

Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs

03 May 2024

Joint Force Headquarters

6838 S. Revere Parkway

Centennial, CO 80112

Opening

Ms. Scanlon called the meeting to order at 0900 for the purpose of Veterans Trust Fund Grant decisions, to be followed by the stated meeting.

Members Present

Sheila Scanlon, Chair
Sean Maday, Vice Chair
Lacey Golonka, Secretary
Longinos Gonzalez, Member
Jasmine Motupalli, Member
Howard Richards, Member
Raymond Taylor, Member

Staff Present

Michael Bruno, DMVA Deputy Executive Director
Angela Ingalls, VMC Director
Darrin Collazo, WROS Administrator
Eric Winterrowd, CDVA Veterans Services Supervisor
Lisa Stamm, CDVA Grants Administrator
Carissa Snyder, CDVA Program Assistant
James Poteet, CDVA Appeals and Hearings Specialist

Guests Present

Mary Cornum, Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley

Tina Garcia, DAV Legislative Chair

Pat Hammon, Eagle County Veterans Service Officer, VCLC Board of Commissioners, UVC Representative

Richard Nagley, Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley, American Legion VSO

Roxie Smith, Crowley County Veterans Service Officer

Marsha Unruh, Program Director, Home Front Military Network

Veterans Trust Fund Grant Decisions

Discussion of Veterans Trust Fund Grant Applications began at 0935, to accommodate a delay caused by technical difficulties. Ms. Scanlon invited Ms. Stamm to begin the process.

Ms. Stamm said that the Board received \$1,309,277.12 in applications and requests and that there is \$1,435,085.00 available to award. The Board first discussed applications from the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado (VMC), the Western Region One Source (WROS), and the Veterans Community Living Centers (VCLC). Applications were then discussed in numerical order.

WROS - Administrative Assistant II Position

Areas Served: Statewide

Amount Requested: \$60,000

Services/Discussion: One full time administrative assistant to support the front office at the WROS. Ms. Scanlon asked if there were Long Bill funds to help pay for this position. Ms. Stamm said that a meeting would be held regarding that topic the following week. Ms. Scanlon said that while the VTF may have paid for this position in the past, it is her understanding that \$50,000 is available in the Long Bill for this purpose. She said if that is the case, only \$10,000 would be needed from the VTF. Mr. Collazo said that in

previous years, the total appropriation for the position was at least \$60,000, and it is currently unclear why the Long Bill amount is \$50,000. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the request at \$60,000 if needed. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$60,000.00 if needed

WROS/VMC - Mechanical Trades II Position

Areas Served: Statewide

Amount Requested: \$73,000

This request would provide one full time mechanical trades employee to support both the WROS and the VMC. Ms. Ingalls said that the position could require a work vehicle to move between locations. For an initial year this could be accommodated by scheduling, but the vehicle would probably be necessary if it became a permanent position. She suggested funding this position as a temporary position to allow the entities to track metrics. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the request at \$73,000 for a temporary position. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$73,000.00

VMC - Various

Areas Served: Statewide

Amount Requested: \$53,000

Services to be provided: Power washer, monument sign, replacement security system, ice machine, bronze seal, trees for saluting branches, masonry and concrete repair, and challenge coins. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the request at \$53,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$53,000.00

VMC: Lithograph Maintenance Staff

Areas Served: Statewide

Amount Requested: \$55,200

Services to be provided: One full time employee to assist with the refurbishment of the headstones. Ms. Ingalls said that this would also be a temporary position that could initiate the project and allow the VMC to assess whether ongoing staffing would be necessary for this purpose. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the request at \$55,200. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$55,200.00

VTF25-18 VCLC Homelake

Areas Served: Rio Grande, Alamosa, Mineral, Conejos, Costilla, Saguache

Amount Requested: \$34,298.00

Services to be provided: Golf carts to transport veterans around the campus. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$55,200. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$34,298.00

