

**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  
5055 Ruffin Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123  
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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2023**

**Members Present**

Jude Litzenberger  
Danny Jackson  
Tony Teravainen  
Mia Roseberry

**Members Absent**

Griselda Delgado  
Paula Jansen  
Philip Kendro  
Mark Balmert

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health & Human Services Agency (HHS)A)  
Michael Schmidt, Interim Office of Military & Veterans Affairs Officer, Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA), Health & Human Services Agency (HHS)A)  
Ray Flores, Interim Office of Military & Veterans Affairs Officer, Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA), Health & Human Services Agency (HHS)A)

**Guests**

Ardee Apostol, Group Finance Director, Financial & Support Services Division, Health & Human Services Agency (HHS)A)  
Maryneza Moraleja, Revenue & Budget Manager, Financial & Support Services Division, Health & Human Services Agency (HHS)A)

1. Meeting called to order at 1:01pm by Vice Chair, Jude Litzenberger
  - A quorum of SDMVAC members was not present, therefore an official meeting was not called to order. However, it was decided to proceed with non-action item presentations from staff.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
  - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The April 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes were not approved, due to the lack of a quorum.
5. Public Comments:
  - No public comment.
6. **Discussion Item:** Transition Report from OMVA Regarding Director Retirement: Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health & Human Services Agency (HHS)A). Mr. Wanne announced the retirement of Office of Military and Veterans Affairs (OMVA) Director Wil Quintong and Program

Coordinator Donnie Relieve. Gratitude and acknowledgment of their County and military service was noted. Mike Schmidt was introduced as the Interim Military & Veterans Affairs Officer. An overview of the Health & Human Services Agency and Self-Sufficiency Services structure was provided. Increased staff support to the SDMVAC will be provided going forward. It was announced that meetings will now be broadcast online via Zoom and public comment speaker slips are now available in various languages.

7. **Discussion Item:** VA PTSD Awareness/Veterans Suicide Prevention Event at County Admin Building on June 25<sup>th</sup>: Mike Schmidt, Interim Office of Military & Veterans Affairs Officer, Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA), Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Schmidt provided an update on the upcoming PTSD event on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.
8. **Discussion Item:** Plan to Reappoint Rep from District 4: Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Wanne provided an overview of the process of how the vacant District 4 Board of Supervisors seat will be filled. A special election is called for August 2023, with a high probability of a runoff in November. Once a new Board of Supervisor is elected, they will take the action to appoint a new SDMVAC District 4 member, some time in 2024.
9. **Discussion Item:** Old Business: Progress Getting Data Requested of OMVA at Last Meeting: Mike Schmidt, Interim Office of Military & Veterans Affairs Officer, Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA), Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA). A request was made to provide additional data for veterans services provided in East County. Staff will follow up with that information. There was a discussion regarding the meeting date and frequency of the SDMVAC meetings, this item will be added to the August 17, 2023 agenda for more discussion. There was also a request to provide a copy of the SDMVAC by-laws to the Council members. Additional upcoming community veterans events were shared by several of the members present.
10. **Presentation Item:** 23/24 Proposed Operational Plan Budget Presentation: Maryneeza Moraleja, Revenue & Budget Manager, Financial & Support Services Division, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Moraleja provided an overview of the Proposed Operational Plan Budget for Fiscal Year 23/24. A copy of the Office of Military & Veterans Affairs detailed department budget was requested to be provided to the SDMVAC members.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on August 24, 2023.