

Soldiers' Home in Holyoke Board of Trustees Meeting

An annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, in Conference Room A. The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

- **Members Present**
Brian Q. Corridan, Acting Chairman; Christopher R. Dupont; Kevin Jourdain; Cindy T. Lacoste; and Cesar A. Lopez
- **Also Present**
Bennett W. Walsh, Superintendent; John K. Crotty, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. David Clinton, Medical Director; Deb Foley, Director of Communications & Volunteer Programs; Alice Pizzi, Counsel II; Jessica W. Powers, HR Liaison; Erin Spaulding, Chief Financial Officer; Paul Moran, Chief of Staff (Department of Veterans Services) via Remote Participation; and Lori Beswick, Recording Secretary
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Public Comment**
Christopher R. Dupont offered a comment, as a member of the public, thanking staff for the honor, respect and dignity shown to his father prior to his passing at the Home. Brian Q. Corridan extended condolences from the Trustees and staff.
- **Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meeting**
Dr. Clinton sought approval for temporary privileges for Dr. Carlos Bolano, Dr. Andrew Boraski and Dr. Barry L. Smith, as well as a two (2) year appointment for Dr. Melissa Colbert. Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Christopher R. Dupont, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the above mentioned temporary privileges and appointment. Dr. Clinton presented the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meeting held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, and answered questions posed by the Trustees regarding the flu vaccine. Brian Q. Corridan mentioned that he has been lobbying for some time to have individual departments make a presentation to the Trustees, each month, in order to keep them informed, to get to know the employees and their jobs. Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Kevin Jourdain, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meeting.
- **Regular Minutes**
Upon motion by Cindy T. Lacoste and seconded by Cesar A. Lopez, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.
- **Security Assessment – Northampton State Police**
A representative, from the Northampton State Police, was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, the Security Assessment Presentation will be rescheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

- **Annual Meeting Presentation**

Bennett W. Walsh discussed the Home's overall accomplishments, as well as 2018 and 2019 goals/objectives via a PowerPoint Presentation. Copies were distributed to each Trustee. Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Kevin Jourdain, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Annual Meeting Presentation by Bennett W. Walsh.

- **Financial Update**

Erin Spaulding discussed the "FY2019 Expenditures through October 9, 2018" and copies were distributed to each Trustee.

- **Superintendent's Report**

Bennett W. Walsh presented the Superintendent's Report via a PowerPoint Presentation and copies were distributed to each Trustee. The following were discussed at the conclusion of the report:

- 1) Christopher R Dupont appreciated the Admission's statistics, which will be updated and provided to the Trustees at each meeting for informational purposes;
- 2) Brian Q. Corridan mentioned that a Benefit Gala will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2018, at the Knights of Columbus in Chicopee, MA. All excess proceeds will benefit the Home;
- 3) Bennett W. Walsh said that the DAV donated an additional ten (10) wheelchairs to the Home;
- 4) Jessica Powers will provide Cesar A. Lopez a copy of the Hiring Fair flier for distribution. The fair will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at the Home; and
- 5) Brian Q. Corridan informed the Trustees that the Home is the 10th largest in the country and #1 in Massachusetts. Brian feels that this information should be included in every press release.

Upon motion by Cindy T. Lacoste and seconded by Cesar A. Lopez, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented.

- **Old Business**

There is no old business to report.

- **New Business**

There is no new business to report.

- **Adjournment**

Prior to the adjournment, Trustees welcomed new Board Member Kevin Jourdain. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennett W. Walsh
Secretary for the Board of Trustees