

MINUTES  
COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS  
Meeting of June 28, 2018  
Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove  
21425 G Spring Street  
Union Grove, WI 53182

**Members**

David Schmidt, AMVETS  
Fernando Rodriguez, American GI Forum  
Paul Fisk, American Legion  
Richard Seymour, American Red Cross  
Vacant, ANU  
Gary Traynor, Blinded Veterans Assoc.  
Colin Moten, CVSOA  
Larry Hill, DAV  
Peter Gilbert, JWV  
Phillip Landgraf, MCL  
Roger Fetterly, MOAA  
Vacant, MOPH  
William Sims, NABV  
Marie Annette Epnnett-Murphy, NCUSA  
Nellie De Baker, PLAV  
Dale Nelson, PVA  
Lester Bischoff, TREA  
Elizabeth Benn, UWV  
Mike Furgal, VFW  
Steve House, VVA  
Rich Peters, VVAW  
Clifton Sorenson, WACVO  
Bill Hustad, WVV  
Inactive, Am. Ex-POWs  
Inactive, USSVWWII  
Inactive, CWV

**Others Present (not all inclusive)**

Dr. Allen Veterans upward Bound  
Karen Klendo UWM

**WDVA Present**

Secretary Daniel Zimmerman  
Assistant Deputy Secretary Kathy Still  
Executive Staff Assistant Kelly Behling  
Executive Staff Assistant Josh Heine

1. Call to order, roll call

The meeting of the Council on Veterans Programs was called to order by Phillip Landgraf . Role was called and a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Certification of notice of meeting

The meeting was certified as being properly noticed.

4. Review and action on February 22, 2018 COVP meeting minutes

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously on a voice vote to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 22, 2018.

5. Report of Special (Ad hoc) Committees

Colin Moten provided a report on the recommendations of the Education and Homes Ad-hoc Committee. The recommendations are to:

- Remove Ch 45.20(2)(d)1m from the Tuition Reimbursement program to make this benefit consistent with the WI GI Bill.
- Change “as determined by the Board” to “as determined by the Secretary” in Ch 45.51(3)(b) (b). Spouses, surviving spouses, and parents derive their eligibility from the eligibility of the person under sub. (2) (a) 1. or 2. Surviving spouses and parents of eligible persons under sub. (2) (a) 1. or 2. shall not be eligible for admission to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove, the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, or the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls unless a home’s overall occupancy level is below an optimal level **as determined by the board**. Reason for change is the Board no longer makes those decisions.

Mr. Fernando Rodriguez motioned to accept the recommendations made by the Education and Homes Ad-hoc Committee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Furgal and carried by a voice vote.

Cliff Sorenson Reported the Loans and Grants Ad-hoc Committee had no recommendations to report.

6. Council members’ matters not subject to adoption

No matters to discuss.

7. Public input

Dr. Allen and Karen Klendo gave a presentation on the Veterans upward Bound Program.

8. Future Meetings

Chair Phillip Landgraf will coordinate with Board for date of the next meeting at King Veterans Home.

9. Adjournment

It was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

Phillip Landgraf  
Chair

Attachments: