## Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

### Executive Board Meeting Summary

**March 11, 2020**

**Isanti County Government Center**

**Members Present:** Jim Rostberg, Dave Oslund, Carol Ann Smith, Kathy Rostberg, Gail Genin

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Dan Meyer, Stacey Brown, Kathy Kraft

### Agenda Item | Discussion/Action
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**Veterans/ CVS0 Issues** | **Veteran Issues:**
- Veteran requesting assistance. Has completed 10 years of active duty and has now moved back home to Isanti County. Needs a bed for his young daughter. Rostberg will donate twin bed frame. Executive Board voted to pay up to $250 for a new twin mattress.
- Soldier requesting ICBYR pay for his mother’s airfare to Ohio to attend his 2LT commissioning ceremony. Request denied by Executive Board.
- Veteran who was a former resident of Isanti County requesting assistance with housing until his housing voucher goes into effect April 1. Is not currently residing in Isanti County and his voucher is not for Isanti County. Request denied by Executive Board.

**CVS0** | - Dan Meyer announced that he will be deployed in late summer. The CVSO is making plans to cover his work while he is gone. Stacey Brown will be increasing her hours to 30/week when Dan’s orders come through. There will be a representative from the State of MN in the office 2 days a week to assist Stacey with requests that need State or Federal program assistance. Stacey will continue her work as liaison to community organizations. ICBYR will coordinate Freedom Fest this year so Stacey can focus on other priorities.

**MAC-V** | - Kathy Kraft from MAC-V was present to discuss a potential event for honoring military families in the autumn.
- Also gave an overview of work with homeless veterans in MN. Governor Walsh has goal for MN to be at “Functional Zero” for veteran homelessness by July 1, 2020. MN has a Homeless Veteran Registry.

**Fundraising Chair Report** | - Final work on dinner dance continues. Posters and flyers have been distributed. Tickets available at KBEK, Cambridge State Bank and Minnco in Isanti. Also available from Executive Board members. Raffle tickets also available from Jim, Gail or Susan
- Working on silent auction items
- Dessert auction for 10
- Article in County News Review
- Two checks written for dinner dance expenses

**Investment Coordinator Report** | - Report for February shows the value of the ICBYR account down by $7,680. Officially in a “Bear” market.

**2019 Annual Report** | - Plan to have this completed by the Dinner Dance

**Bylaws** | - Gail distributed the Chisago Lakes BTYR bylaws for our review. Will discuss at the April Executive Board meeting

**Debrief of Recent Events** | - None
### Upcoming Events
- 2020 Dinner Dance “Mardi Gras” March 28
- Central MN Council on Aging Senior Resource Fair in Braham April 6
- North 65 Chamber of Commerce Senior Resource Fair in Cambridge April 23
- City Center Market – Cambridge – featured non-profit of the month - May

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings
- Gail unable to attend March meeting
- Carol Ann attended the February North 65 Chamber meeting for the “State of the City” address for Cambridge. March meeting will be the “State of the City” address for Isanti

### Mission Statement
- Discussed the drafts of a revised mission statement received by Task Force members. Will present at the March Task Force meeting.

### VAMC Suicide Prevention Coalition
- February meeting went well. Decided on vision statement. Identified relevant stakeholders. March meeting will be SAVE training
- Carol Ann suggested ICBYR host an event of SAVE training in September during Military Suicide Prevention Month. Approved by Executive Board, will take to Task Force for approval.

### Friends
- No new applications

### Misc.
- One scholarship application has been received in the CVSO office

### Open Agenda
- Spring Joining Community Forces Conference will be May 1-2, 2020 at Camp Ripley – each BYR network to send at least one representative
- Veterans Day on the Hill – April 20 – all encouraged to attend

### January ICBYR Task Force Agenda
- Guest: None at this time
- Old Business: None
- New Business: Voting on veteran requests, vote on purchase of pork chops for veterans at Freedom Fest & discussion on revised mission statement

### Open Agenda:
- Call to Order: 1400
- Adjourn: 1547 (Dave, Gail)

Meeting summary respectfully submitted by:
Carol Ann Smith - ICBYR Secretary