VTF25-19 VCLC McCandless

Area Served: Fremont County

Amount Requested: \$69,920.40

Services to be provided: Video equipment to broadcast facility activities and announcements, phase two of the garden railroad project, supplies for a therapy dog, and a Scandent subscription. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$69,920.40. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$69,920.40

VTF25-20 VCLC Rifle

Area Served: Western Slope

Amount Requested: \$10,061.25

Services to be provided: New furniture for the lounge area, new lifts for residents, and a mobile drink service cart for activities. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$10,061.25. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$10,061.25

VTF25-21 VCLC Fitzsimmons

Areas Served: Denver Metro Area; Statewide

Amount Requested: \$84,257.47

Services to be provided: Automated door openers, plate warmer, air purifier, upgraded coffee supplies, Hoyer Lift, medication dispenser, and a bladder scanner. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. The Board expressed concern regarding paying for medical equipment, as the governing statute charges the VTF to fund amenities for VCLCs. The consensus was to exclude those items, leaving a remaining request for \$53,158.18. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at that amount. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in part at \$53,158.18

VTF25-01 VFW Post 4051

Score: 67.7

Areas Served: El Paso County

Amount Requested: \$50,000

Prior Award: \$25,000

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, mental health care, substance abuse resources, and medical needs not covered by the VA. This is a current grantee. Ms. Stamm said there have been concerns on grant management and understanding rules and processes of the VTF grant, although funds have been executed accordingly. She recommended that if funded, the grantee be required to contract the Grant Administrator regarding the management concerns. Upon discussion, the Board concluded that due to the grant management issue an increase in funding was not justified. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at the current year's funding level of \$25,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in part at \$25,000

VTF25-02 VFW Post 4031

Score: 79.2

Areas Served: La Plata County

Amount Requested: \$25,000

Prior Award: \$20,000

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, ADA compliance measures, medical, dental, and VA Post Relief Fund. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$25,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$25,000

VTF25-03 American Legion Post 44

Score: 81.4

Areas Served: Routt County

Amount Requested: \$3,850.00

Prior Award: \$4,200.00

Services to be provided: Transportation and emergency financial assistance.

This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$3,850. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$3,850

VTF25-04 American Legion Post 0009

Score: 69.2

Areas Served: Bent, Crowley, and Otero Counties

Amount Requested: \$34,000

Prior Award: \$25,000

Services to be provided: Transportation to medical appointments, emergency financial assistance, emergency lodging, and housing stability. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$34,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$34,000.00

VTF25-05 American Legion Post 88

Score: 77.2

Areas Served: Grand, Jackson, Summit, Lake, Park, Eagle, and Routt Counties

Amount Requested: \$35,000

Prior Award: \$41,185

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, financial assistance, transportation, work/employment assistance, child care, adult day care, medical costs. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and

no compliance issues. Ms. Stamm noted that the budget would need to be adjusted to identify allowable items under the category labeled "Other/Unforeseen Events." Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$35,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$35,000.00

VTF25-06 Disabled American Veterans Chapter 44

Score: 85.2

Areas Served: Montezuma, Dolores, and La Plata Counties

Amount Requested: \$70,000

Prior Award: \$65,000

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, transportation to VA medical appointments, meals for drivers, recreation center passes, showers, and exercise. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$70,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$70,000.00

VTF25-07 VFW Post 5231

Score: 78.8

Areas Served: Montezuma, Mesa, Montrose, Delta, and Dolores counties

Amount Requested: \$60,000

Prior Award: \$70,000

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, mental health care, substance abuse care, a stand down event, and car repairs. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$60,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$60,000.00

VTF25-08 American Legion Post 11

Score: 82.6

Areas Served: Las Animas County

Amount Requested: \$33,500

Prior Award: \$26,000

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, mental health care, and housing stability. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Stamm said that the budget would need a correction, as gift cards can be provided at a maximum amount of \$50. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$33,500. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$33,500.00

