



**Meeting Minutes of the
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
August 14, 2024, at 10:00 AM**

I. Call to Order

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

II. Roll Call

Stacy Schulte called the roll.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
John Theobald, Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
James Dare, Commissioner	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		

Staff members present:

- Kim Frisco, Director
- Bryan Suddith, Deputy Director
- Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel
- Stacy Schulte, Clerical Support Specialist

Guests:

Mr. Will Bowers, founder of the Veteran Owned Business Networking arrived at 10:04 a.m.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Commission President Jerry Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Commission observed a moment of silence.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Fried moved to approve the July 10, 2024, minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dare.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
John Theobald, Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
James Dare, Commissioner	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

V. Public Comments

Mr. Will Bowers invited all veterans who own businesses to his event that will be held at Wright State University, Veterans and Military Center located in Allyn Hall on August 21, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Bowers also reminded the Commission that the Ohio Veterans Bonus will expire at the end of this month.

VI. Old Business

- a.) Consideration of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for period of July 1 – 31, 2024. Commissioner Theobald moved to approve, and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
John Theobald, Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
James Dare, Commissioner	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		

President Hayes declared the motion approved. 5-0

Deputy Director Suddith provided the Commission with a map detailing by zip code from where the financial assistance was being requested within the county. After further discussion, Mr. Theobald stated that he was pleased with the number of Veterans being helped and would like to see this type of report once or twice a year. Mr. Fried stated that he would like to see a heat / color coded map to see the areas of the county where the resources are going to better help us with outreach programs.

VII. New Business

a.) Employee Recognition

Executive Director Kimberly Frisco presented a plaque to President Jerry Hays in celebration and gratitude of his years of service as the President of The Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners.

b.) September Commission Meeting

The OSACVSO Fall School will begin on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, the same day as the regular monthly MCVSC meeting.

Commissioner Fried moved to approve the rescheduling of the September 11, 2024, commission meeting to a week earlier on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dare.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
John Theobald, Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
James Dare, Commissioner	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved. 5-0

VIII. Management Report

a.) Executive Director Kimberly Frisco presented the Staff reports.

- Please see attached reports.
- ODVS is warning to be cautious of companies charging veterans to file service claims.
- Invite a Vet is scheduled for 9/19 at the Air Force Museum, there will be a free meal for all veterans in attendance and Mr. Paul Boykin will speak. RSVP's must be made by September 5, 2024.

b.) Deputy Director Bryan Suddith presented the Budget, Outreach, Productivity and Transportation reports.

- Please see the attached reports.
- The new Budget Cycle starts in September
- Our staff completed several Outreach opportunities in July and the beginning of

August. There are several more scheduled for the end of August and in September, please see the Outreach Report for more details.

- MCVSC had the honor of providing a special handicap assessable van to transport a veteran to the airport so that he could participate in the National Veteran Wheelchair games.

c.) Steven Strain presented the legal report.

- Please see the attached report.
- He has now served over 2000 Veterans since he came on board.
- Mr. Strain also went to Greene County and served several veterans there at a one-day workshop hosted by the Greene County Veteran Service Commission.
- Working toward a possible hybrid partnership with the Legal Aid Society to bring services to even more veterans in need of legal services.

IX. Commissioner Reports

a.) Commissioner Hays (DAV) – DAV closed until September

b.) Commissioner Theobald (AMVETS) –

- Connected with nearly 40 members of the Veterans Entrepreneur Bootcamp at Wright State University.
- This month's AMVETS meeting is cancelled due to COVID.
- Legal issues are still ongoing within the organization.

c.) Commissioner Fried (VVA) –

- Mr. Fried will be participating in a Flag retiring ceremony with the Boy Scouts on 8/26/2024 at 8:00.
- He had a very productive meeting with the VA director regarding getting the volunteers back in to serve at the VA.
- They will be sending out focus surveys to other area posts to obtain information for scholarships with a possible focus on trade schools.
- Mr. Fried also shared that as President of District 6, he enjoyed the breakout sessions at the recent conference.
- He would also like MCVSC to consider hosting a Veteran Appreciation Picnic.

d.) Commissioner Dare (American Legion) –

- There will be no August meeting as they are on Summer Break.
- He mentioned resources that he learned of at the recent conference www.ohiolegalhelp.org and www.combinedarms.us

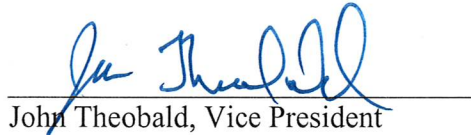
e.) Commissioner Howley (Kettering VFW) –

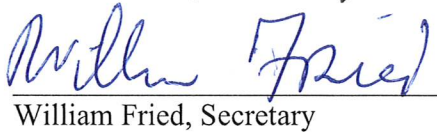
- Executive Director Frisco and attorney Steven Strain will be presenting at his post's next meeting 9/3/2024.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.


