

**Minutes of the
Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs Meeting
Wednesday May 12, 2010
Kansas Soldiers' Home, Fort Dodge, KS**

1. Commission members present: Ed Wieggers, Chairman; Jim Buterbaugh, Vice Chairman; Joy Moser, Commissioner; and Michael Neer, Commissioner. Via telephone: Jonathan Small, Commissioner.
2. Staff present: Jack Fowler, Executive Director; Jim Hays, KVH Superintendent; and Steve Dunkin, KSH Superintendent. Via telephone: Wayne Bollig, Veteran Services Director; Marshall Kennedy, Chief Fiscal Officer; Kafer Peele, Cemetery Program Director; Kim Tatum, Human Resources Director; and Sharnel Weakley, Human Resources KVH.
3. Guests in attendance: Alvin Folkerts, American Legion; John Roberts, KSH; and Gary Stowe, KSH.
4. Chairman Ed Wieggers opened the meeting of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs at 10:00 AM.
5. Superintendent Steve Dunkin introduced the pledge leader, Mr. Wayne Hicks. Pictures will be available on our website <http://www.kcva.org>.
6. Chairman Ed Wieggers began with the April 21, 2010 Commission minutes.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Jim Buterbaugh moved to approve the March 24, 2010 Commission minutes. Commissioner Joy Moser seconded. All in favor; no dissenting votes, no abstentions. Motion passed.

7. Executive Director Jack Fowler gave the agency updates. (A) Director Fowler reported on the status of the KCVA's budget. A budget bill was passed by both houses this past week and has been sent on to the Governor for his approval. The Governor recommended that 7.5 million dollars of state general funds (SGF) go to the KCVA over the next fiscal year. The Feuerborn

amendment is the amendment that was passed by the house and in that amendment it increases our budget significantly to 9.6 million dollars of SGF for the next fiscal year.

8. Chief Fiscal Officer Marshall Kennedy reported on budget issues. **(A)** Mr. Kennedy reported that we are eighty-three percent into the current fiscal year that ends June 30, 2010. We have notified the Division of the Budget that we project that the KVH will be over budget by \$85,000 by the end of FY10.
9. Human Resources Director Kim Tatum reported on program updates. **(A)** Human Resources Director Kim Tatum reported on program updates. Mrs. Tatum reported that the division of personnel services was anticipating four actions for FY11; longevity would continue at the fifty dollars a year amount with no additional funding provided; the five percent reduction for state officers would continue into FY11; the funding for market rate adjustments is expected to be approved but the final affected classifications won't be known for a few weeks; and there will be no furloughs or pay reductions for state employees.
10. Veteran Services Program Director Wayne Bollig reported that he had no report on the Veteran Services Program and Veterans Claim Advisory Program and stood for questions.
11. Cemetery Program Director Kafer Peele reported on the cemetery program. **(A)** Mr. Peele reported on the operational activities of the cemetery program and statistics. In April 2010 the KCVA cemeteries completed 18 new interments and 45 new pre-certifications. **(B)** Mr. Peele reported on staffing and personnel issues. **(C)** Mr. Peele reported on operational financials as of April 30, 2010. **(D)** Mr. Peele reported on recent events.
12. Superintendent Steve Dunkin reported on the Kansas Soldiers' Home (KSH). **(A)** Superintendent Dunkin introduced new employees at the KSH. Jason Hineman is the new director of nursing and Kim Alderfor is the new business manager. **(B)** Superintendent Dunkin reported on the current resident census at the KSH. The current census is 130 residents which includes 103 veterans and 27 non-veterans. There were three admissions, three deaths and one discharge. There were five inquiries to the KSH. **(C)** Superintendent Dunkin reported on staffing and personnel issues. **(D)** Superintendent Dunkin reported on operation and finance as of April 30, 2010. **(E)** Superintendent Dunkin reported on surveys at the KSH. **(F)** Superintendent Dunkin reported on

the Medicare/Medicaid project. The current Medicare census is three residents on Medicare Part A and three residents on Medicare Part B. **(G)** Superintendent Dunkin reported on open issues at the KSH. **(H)** Superintendent Dunkin reported on recent and upcoming events at the KSH.

13. Superintendent Jim Hays reported on the Kansas Veterans' Home (KVH). **(A)** Superintendent Hays reported on the current resident census at the KSH. The current census is 129 residents, which includes 112 veterans and 17 non-veterans. There were two admissions, one discharge and one death in long-term care. Superintendent Hays reported on the national issue of low census in nursing home care. There are three applicants on the KVH waiting list. **(B)** Superintendent Hays reported on staffing and personnel issues. **(C)** Superintendent Hays reported on operation and finance as of April 30, 2010. It is estimated that the KVH will be short approximately fifty five thousand dollars at the end of the fiscal year. **(D)** Superintendent Hays reported on inspections and surveys at the KVH. **(E)** Superintendent Hays reported on recent and upcoming events at the KVH.

14. Chairman Ed Wiegers opened the forum to the audience.

15. Chairman Ed Wiegers called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Jim Buterbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Joy Moser seconded. All in favor; no dissenting votes; no abstentions, Motion passed.

16. Chairman Ed Wiegers adjourned the meeting at 11:01 AM.

Ed Wiegers, Chairman

June 16, 2010