VTF25-09 Department of Colorado VFW

Score: 74.2

Areas Served: Denver Metro Area/Statewide

Amount Requested: \$44,500

Prior Award: Did not apply for FY24

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, medical expenses, education assistance, and home repair. This applicant is a prior grantee with good previous performance. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$44,500. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$44,500.00

VTF25-10 VFW Post 9644

Score: 59.2

Areas Served: Arapahoe County, Englewood, Sheridan, Littleton, Centennial, and Aurora

Amount Requested: \$34,000

Prior Award: New Applicant

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, health care, transportation, housing stability. The Board noted that the application needed

more information under geographic distribution and need for services. Ms. Stamm said that the budget will need to be revised to show more detail under emergency assistance. After discussion the Board concurred that funding the application at a reduced amount would be possible. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$16,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in part at \$16,000.00

VTF25-11 VFW Post 1166

Score: 63

Areas Served: Chaffee, Buena Vista, and Salida

Amount Requested: \$85,540

Prior Award: New Applicant

Services to be provided: Updates to kitchen, new tables and chairs, new flagpole, and emergency financial assistance. Ms. Stamm and the Board noted that the updates to the kitchens, the furniture, and the flagpole are not eligible expenses under the VTF Grant. Ms. Stamm said that if funded the applicant would need to submit a revised budget. With the administrative costs excluded, the remaining eligible amount was \$5,640. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at that amount. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in part at \$5,640.00

VTF25-12 American Legion Post 62

Score: 66

Areas Served: Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt Counties; Carbon County, WY

Amount Requested: \$9,000

Prior Award: \$8,000

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, transportation, child care, and work-related assistance. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. The Board suggested that the grantee could allow a higher stipend to volunteer drivers. Ms. Stamm said

that she would contact the grant manager regarding this if the application is funded. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$9,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$9,000.00

VTF25-13 DAV Chapter 21

Score: 68

Areas Served: Denver Metro Area; Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, and Elbert Counties

Amount Requested: \$10,800

Prior Award: \$27,578.87

Services to be provided: Housing assistance, medical equipment, canteen books, and clothing for VA patients. Ms. Stamm said that this grantee has been slow to spend the current funding, but noted that they requested a lesser amount this year. She said that the grantee needs to attend required office hours and trainings. The Board considered the concerns and decided that to fund the application at the lower amount requested this year.

Applicant has been slow to spend current funding. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$10,800. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$10,800.00

VTF25-14 American Legion Post 32

Score: 73.8

Areas Served: Longmont, St. Vrain Valley, and Boulder County

Amount Requested: \$69,000

Prior Award: New Applicant

Services to be provided: Financial assistance, employment assistance, mental health care, self-care, and a stand down event. Ms. Stamm said that if funded, the application would need to submit a revised budget with corrected calculations and a narrative regarding the mental health care and self-care

categories. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$69,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$69,000.00

VTF25-15 VFW Post 3641

Score: 60.2

Areas Served: Pueblo and Fremont Counties

Amount Requested: \$73,500

Prior Award: Did not apply for FY24

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance and a homeless veterans fair. This applicant is a prior grantee with good previous performance. Ms. Stamm said the application would have benefited from information on how outreach data would be tracked and that the budget needed to be recalculated. The Board members said that more information was needed under geographic distribution and need for services. Due to these issues Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application in part at \$50,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in part at \$50,000.00

VTF25-16 American Legion Post 170

Score: 75.8

Areas Served: Custer, Fremont, Pueblo, and Huerfano Counties

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Prior Award: \$40,000

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, auto repair, housing stability, and office supplies. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. The Board observed that the application was very similar to the one submitted for FY24 and did not appear to justify a substantial increase in funding. Ms. Stamm said that if funded the applicant would need to submit a revised budget due to miscalculation and incorrect categorization of office supplies. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application in part at \$50,000. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

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Decision: Fund in part at \$50,000.00

VTF25-17 American Legion Post 22

Score: 68.6

Areas Served: Adams, Jefferson, Denver, Weld, and Larimer Counties

Amount Requested: \$64,500

Prior Award: \$60,000

Services to be provided: Emergency financial assistance, mental health care/well-being, child care, employment assistance, and food and gas cards. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$64,500. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$69,400.00

VTF25-22 American Legion Post 25

Score: 12

Areas Served: Statewide

Amount Requested: Not determined

Prior Award: New Applicant

Services to be provided: Not listed. This application was substantially incomplete and not eligible for funding.

