

Macomb Veterans Action Collaborative Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2016
Verkuilen Building Training and Conference Center
21885 Dunham Clinton Twp, MI 48036

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Co-Chair, Crystal Kinsman at 9:12 A.M.

Attendees:

Monica Alderman	SOM/VA	Mark Meadows	VAMC
Gabriella Barthlow	AFSC/CFPB	Mark Kilgore	CARE
Rebecca Couch	M-SPAN	Charlene Myers	NCOA/DAV
Tony Gerheiser	Am Red Cross	Kathy Koths	MCCSA
Sian Washington	Dis Network	Katie Page	Vet Center
Kara Fields	MCCC-Veterans	Kyle Pollet	Staff/Sandy Levin
Gerald Fisher-Curley	VAMC	Laura Rios	Veterans Services
Chris Franklin	AIVOM	David Thomas	MVAA
Madeline Habib	MCCMH/HSCB	Joann Sterne	Macomb Action
Crystal Kinsman	WDA/Veterans	Heather Whited	Macomb Action
Althea Kyles	VOA	Megan Vinyard	Macomb Com Col
Joe McClellan	Buddy-to-Buddy	Kristie King	NKFM
Samantha Raad	NKFM	Sylvia Finnigan	Community Rep
Darryle Johnson	Selfridge		

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees of the meeting introduced themselves and stated what agency or business they work for.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Crystal Kinsman made a motion, supported by Gabriella Barthlow, to approve the August 1, 2016 minutes. The motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Laura Rios spoke briefly about the newly formed Church Committee. Paulus Obey will be chairing the committee and would like to have volunteers to service and contribute to the committee. She also reminded the committee members that Shawn could use help with the

membership committee. Please contact the chair persons for more information on how you can help.

V. SPECIAL SPEAKER: KRISTIE KING, NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION

“The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) is to prevent kidney disease and improve the quality of life for those living with it.” – ‘from the NKFM program summary.’ The leading cause of kidney disease is diabetes and high blood pressure. The NKFM is the largest affiliate in the country and delivers more programs and services to people than any other foundation in the country.

The programs and services of the NKFM include:

Direct Patient Services, Lay Health Education Programs, Public and School Education, Health Care System Change, Public Policy, Prevention, Community Screenings, Organ Donation and Transplantation and Professional Education and Research.

Samantha Raad passed out a program summary that spoke briefly about each of the programs. Kristie answered several questions from the MVAC members.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Benefits/Communication Committee: Laura Rios/Mary Beth Ryan

Nothing to report at this time.

Employment Committee: Crystal Kinsman/Mark Meadows

There is a job fair on October 21st at MISD, if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Mark Meadows.

Services Committee: Madeline Habib

The Homeless flow charts have been updated to include the loss of Macomb Community Action's SSVF funding.

The Financial Empowerment flow chart has been submitted to Laura for posting on the MVAC website. The website is under construction right now but should be available soon.

The Services Committee will meet after this meeting to review a draft of the Education, Training and Education flow charts.

Membership Committee: Shaun Taft

She asked that only new people sign the sign-in sheet and that everyone on the roster check in on the roster.

Membership forms and the roster will be posted on the website <http://mvac.macombgov.org/>.

VII. NEW BUSINESS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Laura suggested that members invite other people or agencies that would be interested in either of these topics.

VIII. ROUND ROBIN

Attendees of the meeting introduced themselves, stated what agency they work for, and gave a brief description of what they do.

Madeline Habib stated the HSCB Information Exchange is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2016. The registration information will be posted on the HSCB website: mhscb.mccmh.net

Rebecca Couch handed out flyers regarding the HomeFront Strong 8 week program to help military or veteran spouses prepare for, cope with or rebound from the challenges of deployment and military life.

Chris Franklin spoke about his Smoking Cessation program and requested any help available.

Kyle Pollet mentioned he would like to hear from any constituents who are effected the VA transportation changes.

Kara Fields mentioned that MCC has free veterinarian services for veterans.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2016 starting at 9:00 A.M. in the Verkuilen Building Training and Conference Center, 21885 Dunham Clinton Township, MI 48036

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Stahl for Julie Patterson, Secretary