

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE, IN SPECIAL MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AT
5:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT,
ARIZONA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Phil Bobadilla
Vice Chair Brenda Sullivan
Members Pamela Rinesmith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Montgomery, Staff Volunteer

GUESTS PRESENT: Dave Rosenfeld, Veterans Advisory Board Vice Chair
Andrea Armstrong
Bert Armstrong
Eric Ballester
Felix Cwynar IV
Connie Martorano

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chair Bobadilla called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff Volunteer Montgomery called roll and declared a quorum present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Dave Rosenfeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

Member Rinesmith moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022, meeting; Vice Chair Sullivan seconded the motion. *Motion carried 3-0.*

AGENDA ITEMS

5. Presentation from Andrea Armstrong regarding resource provider evaluation

Andrea Armstrong provided a presentation regarding evaluation of three resource providers: Hidden Heroes (<https://hiddenheroes.org/>); Arizona Coalition for Military Families (<https://arizonacoalition.org/>); and Mesa Veterans Resource Center (<https://mesavrc.org/>).

Connie Martorano presented a video and discussion regarding Arizona Coalition of Military Families with additional discussion amongst the group.

Felix Cwynar provided a presentation and handouts regarding the services and resources that the Mesa Veterans Resource Center provides with additional discussion amongst the group.

Vice Chair Sullivan moved to add Mesa Veterans Resource Center to the Town of Gilbert Veterans website as a resource organization; Member Rinesmith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 3-0.*

6. Presentation from Eric Ballester regarding resource provider evaluation

Eric Ballester provided a presentation regarding evaluation of three mental health non-profit organizations: PTSD Foundation of America (<https://ptsdusa.org/>); Heal the Hero Foundation (<https://healthhero.causevox.com/>); and Shields and Stripes (<https://shieldsandstripes.org/>). Discussion occurred amongst the group regarding resources from the organizations discussed. Mr. Ballester emailed additional information on the three resources as well as others resources to Jason Montgomery for distribution to the subcommittee.

7. 2022 Workplan and Subcommittee Assignments

Chair Bobadilla provided an update and further discussion on the 2022 Workplan. Group discussion commenced regarding goals of the Workplan, potential refinements and adjustments to the timeframes. Chair Bobadilla requested the list of assignments be reviewed for potential volunteer opportunities at the next meeting.

COMMUNCIATIONS

8. Reports from Council Liaison

Council Liaison absent.

9. Report from Chair and or Vice Chair

Nothing to report.

10. Report from Council Liaison

Council Liaison absent.

11. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

Vice Chair Sullivan requested discussion of a potential future wellness event at the next meeting.

CONCLUSION

12. ADJOURN

Chair Bobadilla adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Phil Bobadilla, Chair

Jason Montgomery, Staff Volunteer