



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

Women Veterans Committee Agenda

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 1420

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2008, COMMITTEE MINUTES. MOTION TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED BY BILLEE CULIN; SECOND BY TOM BERGER. ACCEPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

INTRODUCTION OF MEETING ATTENDEES AND GUESTS:

MARSHA FOUR, CHAIR	SANDY MILLER, VICE CHAIR
TOM BERGER	SARA MCVICKER
BILLEE CULIN	JOHN WALLACE
SANDIE WILSON	LESLIE DELONG
SHARON HODGE, VVA STAFF	
BEVERLY STEWART, MT SC PRESIDENT	
ELIZABETH ALLEN, GUEST	

REVIEW CONTACT LISTS OF MEMBERS

- PROVIDE ANY CHANGES IN CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE CHAIR

COMMITTEE BUDGET REVIEW

- APPROXIMATELY 20% OF BUDGET REMAINING.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR: ACTIVITIES

- NCHV PRESENTER
- SUMMIT ATTENDANCE & WORKSHOP ON HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS
- MEETING WITH CATHY WEBLEMO ON LEGISLATION
- ATTEND LOCAL VAMC DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS
- ATTEND MEETINGS WITH LOCAL US REPRESENTATIVE
- OUTREACH FOR COLOR GUARD PASS IN REVIEW
- HAS BEEN ASK TO BE A PRESENTER AT THE STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR HEALTHCARE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM THROUGH CHESAPEAKE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM (CHEP)
- TRAVELED TO CONNECTICUT TO REVIEW THE HOUSES FOR VSF
- VIETNAM WOMEN VETERANS CONFERENCE CALL FOR THE VA, ALONG WITH DR. LINDA SCHWARTZ AND JOAN FUREY, ON "DETERMINING THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH STATUS OF WOMEN VIETNAM VETERANS"

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS
 - CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS
 - WOMEN HEALTH CARE COMPREHENSIVE CENTERS - **NEW**
 - FULL TIME WOMEN VETERAN PROGRAM MANAGERS – **LEAVE IN PLACE UNTIL FULLY IMPLEMENTED**
 - MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS FOR RESOLUTION WORK

- LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
 - RECOMMEND A SEPARATE HEADING SPECIFIC TO WOMEN VETERANS ISSUES IN THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
 - WORK WITH PTSD AND HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE TO HAVE THE NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS LONGITUDINAL STUDY ADDED TO S2799 AND HR4107 WHEN THEY ARE REINTRODUCED IN THE 111TH CONGRESS.
 - ASSESSMENT OF BARRIERS TO WOMEN VETERANS TO HEALTH CARE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
 - COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
 - CARE FOR NEWBORN CHILDREN OF WOMEN VETERANS RECEIVING MATERNITY CARE.
 - IMPROVEMENT OF SEXUAL TRAUMA CARE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
 - DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON EFFECTIVE TREATMENT, INCLUDING EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENTS, FOR WOMEN VETERANS WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)
 - ENSURING ADEQUATE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR WOMEN VETERANS AT ALL DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES
 - SERVICES, CARE AND TREATMENT FOR HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS WITH CHILDREN
- 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIETNAM WOMEN VETERANS MEMORIAL
 - WORKING WITH BRUCE WHITAKER ON THE PASS IN REVIEW
 - 10 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE PASS IN REVIEW
 - DMZ TO DELTA DANCE IN ROSLYN

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: ADD BEVERLY STEWART, MONTANA STATE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, TO THE COMMITTEE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO NATIONAL. MOTION BY SARA MCVICKER; SECOND BY TOM BERGER

DR. BERGER RECEIVED A CALL FROM SAMSHA FOR RESOURCES INVOLVING WOMEN VETERANS WHO HAVE SEEN COMBAT. IT IS LOOKING FOR EXPERTS ON DEALING WITH WOMEN VETERANS WITH COMBAT PTSD.

JOHN WALLACE IS NOW INVOLVED WITH THE RURAL VETERANS COMMISSION IN MAINE. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT PERHAPS THERE NEEDED TO BE FEMALE NURSE PRACTITIONER OR AT LEAST GENDER SPECIFIC CARE PROVIDER.

COMMENTS/REMARKS:

THE MOVIE "LIONESSE" IS BEING SHOWN AROUND THE COUNTRY. IT IS SCHEDULED FOR AIRING ON PBS ON NOVEMBER 13. IT WILL BE SHOWING IN DC ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19.

NOVEMBER 8, AT FEDEX FIELD, THERE WILL BE A VETERANS HEALTH FAIR. SPONSORED BY GSK. WOMEN SPECIFIC TESTING, I.E., MAMMOGRAMS, ETC., WILL NOT BE DONE.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1605