Decision: Do not fund

VTF25-23 DAV Chapter 48

Score: 65.8

Areas Served: La Plata County

Amount Requested: \$67,350

Prior Award: \$39,506.30

Services to be provided: Transportation and financial assistance. This applicant is a current grantee with good performance and no compliance issues. Ms. Stamm said that if funded the application will need to submit a revised budget due to miscalculations and to acknowledge the maximum gift

card amount of \$50. Ms. Scanlon invited a vote to fund the application at \$67,350. The Board agreed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Fund in full at \$67,350.00

Total amount funded: 1,081,777.83

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m. and resumed by opening the stated meeting.

Opening

Ms. Scanlon called the meeting to order at 1240. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was held for POWs, MIAs, those deployed, their families, and those killed in the line of duty.

Members Present

Sheila Scanlon, Chair

Sean Maday, Vice Chair

Lacey Golonka, Secretary

Longinos Gonzalez, Member

Raymond Taylor, Member

Members Absent

Howard Richards, Member – Excused

Jasmine Motupalli, Member - Excused

Staff Present

Angela Ingalls, VMC Director

Darrin Collazo, WROS Administrator

Eric Winterrowd, CDVA Veterans Services Supervisor

Lisa Stamm, CDVA Grants Administrator

Carissa Snyder, CDVA Program Assistant

Guests Present

Pat Hammon, Eagle County Veterans Service Officer, VCLC Board of Commissioners, UVC Representative

Mary Cornum, Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley

Richard Nagley, Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley, American Legion VSO

Roxie Smith, Crowley County Veterans Service Officer

Approval of Minutes

Corrections to the draft of the April 2024 minutes were provided.

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Mr. Maday moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Mr. Taylor seconded. The motion carried.

Public Comments

Mr. Nagley said that his comment recorded in the March minutes was in regard to the 2023 Annual Report, not the 2024 Annual Report. Ms. Scanlon said that the correction will be made. Mr. Nagley asked if Director Cowan had provided an answer to the question he asked at the April meeting. He did not have the question available but said that it could be found on the recording at the 40-minute mark. Mr. Winterrowd said that he would follow up with the Director.

Legislation

SB24-004: Mr. Winterrowd said that the bill has been signed and the new statute will take effect on 06 August 2024. It is not yet known which county commissioners will participate on the working group.

HB24-1273: Ms. Stamm said that the bill will return to committee on Monday. More changes are possible before the final vote.

HB24-1236: Mr. Winterrowd said that the bill has passed but the signing is not yet scheduled.

Ms. Scanlon asked if there was any other veteran legislation under consideration. Ms. Ingalls said that there is current federal legislation that would allow state veterans cemeteries to receive federal reimbursement for interments of veterans' spouses and dependents. This would increase federal reimbursements to the VMC by approximately \$60,000. The bill is currently waiting on a congressional vote.

VCLC Board of Commissioners

Ms. Hammon said that the next meeting of Veterans Community Living Center Board of Commissioners will be June 12. The VCLCs are currently trying to increase admissions and have had significant success with staffing issues, utilizing in-house training and increased marketing. Fitzsimons has 130 of 180 beds filled, Homelake has 38 of 50 beds filled, Florence has 52 of 105 beds filled, and Rifle has 61 of 89 beds filled. The memory care unit at Rifle is still closed. Currently there are no COVID quarantines, and influenza cases have decreased. All of the VCLCs are open to visitors. Ms. Scanlon suggested connecting the VCLCs with a new outlet to increase overall awareness about the facilities. Ms. Hammon said it would be helpful if the public understood that the VCLCs are state facilities that are not operated by the federal VA. Ms. Hammon said that the websites for each of the VCLCs is up to date with current information for each property and online applications.

