

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, February 19, 2019 in Conference Room A. The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

- **Members Present**
Benjamin H. Cluff, Acting Chairman; Brian Q. Corridan; Christopher R. Dupont; Kevin A. Jourdain; and Cindy T. Lacoste;
- **Also Present**
Bennett W. Walsh, Superintendent; John K. Crotty, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. David Clinton, Medical Director; Deb Foley, Director of Communications & Volunteer Programs; Jeremiah Laplante, Director of Operations; Jessica W. Powers, HR Liaison; Erin Spaulding, Chief Financial Officer; and Carolyn A. Rogers, Interim Recording Secretary.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Public Comment**
Benjamin H. Cluff asked if any member of the public wished to address the Trustees. No public comment was offered.
- **Regular Minutes**
Upon motion by Cindy T. Lacoste and seconded by Christopher Dupont, it was unanimously VOTED to delay the vote on the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.
- **Presentation by Jeremiah Laplante, Director of Operations**
Jeremiah Laplante spoke of his current projects, including seeking ways to make the Dietary Department more efficient. He also stated he chairs the Safety Committee, and is a leader with the Enhancing Mobility Team.

Current projects include the 5th floor egress project; the team will begin holding regular meetings in March.

There are two part time job openings in facilities.

Trustees thanked Jeremiah for his presentation.

- **Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meetings**
Dr. Clinton presented the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meetings held in January and February, 2019. Dr. Clinton stated Lewis & Clark's diabetic shoe program is expanding to include outpatients. They have other products that can help as well. The Big Y vaccination program is off to a great start. The Prevnar vaccine is expensive, though covered by most insurance. The shingles vaccine is not available yet. Big Y will come in regularly, and they will administer vaccines in veterans' rooms. In addition, Dr. Clinton sought approval to reappoint Celeste Surreira, and Dr. Barry Izenstein to a two (2) year term to the Medical Staff. Upon motion by Brian Q. Corridan and seconded by Cindy Lacoste, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the above mentioned appointments. Upon motion by Christopher Dupont and seconded by Ben Cluff, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meetings.
- **Financial Update**
CFO Erin Spaulding discussed information regarding Morgan Stanley and other investment firms who are moving away from handling government accounts. HLY can leave money in Morgan Stanley, but we would get no real support; there is no rush moving accounts. Brian Corridan indicated UBS or Merrill Lynch or just about any local bank would be able to take care of us.
- **Superintendent's Report**
Bennett W. Walsh presented the Superintendent's Report via a PowerPoint Presentation and copies were distributed to each Trustee. Superintendent Walsh reported this is the 2nd year in a row we have had an excellent VA survey. Upon motion by Ben Cluff and seconded by Brian Q. Corridan, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented.
- **Old Business**
There is no old business to report.
- **New Business**
 - HLY is expecting the official report from the VA survey.
- **Adjournment**
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