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**INTERAGANCY COUNCIL ON VETERANS AFFAIRS (ICVA)
12-9-14 MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Meeting held via videoconferencing between the two following locations:

- **Carson City – The Guinn Room of the Capitol Building (2nd Floor), 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701**
- **Las Vegas – Governor’s Conference Room in the Grant Sawyer Building (5th Floor), 555 E. Washington Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89101**

AGENDA

Call to Order: Caleb Cage

Roll Call

Present: Abba, Crystal – System of Higher Education
Reynolds, Terry – Department of Business & Industry
Dillard, Troy – Department of Motor Vehicles
Cage, Caleb – Director of Military and Veterans Policy
Cox, Greg – Department of Corrections
Burkett, Jeff – Department of the Military
Miller, Kat – Department of Veterans Services
Soderberg, Don – Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation
Gibbons, Chris – NV Indian Commission
Kotchevar, Julie – HHS Aging and Disability Services
Mallin, Kathy – VA Regional Office
Cox, Greg – Department of Corrections

Guests: Forbes, Tony – NV Dept. of Veteran Services

Public Comment

- None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve 12-9-14 agenda made by Kat Miller
Seconded by Greg Cox
Decision: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes:

Comment: Crystal Abba noted that the NSHE Board of Regents is working to bring NSHE schools in compliance with the CHOICE Act.
Approval of 8-21-14 minutes made by Kat Miller
Seconded by Greg Cox
Decision: Unanimous

***Old Business**

Review and approval of legislative language from May 1, 2014 ICVA report on veteran employment:

- Caleb Cage: Noted that the BDR language is not yet ready for review from LCB.

Review and approval of upcoming ICVA report due to the Legislature by February 1, 2014:

- Caleb Cage: The draft version of the ICVA report was sent out the evening before. The report includes all of the policy council reports from the previous year: Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs (ICVA), Student Veterans Advisory Council (SVAC), Veteran Suicide Prevention Council (VSPC), Women Veterans Advisory Council (WVAC), Governor's Military Council (GMC), and the Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council (IVRC). These reports would be combined with other studies and reports developed throughout the year in order to make the case for comprehensive legislative reform. The ICVA agreed previously to provide these reports to the Governor and the Legislature, but not necessarily endorsing every other report.
- Report Table of Contents:
 - Overview of the Comprehensive Veterans Legislative Reform report: background, purpose of the report, and endorsement status.
 - Nevada's Green Zone Initiative: overview of the GZI.
 - Successes from the "Year of the Veteran": several pages of notes covering executive orders, grants, and other activities regarding veterans in Nevada.

- Action Plan for 2015: overview of the three pillars, partnership between NDVS, NNG, and the Office of the Governor. These roles and responsibilities will be divided through an MOU signed by the three agencies as outlined below:
 - ICVA will own the Policy Development Pillar
 - NNG will own the Service Provider Coordination Pillar
 - NDVS will own the Connecting to Veterans Pillar
- Policy Council reports:
 - ICVA Report: Previously approved by the ICVA. (Employment.)
 - Student Veterans Advisory Council: A team effort between the Office of the Governor, NDVS, and NSHE. (Education.)
 - Veterans Suicide Prevention Council: Established between the Office of the Governor and Office of Suicide Prevention. (Wellness.)
 - Women Veterans Advisory Council: Ongoing council with an interim report included in the overall report.
 - Governor's Military Council: Established between NDVS and the NNG.
 - Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council: Several meetings throughout the fall, with the final meeting the day before.
- Additional Reports:
 - Veterans Legislative Symposium: Rank ordering of legislative priorities for the veteran community.
 - Veterans Services Report: Covers budgetary and legislative needs for the Nevada Department of Veterans Services.
 - Veterans Services Commission: Although not included in the book for review, the VSC report will be included in the final report as well.
 - Northern Nevada Veterans Home Needs Assessment: a report commissioned by NDVS to assess the need for a northern Nevada veterans home.
 - Statewide Aging Veteran Population Housing Needs Assessment: This report goes beyond the Northern Nevada Veterans Home in identifying the future housing needs of Nevada's aging veterans.
 - Statewide Homeless Veterans Study: Also commissioned by NDVS, this report outlines the state of Nevada's homeless veteran population and the services currently provided.
- Legislation:
 - Governor's Bills: A brief overview of the Governor's four veteran bills for the 78th Session.

- Other Bills: Bills sponsored by legislators and committees dealing with veteran issues.
- Comments:
 - Kat Miller: Page 125 discusses veteran populations, and she recommends that there be a note saying that these numbers are census numbers and do not represent the full number of veterans in Nevada.
 - Crystal Abba: Complimented the efforts to bring all of these reports together.
 - Caleb Cage: The future goal is to track data and show how the successes to date are improving outcomes for veterans.
- Caleb Cage: Recommended that the Council consider voting to approve this as the final report of the Council.
 - Kat Miller: Moves to approve the report and authorizes Caleb Cage to make non-substantive changes to the report.
 - Greg Cox: Second.
 - Passes unanimously.

NGA Policy Academy Grant for Military and Veterans Licensure Reciprocity update:

- Caleb Cage:
 - The ICVA serves as the Home Team for the NGA/DOL Grant.
 - Grant focuses on reducing barriers for military veterans seeking licensure as LPNs, LE, and EMTs.
 - ICVA submitted legislative recommendations for licensure reciprocity.
 - NGA sponsored two Legislative Summits to update the veteran community on where we stand in the process.

Report on the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Affairs:

- Tony Forbes: No update at this time.

Agency report on draft recommendations for ICVA strategic plan:

- Caleb Cage: ICVA members will provide an update on their strategic planning efforts, which will kick off in the July meeting. Caleb will send out the example again with the due date of July 1.

Update on “Year of the Veteran” Executive Orders:

- Caleb Cage: In the comprehensive book, we provided a list of all of the successes that have been delivered for veterans in the state. This includes

grants, awards, executive orders, and other efforts that should improve outcomes for veterans in the state.

Future meeting goals/dates/location: The next meeting will be a short meeting to discuss the following:

- Topics:
 - Legislative update.
 - Strategic planning update.
- Next meeting will be a conference call to last approximately 1 hour.
- March 6, 2015 at 1:00PM to 2:00PM.

Public Comment:

- No public comment.
- Don Soderberg: DETR met with a local workforce investment council that is working with a local agency to sponsor a program that provides online training for people seeking tech employment.

Adjournment:

Adjourned at approximately 2:00PM.

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