are being installed in the final room on VCC #1. This project has improved employee morale; and
- Saturday, May 20, 2017 – Victory4Veterans 6th Annual Soldiers' Home in Holyoke Motorcycle Run.

- **New Business**

- Benjamin H. Cluff received positive comments from a family member whose father resided at the Home. Comments will be shared with staff during tomorrow's Morning Huddle;
- Board of Trustees' Scholarships;
- Brian Q. Corridan suggested that the Trustees be informed of events, i.e. MassMAP Drill, etc., and be familiarized with policies and procedures. John K. Crotty will make a presentation regarding the drill during the next meeting;
- Alice Pizzi gave a brief overview of union structure, as requested by Cindy T. Lacoste; and
- Joseph Truschelli thanked everyone for their presentations and for the job they do at the Home.

- **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennett W. Walsh
Secretary for the Board of Trustees