UVC

Ms. Hammon said that UVC has been grateful for the efforts of their lobbyist who has worked to mitigate the proposed amendment to HB24-1236. Ms. Scanlon thanked Ms. Hammon for her efforts on the VCLC Board of Commissioners and with UVC.

Standing Reports

DVA – Ms. Snyder shared slides on behalf of Director Cowan. Mr. Cowan reported that the Long Bill was signed by the governor on 29 April. Overall it contains a 17% increase over FY24, including increased funding for Veterans Mental Health Services, the VTF Grants, and the VMC. The next update on the Veterans Clearinghouse is scheduled for 21 May and the site is scheduled to launch on 15 June. Recent outreach events include the Colorado City & County Management Association April 16-29, the National Guard Association of Colorado Annual Meeting on 27 April, and the White House Initiative “Faith and Community Leader Roundtable” on 29 April.

Veterans Services/Training – Mr. Winterrowd said that April events and outreach included the CCCMA Conference from 17-19 April and Beacon Fest on 18 April. Upcoming events include the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) conference from 11-17 May, the Colorado Counties, Inc. Summer Conference from 28-30 May, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs Summer Conference from 17-21 August. In accomplishments, three Regional VSOs completed the NACVSO Basic Benefits Course. In Training, VSO Fall Training is scheduled from 16-20 September, current training status has been sent to each VSO in the state, and eight County VSOs completed the NACVSO Basic Course. The Women Veterans Coordinator presented at the Colorado VSO Spring Training, at a Lunch and Learn for Women Veterans at MSU, at the VFW District 5 Auxiliary Annual Women of Service Tea, and has been invited to attend the Women in Leadership lunch with General Laura Richardson, Commander US Southern Command. The Veterans Services Liaison attended the National Former POW recognition event at the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center and the Eastern and Western VHA town halls and is in contact with the VHA-VBA Colorado Joint Congressional meeting considering a new rating for celiac disease. Appeals is working with HR to hire a new assistant. There were 24 hearings in April with 91 decision received, 28 of which were outright grants. BVA decisions are still approximately 8-12 months from the hearing date.

WROS – Mr. Collazo said that the WROS is now at 100% full-time occupancy. April events included Guitars for Vets, which increased to 30 attendees, the Wednesday Coffee, which had more than 400 attendees, and Warrior Flow Yoga, which is available in the evening. April calendar items included a Red Flag Laws in Colorado Seminar on 06 April, a Vietnam Veteran Pinning on 11 April, a Veterans Stand Down and Resource Fair on 12 April. Tina O'Dell attended Beaconfest on 18 April and spoke with more than 400 attendees. Other events included the Parole Community Resource Fair on 24 April. They are currently seeking a new vendor for the parking lot project since the new *cbva minutes May 2024 - final*

vendor cannot complete it before the end of the fiscal year. The DEERS Office processed 656 ID cards since reopening in September. Ms. Scanlon asked if anyone at the veterans coffee events inquires about the grant programs. Mr. Collazo said that he is working with Ms. Stamm to help communicate the availability of the grants.

VMC – Ms. Ingalls referred the Board to her written report. She said that the VMC will add a college intern to help with Veterans Legacy Memorial program. It is a biography database for family and friends of veterans interred at the VMC. Ms. Hammon asked how the program is being publicized. Ms. Ingalls said there is not much publicity, but she can provide the information she has and the program details are readily available online. Invitations to the VMC Memorial Day events will be forthcoming. The Daughters of American Revolution are working on Plaques for the Pathway of Remembrance project. This year's VTF funds are being spent on masonry, concrete, signage and electrical work, as well as benches in the committal shelter. Ms. Scanlon asked how much was remaining on the Military Honors Stipend Fund. Ms. Ingalls said there was \$22,850 remaining as of 30 April and she expects the funds to be expended by the end of the fiscal year.