Jerry Hays, President


John Theobald, Vice President


William Fried, Secretary


James Dare, Commissioner

Michael Howley, Commissioner



MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
August 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance Followed by a Moment of Silence
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. July 10, 2024
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Consider Approval of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance Report for the Period of July 1-31, 2024
- VII. New Business
 - a. Employee Recognition
- VIII. Management Report
- IX. Commissioners' Reports
- X. Adjournment



**Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
Soldier and Sailors Report
August 2024**

1. Data Statistics

a. Financial Assistance:

i. July 2024

1. Approved: 41/\$54,699.66
2. Shelter: 28/\$38,774.22
3. Utilities: 34/\$5,993.07
4. Disapprovals: 11
 - a. Partial approval/Vet had funds to cover some of the request – 2
 - b. Partial approval/incomplete for rent – 1
 - c. Partial approval/No progress towards financial independence -1
 - d. Partial approval/Excessive ATMs -1
 - e. Partial approval/Did not pay utilities for 9 months – 1
 - f. Incomplete - 3
 - g. Excessive spending while spouse not working – 1
 - h. No emergency/Excessive Spending – 1

ii. June 2024

1. Approved: 27/\$27,714.20
2. Shelter: 14/\$17,479.47
3. Utilities: 18/\$3,440.73
4. Disapprovals: 9
 - a. Incomplete – 3
 - b. No emergency/Excessive Spending – 2
 - c. Partial Approval – 1
 - d. Excessive Gambling – 1
 - e. Assistance No Longer Needed – 1
 - f. Found Other Resources – 1



Transportation Report | June – July 2024

Monthly Appointments July 2024

*Client Appointments	224
2024 Monthly Average	238
2024 YTD Total	1667
2023 Total	2601
2023 Monthly Average	217

Monthly Cost June 2024

Average Cost Per Round trip ride	\$20.62
RTA/UBER/Valley	\$5,031.34
2024 Monthly Average	\$6,078.85
2024 YTD Total	\$36,473.10
2023 Total	\$82,998.66
2023 Monthly Average	\$6,916.56

June Trip Totals**

• RTA/Uber/Lyft	128
• RTA/Paratransit	266
• Valley Transport	27
• Catholic Social Services	1
• RTA Bus Pass (Medical)	21
• RTA Bus Pass (Grocery/Other)	13

Veterans served in June 66

New transportation clients 4

*Appointments are generally round trip.

**One-way trips



Outreach Report | July/August 2024

Current and Completed Outreach Events

- July 9 – 13, Montgomery County Fair
 - Donald, Glen, Bill, and others
- July 23, VA National VetResources Community Network Convention
- July 24, Franklin County Director and Dayton VA meeting/tour
- July 26, Presentation to the Dayton VA Homeless Program
- August 10, Honor Flight Return
- August 9 & 10, Centerville Boomerfest
 - Tammy, Stacy, Bill, Loren, and Bryan

Upcoming Events:

- August 19 Trinity Community at Miami Township Seminar
- August 21, AL Post 707, Englewood
- August 24, The Rose Food Truck event
- August 24, Miami County Veterans Symposium at Hobart
- September 2, Holiday at Home Parade (labor day)
- September 3, Kettering VFW, Kim and Steve
- September 14, Levitt Pavilion Concert
 - <https://levittdayton.org/event/honoring-our-veterans-headliner-tbd-w-guitars4heroes-opening/>
- September 19, Night of Celebration Flying Above the Clouds – Invite a Vet

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Legal Services
July 2024

Individual Client Appointments.....	40
YTD Monthly Average.....	56.5
Clinic Attendees.....	31* (3 Clinic)

Practice Areas

Housing Defense.....	3
Civil/Family.....	3
Estate Planning.....	14
Miscellaneous Legal Advice.....	13
Discharge/Character of Service Upgrades.....	7

Service By County

Montgomery.....	24
Greene.....	1
Clark.....	4
Miami.....	3
Butler.....	3
Delaware.....	1
Shelby.....	4

