

**Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force
AFRCC**

Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2017

Member Attendance:

	Jim R	x	Erven S.		Scott F		Randy P
	Susan M		Kerri K		Greg A		Reents, Sgt Brad
x	Gail G		Curtis A		Jamie N		Chris C
	Kathy R		Carol A		Curt H	x	Pauline A
	Bob B		Brad B		Dan J		Heidi B
x	Jim J		Randy H		Doug M	x	Terry L
x	David O		Dave R	x	Mary F	x	Cathy B
x	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M	x	Bob F		Don C
	Perseke, Sgt Major Dan		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan	X	Guest: Deanna B
x	Carol Ann S	x	Sean W			X	Guest: Ben B
x	Bruce D		Barbara K			X	Guest: Courtney E
X	Brent L		April T			X	Guest: Shawn W
x	Candi L		John T			X	Guest: Danelle B

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1906 by Vice Chair David Oslund
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions were made
Guest: Courtney Eastlund	Courtney gave a presentation on "Safe Families for Children" which started in Chicago in 2002. Courtney is opening a branch in Isanti County. Goal is to help families during times of crisis and care for their children so foster care is not needed. There are currently branches in Minneapolis & Rochester. They work closely with New Pathways, MN Teen Challenge, & Shakopee women's prison. Volunteer families are needed to host children. Donations also accepted for needed items such as food, diapers, and clothing. Safe Families works with the parents to solve the problems.	Information accepted For more information contact Courtney@safefamilies.org , call 763-691-9010 or visit the website www.safe-families.org to donate or complete an application to be a host family
Guest: Danelle Bybee	Danelle is the new state coordinator for the Building Healthy Military Communities Pilot funded by the DOD. The pilot is in 7 states, including Minnesota. The 3 phases of the pilot are complete a needs assessment, develop a strategic plan and implement key interventions, and evaluate the interventions. The goal is to "better understand unique challenges faced by 'geographically dispersed' Service members and their families that may impact their readiness, resiliency, and well-being". Danelle served in the Army for 11 years.	Information accepted
Secretary Report Carol Ann	Minutes of the April meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: A motion was made by (Cathy B) and seconded (Jim J) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved

Treasurer Report Dave O. for Kathy R.	Income and expenses were reviewed for April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: private donors, Arctic Plunge, 1970's Dinner Dance sponsorships/ticket sales, raffle ticket sales Expenditures were: postage, phone bill, Dinner/ Dance expenses, sign disposal fee, donations, purchase of Vietnam medals for high school shadow boxes 	Information accepted and filed for audit Our gratitude to our donors
Chair's Report Dave O. for Jim R.	1) Veterans issues: Dave O & Dan M reporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update regarding propane reimbursement Widow of veteran needs chair lift for stairs purchased & installed. Working with CVSO. Veteran needs ramp for garage access and a lift recliner. Lift recliner obtained today. Isanti VFW will get ramp. Wife of deployed service member requests assistance with lawn care and future snow removal. Soldier will be gone 1 year. Wife and 2 small children at home with baby due in July. New Hope Church offered to assist with lawn mowing. Two veterans (living in same household) request assistance with propane and electric bills. Approved and paid by Executive Board. CVSO also gave them gift cards for food and gasoline. Request for camo bedroll for soldier deployed to Cuba. Will get address and mail. 2) Friend application: Comprehensive Health Clinics 3) A reminder of Memorial Day programs in Braham, Cambridge & Isanti 4) May Executive Board meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to minutes 	Information accepted
Committee Reports:	Website Committee: Scott F <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report, Chair absent Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing new to report Billboard Committee: Dave R <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report, Chair absent Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report, Chair absent Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report Chairs absent 	Information accepted

Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friend Application: Comprehensive Health Clinics (Dr. Volker) in Cambridge • Raffle tickets for the Isanti County Fair are now available for sale. Please see Gail G for packets of tickets to sell or to purchase some. The prizes this year are the playhouse/garden shed, a 9mm Beretta firearm, and a Willowbridge spa day. Tickets are \$5.00 each • Mary F contacted the Event Coordinator at the MN State Fair for an application to participate in Military Appreciation Day. ICBYR would like to march in the parade. Discount admission that day to active and retired military and their spouses and children. Information will be sent on how to order ICBYR logo polo shirts and caps 	Motion: Motion was made (Jim J) and seconded (Brent L) to accept Comprehensive Health Clinics as a new Friend of ICBYR. Motion approved. Gail G to clarify discount %
Open Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim R, Erven S, and Brad B staffed the ICBYR booth at the Braham Business Expo. In addition to giving our information, they sold \$150 in raffle tickets • The MN History Museum in St Paul is featuring WWI. This is an excellent exhibit and veterans and service members get in free. An email will be sent with details. 	Information accepted.
Adjournment		Motion: Motion was made (Cathy B) and seconded (Mary F) to adjourn pm. Motion approved at 1955

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith

Next Meeting: June, 2017 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC

A reminder there is no July Task Force meeting due to the Isanti County Fair

Link to the Military Action Group:

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&search=committee&session=0902017&committee_id=90022&submit_committee=GO