Grants – Ms. Stamm said that the grants team reviewed, processed, and submitted 38 payments in April. Payments are taking, on average, 30-45 days. Grant Specialist, Christina Tozzie, started to review and process payments. Ms. Stamm has met with the DMVA budget department to go over FY 2025 VTF and VAG funding allocations. Office hours were held on 9, 16, and 30 April. The team for VCLC Mental Health Care program met on 17 April. The announcement for the program assistant for the program closed on 03 April and Human Resources is processing the applications.

Old Business

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Bylaws – No update has been received from the AG’s office.

Albuquerque VISN 19 & 22 Update – Mr. Taylor said that several leadership positions are currently vacant or filled by an interim employee. He will relay that information to veterans who attended the April meeting in Pagosa Springs. He said that VHA is interested in expanding the reach of VA Medical Centers and Community Based Outpatient Clinics. Additional coordinators have been hired for Community Care, but there is greater interest in having VHA directly resume more patient care. Travel pay is a continuing concern. Ms. Scanlon asked if there were updates from either of the claimants who addressed the Board at the April meeting. Mr. Taylor said there are none at this time.

Grant Advertisement Flyer – Mr. Maday said that the flyers are complete and have been shared with the Division. He will also share updated versions for FY25. The VMC flyer is also complete.

Policy and Procedures Subcommittee – The Board reviewed the final draft of the Board’s portion of the Division’s Policies and Procedures. Ms. Scanlon said that she will send it to Mr. Winterrowd to be included in the final document. She asked Mr. Winterrowd to be sure to include Mr. Nagley’s suggestions for the document and said she could supply his notes if needed.

Women Veterans Subcommittee – Ms. Scanlon said the committee plans to set up a meeting with the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center in July.

VAG Review Committee – Ms. Scanlon said that the committee will meet on 16 May.

Veterans Clearinghouse – Mr. Winterrowd shared slides to show what the product will look like and told the Board a live demo should be available before the program goes live. The current live date is 15 June.

New Business

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Letters to Colorado State Departments for Annual Report – Ms. Scanlon said that the letter is ready and will be sent to the executive director of the following departments the first week of June: Department of Natural Resources, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health and Environment, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Local Affairs, Department of Revenue, and Department of Agriculture.

IBM – Mr. Maday said that the VA Exposure Council is taking up the topic.

Veterans Issues

Veterans issues captured at the meeting included access to prescription medications, contacting VSOs, difficulty with Community Care, homelessness, lithograph issues, mental health care, and transportation, and travel pay.

Board Member Remarks

Mr. Maday had no remarks.

Mr. Taylor said that he attended the meeting of his county commissioners and updated them on current veteran issues.

Mr. Gonzalez said that on 01 May he attended a Bronze Star00000022a Ceremony at Fort Carson for Corporal Gary Cyr, who had waited 53 years to receive his medal. On 18 April he attended the monthly meeting of the local Chamber’s Military Affairs Committee and on 23 April he attended that body’s Spring Hail and Farewell. On 11 April he attended the annual Ambassador and Volunteers Reception at Mount Carmel Veterans Service Center in Colorado Springs.

Ms. Scanlon said that she has been working on the Women Veterans Day and the VAG Sunset legislation.

Upcoming Meetings

The July meeting will be held on 12 July in Trinidad. Mr. Winterrowd will confer with Regional VSO Ray Odum to find a location

02 August	Logan County Courthouse, Sterling
06 or 13 September	Chaffee County or Weld County
04 October	TBD

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mr. Taylor moved to adjourn. Mr. Maday seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1438.