

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
March 1, 2021 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Chair: Tom Richardson
Members:
Preston Allen
Ed Kinowski
Jack Lawler
Dan Pemrick
Mo Wright
Benny Zlotnick - VC

- I. Welcome and Attendance
  
- II. Approval of the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting
  
- III. Veterans Office Report
  
- IV. Peer to Peer Program Funding Resolution
  
- V. Discussion on funding request from City of Saratoga Springs for Memorial Day Flags - Supervisor Matthew Veitch
  
- VI. Other Business
  
- VII. Adjournment

Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, there is limited capacity in the Boardrooms. The public will have an opportunity to hear the meeting live via an audio signal using this call-in number and access code:

Dial: 1-978-990-5145  
Access Code: 1840389

## **January & February 2021 – Veterans Committee Report**

### **1. Veteran Service Officer Summary Report**

- a. 42 New Claims assembled and submitted
- b. 25 Conducted scheduled appointments
- c. 0 Walk-In clients
- d. 2 DSS Referrals
- e. 1 Medicaid Referral

### **2. Veterans Events**

- a. 1/6 County American Legion meeting
- b. 1/13 VA Virtual Town Hall
- c. 1/20 VCHC training
- d. 1/28 VA Law training webinar
- e. 2/3 VSO virtual meeting
- f. 2/3 County American Legion meeting
- g. 2/17 VA training webinar
- h. 2/23 TAPS
- i. 2/24 NVLSP training webinar
- j. 2/25 Deborah Sampson Act webinar

### **3. Saratoga County Veterans Transportation**

- a. 5 Van transportation provided Rides for January and February.

### **4. Veterans Trust Fund**

- a. Balance on hand of \$ 95,860.18

### **5. Peer to Peer Summary**

- a. Tuesdays: Virtual Coffee Night
- b. 1/14- Why Weight virtual health class
- c. 1/21- Mindful Eating virtual health class
- d. 2/10- Mentor training
- e. 2/19- Mentor training
- f. 2/25- Mentor training

### **6. Honor our Deceased Veterans**

Postponed due to Covid

**VETERANS TRUST FUND**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>ACTUAL BALANCE</b>
12/24/2020	RunSignup Inc.		\$ 3.80	\$ 95,547.73
12/31/2020	Spirit of Life Church Donation		\$ 300.00	\$ 95,847.73
	4th Qtr Interest		\$ 12.45	\$ 95,860.18
	MONTH TOTAL: DECEMBER 2020	\$ 8,150.50	\$ 312.45	\$ 95,860.18
	MONTH TOTAL: JANUARY 2021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,860.18
	MONTH TOTAL: FEBRUARY 2021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,860.18
<b>TOTALS</b>		\$ 100,194.59	\$ 196,054.77	\$ 95,860.18



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## PRE-RESOLUTION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Steve Bulger, County Administrator  
Jason Kemper, Acting Deputy County Administrator  
Hugh Burke, Esq., County Attorney

**FROM:** Frank McClement, Director - Veterans Service Agency  
Michael Prezioso, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Addiction

**DATE:** 2/24/2021

**Committee:** Veterans

1. Budget Amendments: A-43-438
2. Amendments to the Compensation Schedule: n/a
3. Details on what the resolution will authorize:

This resolution would authorize the funding of 2021 budget the Veterans Peer Connection program as passed in the Saratoga County 2021 Budget without the NYS Revenue. Options of funding to be determined by Veterans Committee per the attached option list. This program has been 100% funded through a grant from the NYS Senate PFC Joseph Dwyer program. Though funding was granted in the NYS 2020/2021 budget as passed last year, funding has yet to be released by NYS.

4. Vendors/contractors Selected: n/a
  - a. Less desirable alternatives: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Were bids/proposals solicited: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Was the contractor selected the lowest bid or proposal: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Was the contract awarded on the best value methodology: \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Is the vendor/contractor a sole source: \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Commencement date of contract term: [Click here to enter a date.](#)
  - h. Termination of contract date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)
  - i. Contract renewal and term: \_\_\_\_\_
  - j. Contact information (names, addresses): \_\_\_\_\_
  - k. Is the vendor/contractor an LLS, PLLC or partnership: \_\_\_\_\_
  - l. State of vendor/contractor organization: \_\_\_\_\_
  - m. Time element and why: \_\_\_\_\_
  - n. Other remarks: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is this an annual housekeeping resolution: NO
  - a. What were the terms of the prior resolution: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Are the terms changing: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What is the reason for the change in terms: \_\_\_\_\_



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6. Is a new position being created: **NO**

a. Effective date [Click here to enter a date.](#)

b. Salary and grade: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Is a new employee being hired: **NO**

a. Full name of the new employee including suffixes: \_\_\_\_\_

d. City/Town of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Effective date of employment [Click here to enter a date.](#)

f. Salary and grade \_\_\_\_\_

g. Appointed position: \_\_\_\_\_

h. Term: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is a grant being accepted: **NO**

a. Source of grant funding: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Amount of grant: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c. Purpose grant will be used for: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Equipment and/or services being purchased with the grant: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Time period grant covers: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Remarks: We are asking the BOS to authorize the funding of the program in the event NYS does not release the funds and the budgeted revenues are not received.

## **Veterans Peer to Peer Funding Options**

### **Option #1**

Fully fund the program as budgeted for 2021.

Budget Impact - \$82, 513.00 (Reflects the budgeted amount of \$93,835.00 minus the remaining unspent aid of \$11,322.00)

### **Option #2**

Fund a minimum operating budget for 2021. Cut to discretionary line items could be made to operate the program and provide support on a leaner budget.

Budget impact - \$66,720.00 (Reflects cuts to the budget to achieve a reduced bottom line to \$77, 592.00 minus the remaining unspent aid of \$11,322.00)

### **Option #3**

Fund the program at minimum level through July and reconvene at that time with hopes of more news from NYS with regard to grant funding.

Budget Impact - \$32,315.00 (\$6,463 per month for 5 months March-July.)