

**VETERANS ACCESSION HOUSE**  
**2290 Willow Pass Road**  
**Concord, CA 94520**

**AGENDA**

**Board Meeting Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2021 at 10:00 am.

**Location:** Conference Zoom

Meeting call to order at 10:00 am, presiding Board Manager Chris Capdevielle, Program Director present, Nubia Ramirez Secretary, recording.

Expected to Attend at the Start of the Meeting: Leonard Ramirez, Nubia Ramirez, Chris Capdevielle, Jimmy Hildreth, Eric Graham, Jose Mora, Mathew Smith, Dennis Rojas and Christine Schultz.

Expected Absent: Jose Mora, Damon Matthew.

Expected Guests: None

- 1) At 10:00 am Meeting called to order; welcome and roll call protocol (Chris Cap) – 5 min
- 2) Proposed to accept minutes from March 20, 2021.
- 3) President’s instruction covering Mission and Purpose for nonprofits to guide our board action (Leonard) – 20 Mins
- 4) Review difference between the Mission Statement and the Purpose Statement?
  - A mission is about what you do and for whom. Whereas the purpose statement provides the reasons why you exist.
  - Statement that includes both the purpose and the mission of the organization.
  - Veterans Accession House, a nonprofit organization providing Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans; preparing them for independent living.
- 5) Aspirations:
  - A vision statement describes what the organization will look like in the future.
  - It serves as a guiding beacon that depicts the kind of future to which the organization aspires

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**6) Vision**

- To be the leading provider of effective treatment and care for Military and Veteran populations in the Transitional Housing Industry.
- To become a leading influence for the DOD, VA, Veteran service organizations and legislators related to the effective Transitional Housing programs.

**7) VAH Purpose Statement:**

- Offer housing for Veterans experiencing homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Provide housing to our Veterans so they can focus on what is important to them.
- Combine housing with supportive services, to encourage educational fulfillment, and to link their achievement to employment.
- Help Student and Working Veterans to create stability, to sustain and make ready for permanent housing.

**8) Short Term -Tier I (Chris)**

- Pro-bono partners (criminal, service upgrades, family law, debt, immigration, Swords to Plowshares).
- Employment specialist (resume writing, LinkedIn, interview prep, VA Student Work Program)
- Potential for sourcing employment: Dennis Rojas VA CWT Voc Rehab Spec.
- Employment development department: Jim Blanton, Ca EDD.
- Health (VA) – Need to re-engage and get contacts, physical therapy, mental health / counseling, group therapy
- Education (Grants, enrollment, GI-Bill assistance, applications, service-connected disability)
- Entertainment – Vet Tix or other organization
- Fitness centers – (YMCA, Planet Fitness, local gyms)
- Nutrition – Food guidance, healthy, ease of access (County food bank).

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**8) Near Term Tier II (Nubia/ Chris)**

- VA Student Work Study program.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program
- CSUEB Student work program with emphasis in Fund Raising and other critical program components.
- Grant claims – specifics: Lease Van to assist with assisted transportation, day trips, camping, VetTixs.
- Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund Notification of Award.
- California Relief Grant.
- Influence College District Policy on Veteran Care
- Impact local Congressional leaders to influence policy on “Transitioning Veterans.”

**9) Far Term Tier III (Leonard)**

- California Housing and Community Development Grant for Transitional Housing (See attached Notice).
- Land or Real Property, to construct or rehabilitate.
- Pittsburg corner property

**10) Treasury Report: (Nubia)**

- a. Accountant – Cindy YU – all monthly payrolls continue to calculate employee EDD and IRS deductions.
- b. VAH bank account balance has been reconciled using Turbo Tax allowing for accurate monthly spreadsheets.
- c. See attached Excel Spreadsheets for balances

**11) Operational Update (Leonard)**

- a. VAH has partnered with Local Employment Development Department to plan for a near-time multi-house coalition for developing a Veterans Resource Group.
- b. Antioch W 5<sup>th</sup> St location on schedule and planned inspection and clearance for program use by late July.
- c. In discussion with City of Concord for possible land lease for support of Housing and Community Development funding.

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**Adjourn:** June 20, 2021, at 11:00 am.

**Next Meeting: Proposed for -** Aug 21, 2021 at 10:00 am.

**Location: Conference Zoom**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Nubia Ramirez**  
**Secretary, VAH Board of Directors**