

VETERANS ACCESSION HOUSE
1334 Chimneywood Court
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Board Meeting date:Saturday, October 13, 2018

Members Present:Jimmy, Sherri, Dennis, Nubia, James and Leonard

Absent:Mary and Damon

Call to Order:11:00 am

Approved Minutes:James motioned to approve minutes from our last meeting. Sherry 2nd the motion. All approved.

Financial Report:Nothing to report, no changes.

Old Business:

1. No repairs, no updates on Facebook and Linked
2. Grant Per Diem – Received a letter from Diane Ferguson LMC and Jeff Jewell Concord Vet Center. Pending one support letter from Congressman Mark DeSaulnier’s office.
3. Attended Stand Down for East County at the Alameda County Fairground – Dennis Johnson, Swords to Plowshares was present and gave his observation on the event outcome.
4. Discussed issues of criteria for VAH candidate housing access.

New Business:

1. Add to program access contract: Refusal to submit to drug test and or positive test results, discretionary grounds for discharge.
2. Motion to purchase “Stat Swab” test kits. Len motion research costs and quantity of kits, and purchase. James 2nd motion, all in favor.
3. Everything should be documented, i.e., rule violations, threats and violence.
4. Proposed design of a form for release of information for medical care, employment and school status.

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5. Leonard proposed examination to design a form authorizing automatic deduction of rental cost. Nubia 2nd motion, all in favor.
6. Leonard proposed design of a standard form to be included in candidate's packet authorizing Release of Information to VAH Organization. Nubia 2nd motion, all in favor.
7. Leonard plans to meet with Jason Phegley, VOCO Design & Marketing. Discussion covered need to update pamphlets, business cards, and website presentation to incorporate existing dropdowns and add new material such as open house date and general VA services and programs.
8. Proposed plan for revisiting developing business plan to support expanded role of the organization.
9. James proposed exploration of a design of a form for release of liability before entering the program.

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Open Discussion: What can we accomplish between now and next meeting?

1. Sherri announced that she will be stepping down as a board member due to a developed conflict in now being Leonard's Supervisor at work.
2. Need to continue to monitor announcement of GRANTS for 2019 VA GPD NOFA and Contra Costa County Council on Homelessness.
3. Decision to finalize contract with Aaron Rome, Consultant for NPO grant writing.
4. Five-bedroom house available in Sacramento for possible used under VAH.
5. House being offered for use for VAH purpose in El Sobrante.

Adjourn: October 13, 2018, at 12:50 pm.

Next Meeting: December 8th, 2018 at 10:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Nubia Ramirez
Secretary, VAH Board of Directors