COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMVAC)

Held In Person North Central Live Well Center 5560 Overland Ave, 1st Floor Conference Room 172, San Diego, CA 92123 Phone (858) 694-3222 * * Fax (858) 573-7381 Public Video Viewing/Comment Option: None

SDMVAC Meeting Minutes April 27, 2023

Members Present	Staff Present
Griselda Delgado	Anna Keill Lugue, Admin Staff, Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA),
Paula Jansen	Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA)
Jude Litzenberger	Glenn Darden, Admin Staff, Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA), Health
Danny Jackson	& Human Services Agency (HHSA)
Tony Teravainen	
Philip Kendro	
Mark Balmert	
Wilfred Quintong	Guests
Members Absent	
Mia Roseberry	

- 1. Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm by Chair, Griselda Delgado
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Griselda Delgado
- 3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
- 4. The February 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Council Members present voting yes.
- 5. Public Comments:
 - No public comment.
- 6. **Chair Comment: SDMVAC Update**. Ex- Officio Wilfred Quintong gives an update about the resignation of former Chair Jack Harkins from District 4 last May 15,2023. He informed the council about the Executive Committee Election for the vacant position will be this coming August.
- 7. **Discussion Item: SDMVAC Chairperson Elections**, Ex-Officio Wilfred Quintong stated that since the Chair position is vacant the Vice Chair can be an acting Chair. Ask the council if they want to make a vote or nomination now to elect a new Chair while waiting for the Executive Committee Election which

will be held in August. Ex-officio Wilfred Quintong said in the bylaws whenever there's a vacancy of the Chair the council can and will appoint a new Chair but in the meantime, the Vice Chair can act as Chair in the absence of the position. They can vote just by hand and nominate.

8. Discussion Item: SDMVAC Appointments Resulting from D4 Resignation,

Vote:

Motion: To promote Vice Chair Griselda Delgado to be the Chair of the Council

Moved by: Member Tony Teravainen

Seconded by: Mark Balmert

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Nomination for Vice Chair was opened by Chair Griselda Delgado Mark Balmert nominates Jude Litzenberger for Vice Chair seconded by Chair Griselda. Jude Litzenberger accepted the nomination. All council members vote Yes.

- 9. **Discussion Item: Ending Veterans Homeless Initiatives,** Ex-officio Wilfred Quintong gives updates about how the county and the other agencies take the lead to end Veteran Homelessness. According to him, there has been no identified funding for this project. They are going to ask for support from the Board of Supervisors for recommendations. They will come up with a plan before this summer to present to the Board of Supervisors. There will be other community partners that will support this project, the Regional Task Force for Homelessness, (VVSD) Veterans Village of San Diego, the County Department of Homeless Solutions, and Equitable Communities. OMVA is providing an outreach program helping homeless Veterans to provide benefits to which they are entitled. The council requested to have a copy of the proposed plan from this group for Homeless Veterans to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for review. Ex-officio Wilfred Quintong will check the availability of the proposal before this group submits it to the Board.
- 10. Discussion Item: Establishing a Veteran Center in East County, A Board of Action Letter authorizes the County to put in an (RFP) (\$100,000.00). Request for proposal for a consultant to investigate where and how we can put an MVRC/CMVR in East County. Joel Anderson and Diane Jacobs have been fighting to get a center out in the boundaries of D2. What they a looking for is the Model of a (CMVR) Center of Military and Veterans Reintegration, in which Maurice Wilson would be a great person to bring in to brief the concept. It is already being used in the Orange County and Los Angeles areas.
- 11. Information Item: SD County Office of Military and Veterans Affairs Update, Wilfred Quintong provided the council with the monthly activity report for the month of April. Also informed the council about the transfer location of MVRC's Oceanside to Ocean Ranch area. Provided updates about the hiring of the Veterans Program at the county. And update about the upcoming outreach event for the next month.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 14:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 24, 2023.