

COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

PRESENT: E. Harriss, B. Malone, J. Minner, C. Dutton, D. Moore
ABSENT: K. Novacich-Koberna, J. Futrell, L. Dalton, N. Petrillo
OTHERS: J. Parkin, B. Lavite, C. Ellis, C. Cohan

Ms. Dutton moved, seconded by Mr. Malone to approve the June meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VETERANS' ASSISTANCE:

B. Lavite reports that there have been no big changes from month to month but wanted to go over some numbers and a new program that is being implemented. Mr. Lavite says that the Federal Government has just released their Geographical Index for the VA in which Madison County has around 25,000 veterans who reside here. He said that based on that population, the Government gives Madison County 127mil dollars that goes towards Veteran's compensation, pension, medical expenses and federal programs with around 67mil dollars going directly to the Veteran's pocket. Mr. Lavite goes on to talk about the new Land of Lincoln program with Amy Morgan. Mrs. Morgan will be working with Veterans on Fridays that have legal issues. Aside from Mrs. Morgan's work, another counseling group has been added and will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:30am-3:30pm. During these sessions, group counseling and art therapy classes will be conducted. He said that 9 veterans can attend the art therapy classes that is instructed by an art teacher that has a background in mental health. The first class is July 23rd, and already has a waiting list. The department is hoping that after a year of art classes, if there is a large enough interest, a possible art show may be organized. Mr. Lavite said that 71 veterans have attended outreach programs last month. He concludes his monthly report with saying that the Dental Program is up and running and Veterans can be referred to the VA for information.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

C. Cohan reports that she currently does not have any further information on fees and fines but will keep the committee up to date as the information comes in. She goes on to say that she just submitted her final report for the first year VOCA grant. She says DCFS and VOCA grants have been accepted with a small increase in the VOCA. Mrs. Cohan reports that the CAC was able to be present at the Phillips 66 CAP meeting which gave them the opportunity to spread their mission. She says that Phillips 66 has been very generous with technological upgrades. Along with Phillips 66, more community awareness took place while attending a Women's Bar Association. Mrs. Cohan briefly explains how the CAC is accredited and the process and budgets of accreditations. Accreditations take place every 5 years and a number a packets and site visits must be completed. She goes on to talk about how there are some challenges within the team such as quick turnover which makes education and training difficult. Mrs. Cohan wanted to share a story about a young individual that came to the Center and how the team doesn't get to see stories like this every day. She says that the team worked really well together and there was a happy ending. The Kid's Fair is August 11th at the Moose Lodge and will supply dental exams, vision exams, school supplies and snacks/drinks. Please refer to the audio for Mrs. Cohan's full report and story.

MENTAL HEALTH:

J. Roth was unable to attend the meeting. She forwarded her report via email to the committee chairman which was read aloud at the meeting. Chairman Harriss says "the agency application process was opened July 1st and closes July 20th."

MUSEUM:

J. Parkin was very excited to tell the committee that the leak in the roof has finally been identified and repaired. He also said that he had a meeting a Chairman Prenzler on electronic footprints. Mr. Parkin goes into a bit of detail on the purchase request that is on the agenda and says this will be the 2nd of 5 installments for the Madison County Online Encyclopedia. Each installment will be \$8,300.00.

EDUCATION:

There was no representation from the Education Department and no report forwarded for this month's meeting.

Mr. Malone moved, seconded by Mr. Minner, to approve the bills for the month. The ayes and nays are being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: E. Harriss, B. Malone, J. Minner, C. Dutton, D. Moore

NAYS: None.

The following purchase request was presented to the committee:

1. Madison County Online Encyclopedia Archive, 8/15/2017-6/30/2018 (Museum). The cost is \$8,300.00.

Mr. Malone moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the purchase request as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: E. Harriss, B. Malone, J. Minner, C. Dutton, D. Moore

NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Malone moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.