

SAN DIEGO MILITARY & VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA)
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123

August 10, 2019

Meeting held at County Operations Center (COC) 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helen Horvath, Chair, Member at Large; Anthony “Tony” Stewart, District 1; Ted Kagan, Vice-Chair, District 2; Tony Teravainen, District 3; Jack Harkins, District 4; Mia Roseberry, District 5; Austin Miller, Member at Large; Nancy Owen, Secretary, Member at Large; Karolyn Smith, Member at Large; Wil Quintong, Ex Officio OMVA

EXCUSED MEMBERS:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gabriel Gutierrez, Policy Advisor, Office of Nathan Fletcher, Supervisor, Fourth District, Board of Supervisors

1. Call to Order

The Military & Veterans Advisory Council (MVAC) meeting was called to order by Helen Horvath, Chair, at 9:30 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introductions

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Ted Kagan asked that a correction be made to minutes of July 13, 2019, under fourth item of business “Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes”. It was Ted Kagan who made a motion to approve the June minutes, not Ted Teravainen, as was stated. Ted Kagan then made a motion to approve the July minutes with correction. Tony Stewart seconded the motion. Approved as amended by all.

5. Chair’s Remarks

Helen Horvath attended the VA Mental Health Summit and gave an overview of the presentations. Suicide was the main topic of discussion along with integration of mental health services. Helen will send out a summary of the meeting.

6. Old Business-Update on Projects

- a. Tony Teravainen reported on Military Spousal Employment discussing various groups and entities such as DoD, SD Veteran Coalition, Chamber of Commerce, SDMAC and others who

are already working on this issue. Two of the main issues are 1) spousal certification/licensing reciprocity and 2) childcare issues. There is pending legislation related to the licensure/certification and the California BAR is working on reciprocity for veterans' spouses who are lawyers. Childcare subsidies and the ability to have daycare facilities in base housing are two issues being researched.

b. Tony Stewart is researching Military Behavioral Health/Suicide. Will be working with other council members to consolidate a list of referrals. Helen Horvath shared that the VA will be instituting telephone counseling via a VA secure system to assist in suicide prevention and other mental health counseling. A Veteran Crisis Outreach partnership with CSU San Marcos is being formed.

c. Helen Horvath and Nancy Owen have been working on the Alzheimer Care & Other Dementia. Helen shared information from the VA as to what assistance is available in helping with caregiving. Discussion shared with new MVAC members regarding background on addition of a Memory Care unit at the Chula Vista Veterans Home. State first needs to determine if a Memory Care Unit should be included at Chula Vista. Funding and staffing are other associated issues.

7. New Business-Nominations & Elections

a. Secretary Owen reviewed the Voting Procedures which were approved at the July meeting.

b. Current nominations for Chair are Helen Horvath and Tony Teravanien. There were no additional nominations.

c. Current nomination for Vice Chair is Karolyn Smith. Additional nomination is Ted Kagan.

d. Nancy Owen nominated Mia Roseberry for Secretary. No additional nominations.

e. Nominations were closed and each nominated member was given five minutes to share with council why they should be elected to a particular seat. Comments were limited to five minutes each.

f. Voting was conducted by written ballot. Results were tallied by Secretary Nancy Owen, assisted by Gabriel Gutierrez. Results were written on white board for all to see.

Chair: Tony Teravanien

Vice-Chair: Ted Kagan

Secretary: Mia Roseberry

8. Closing Remarks

Tony Teravanien will assume Chair duties September 1, 2019. Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, October 12, 2019. Wil Quintong asks that an agenda item be added for October to discuss future locations for MVAC meeting that afford more public accessibility. Draft of minutes will be sent to current and elected chair by Secretary Owen.

9. With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 am