

**OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION
1776 E. ROBINSON
CONFERENCE ROOM
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA
REGULAR MEETING**

AGENDA

Friday, April 15, 2016 – 10:00 A.M.

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Introduction and welcome to visitors and guests**

5. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Oklahoma Veterans Commission shall hear public comments limited to only matters that are listed on the current meeting agenda. Open Public Comments are limited to five minutes per person. The Board Chairperson may interrupt and/or terminate any presentation during public comment, which does not conform to the procedures outlined under this section. The Board Chairperson reserves and retains the right to interrupt, terminate, or postpone public comments as necessary to effectuate the management of the public meeting.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2016, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

9. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

(a) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

- (1) Update and possible discussion regarding progress of the new/remodeled ODVA building at 36th and Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- (2) Discussion on the pending action to reduce on-site lab services at Talihina, Lawton and Clinton Centers.
- (3) Discussion regarding the discovery of mold in the air conditioning system of the Talihina Center.
- (4) Discussion regarding the Daily Oklahoman report regarding possible lead in the water system at the Talihina Center.
- (5) Discussion regarding ODVA Symposium tentatively scheduled for the mid-June, concerning Veterans Issues.
- (6) Discussion regarding ODVA/Native American Veterans Consultation.

- (7) Discussion regarding ODVA Claims Division partnering with the Choctaw Tribal Nation in order for ODVA to be a resource for claims information for the Choctaw Tribal Veterans.
- (8) Discussion regarding legislation signed by the Governor authorizing ODVA the ability to hire in house counsel.
- (9) Discussion regarding the Daily Oklahoman report concerning ODVA maintenance charge increase to be implemented July, 2016.
- (10) Information and possible discussion regarding converting to MEDICAID/MEDICARE in Oklahoma Veterans Centers.
- (11) Update and possible discussion regarding Public Information and Legislative initiatives relating to ODVA.

(c) ROB ARRINGTON, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS PROGRAMS, SERVICES & CLAIMS BENEFITS DIVISION

- (1) Update and possible discussion regarding Veterans Programs and Services.
- (2) Update and possible discussion regarding the Claims and Benefits Division.

(d) FINANCIAL SERVICES – Shantha Varahan, Chief Financial Officer or Alternate

- (1) Statistics and Discussion Regarding: FY-16 Budget Projections; Expenditure Budget to Actual; FY16 Revenue Projected to Actual; FY-16 Revolving Fund Revenue; Basic and Service-Connected Per Diem Rates; Average Occupancy Rate; Total Days of Resident Care; Agency Special Fund; Current Awarded Capital Projects.

(e) CONSTRUCTION SERVICES – Dorita Herd, Construction Administrator or Alternate

- (1) Statistics and Discussion regarding all construction projects concerning Ardmore, Claremore, Clinton, Lawton, Norman, Sulphur and Talihina Veteran Centers, Central Office and agency wide projects.

(d) OKLAHOMA VETERANS CENTERS – Terry Wilkerson, State Homes Director

- (1) Statistics and Discussion regarding the following: total beds vs. filled beds; residents branch of service and service period percentage; residents service connected disability rating percentage; residents age and gender average; annual bed turnover rate; veterans center personnel percentage, authorized FTE, current permanent employees, current temporary employees, total FTE filled, percentage FTE filled; medical services; nursing turnover; new hires; worker's compensation cases – FY16 YTD; veteran employees; training events.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311, "New Business" shall mean any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting (twenty-four hours prior to the meeting).

13. SUBMISSION OF POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS BY THE OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING.

14. NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

June 17, 2016
Friday, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room
Oklahoma Veterans Center
Ardmore, Oklahoma

15. ADJOURNMENT

(a) Action