

Blue Ribbon Commission – Veteran Opportunity

WELCOME

MAY 25, 2022

Blue Ribbon Commission Members

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Natalie Isensee, Manager of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, WPS Health Solutions

Jason Maloney, Congressional District 7 Representative, Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs

Sheri Swokowski, Advisory, Modern Military Association of America

Today's Agenda

Time	Description	Facilitator
9:10 a.m.	Welcome Remarks Meeting #1 Recap Roll Call	Secretary Mary Kolar, DVA Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld, DOA Michelle Reinen, Facilitator
9:20 a.m.	Overview and Background of Homes	Diane Lynch, DVA
9:40 a.m.	Long-term Care in Wisconsin: Status, Outlook, and Staffing Issues	John Sauer, LeadingAge Wisconsin
10:00 a.m.	Discussion/Next Steps	Michelle Reinen, Facilitator
10:50 a.m.	Closing Remarks	Secretary Mary Kolar, DVA Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld, DOA
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn	

Welcome

Opening
Remarks



Secretary-designee
Kathy Blumenfeld
Department of Administration

Secretary Mary Kolar
Department of Veterans Affairs



Overview and Background of the State Veterans Homes



Diane Lynch

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
Administrator of the Division of Homes

Long-Term
Care in
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John Sauer

LeadingAge Wisconsin
President/CEO

Discussion



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**WHAT'S
NEXT?**

Next Steps



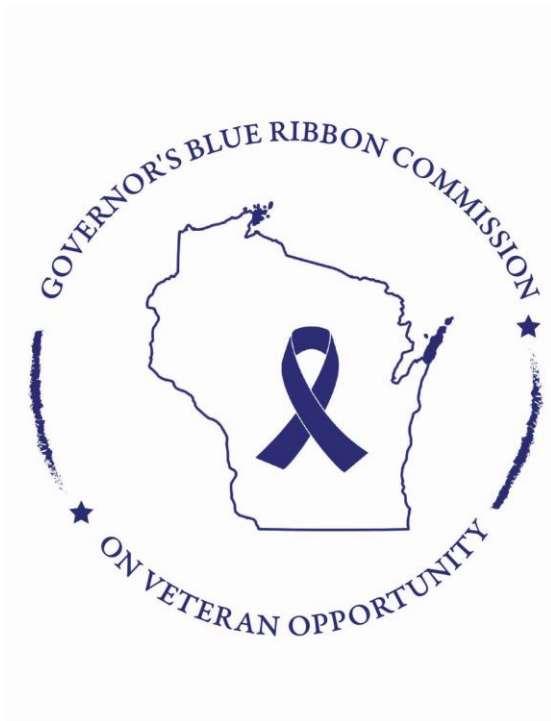
Commission Website

[DVA.WI.GOV/PAGES/ABOUTWDVA/BLUERIBBONCOMMISSION.ASPX](https://dva.wi.gov/pages/aboutwdva/blueribboncommission.aspx)

Questions/Feedback: VeteranOpportunity@Wisconsin.gov

Upcoming Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time
Meeting #3	June 22, 2022	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Public Listening Session	July 13, 2022	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Meeting #4	July 20, 2022	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Meeting #5	August 24, 2022	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.



Thank you!