Mentors

- There are approximately twenty-five (25) Veterans currently participating in the VTC Program
 - All but one (1) Veteran are assigned to a Mentor
 - There are currently twelve (12) active Mentors participating in the VTC Program
 - That number includes two (2) new Mentors having been certified on 2AUG24.
 - We held two (2) Mentor Meetings in the month of July
 - 17AUG24 – Featured Rob Branch, VJO Peer Support of the Veterans Justice Outreach Program – he gave a presentation on the services that his office offers Veterans
 - 31AUG24 - Regular informal gathering of Mentors to discuss ways in which to better help the Veterans we mentor
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54000	Routine Business Mileage	1,850.00	917.90	0.00	0.00	932.10	49.62	43.82
54002	Routine Business Parking	100.00	15.55	0.00	0.00	84.45	15.55	15.55
54004	Routine Business Meals	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	0.00
54010	Routine Business Event Sponsorship	1,999.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,999.00	0.00	0.00
54030	Board Approved Registration	4,825.00	3,345.00	255.00	1,225.00	1,225.00	74.61	82.90
54032	Board Approved Lodging	19,500.00	6,989.28	3,690.36	8,820.36	54.77	57.11	57.11
54034	Board Approved Meals	3,350.00	3,527.00	1,301.00	-1,478.00	144.12	130.93	130.93
54036	Board Approved Airline	2,300.00	1,185.35	714.65	400.00	82.61	82.61	82.61
54038	Board Approved Mileage	2,040.00	1,710.84	636.50	-307.34	115.07	89.61	89.61
54040	Board Approved Other Travel	3,200.00	457.01	242.99	2,500.00	21.88	21.88	21.88
54070	Training Registration	3,400.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,900.00	44.12	44.12	44.12
54076	Professional Dues & Memberships	2,950.00	1,522.00	0.00	1,428.00	51.59	46.00	46.00
54078	Training Mileage	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
54082	Training and Education Materials	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
55006	Printing Services ISF	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
55018	Consultant Services	10,000.00	6,066.35	0.00	3,933.65	60.66	51.66	51.66
55028	Other Medical Services	4,350.00	3,351.00	0.00	999.00	77.03	61.72	61.72
55048	External Printing Services	7,000.00	1,514.49	0.00	5,485.51	21.64	21.64	21.64
55076	Creative Services for Advertising	0.00	800.00	0.00	-800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
55080	Advertising	347,834.91	285,099.43	135,103.58	-72,368.10	120.81	117.56	117.56
55094	Other Services	0.00	11,132.00	235.00	-11,367.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
55718	Counseling/Training/Education	0.00	1,004.20	0.00	-1,004.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
55754	Client Transportation	78,174.36	54,530.44	20,181.10	3,462.82	95.57	93.54	93.54
55776	Client Training/Educational Materials	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
55810	Soldiers Relier Allow Misc Voucher Only	141,500.00	7,523.08	0.00	133,976.92	5.32	4.75	4.75
55820	Emergency Assistance Service Providers	192,068.00	95,526.00	25,883.00	70,659.00	63.21	47.69	47.69
55830	Emergency Assistance Rent	256,739.00	114,609.99	0.00	142,129.01	44.64	30.88	30.88
55895	Other Services for Clients	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
56012	Facility/Other Maintenance & Repair	2,000.00	86.00	0.00	1,914.00	4.30	4.30	4.30
56040	Equipment Maintenance & Repair	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
57010	Communications	6,725.17	1,349.32	503.85	4,872.00	27.56	27.56	27.56
57030	Cell Phone Charges	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
57070	County Mailroom ISF	19,321.00	11,578.35	0.00	7,742.65	59.93	58.99	58.99
57080	County Telecommunications ISF	15,000.00	8,144.24	0.00	6,855.76	54.29	46.65	46.65
57090	Internet Access Charges ISF	2,200.00	1,408.00	0.00	792.00	64.00	64.00	64.00
59030	Office Equipment	0.00	27,065.70	0.00	-27,065.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
59580	Construction & Improvement Other	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		2,744,858.44	1,450,247.10	226,374.13	1,068,237.21	61.08%		

MainAccountClass	Ledger account	Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Remaining budget	Percent used
500	Statutory Salaries	44,755.00	25,818.75	0.00	18,936.25	57.69
510	Salaries	1,036,445.00	481,670.48	0.00	554,774.52	46.47
520	Fringe Benefits	277,022.00	152,792.03	0.00	124,229.97	55.16
530	Operating Expenses	218,210.00	138,007.32	37,627.10	42,575.58	80.49
540	Travel & Training	50,764.00	21,169.93	6,840.50	22,753.57	55.18
550	Professional Services	1,043,166.27	581,156.98	181,402.68	280,606.61	73.10
560	Maintenance and Repair Services	2,750.00	86.00	0.00	2,664.00	3.13
570	Communications	43,746.17	22,479.91	503.85	20,762.41	52.54
590	Capital Outlays	28,000.00	27,065.70	0.00	934.30	96.66
	Totals as of 7-31-2024	2,744,858.44	1,450,247.10	226,374.13	1,068,237.21	61.08%

January 1 - July 31				
		Food/Utilities	Housing	Total
2024		\$95,526.00	\$114,609.99	\$210,135.99
2023		\$126,272.65	\$79,675.00	\$205,947.65
2022		\$86,120.94	\$91,139.21	\$177,260.15

Frisco, Kim

From: Scott, Loren
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 11:05 AM
To: Frisco, Kim; Suddith, Bryan
Cc: Schulte, Stacy
Subject: RE: Upcoming VSC Meeting
Attachments: Transportation Report June - July 2024.doc

Thank you. I did the same for Valley Transport and they sent over the July invoice so that we can have accurate numbers for the commissioners.

Notes for June and July

- June stands as the Transportation program's cheapest month on record. Approximately \$20.62 per round trip ride. This is due to ridership being down, specifically in single appointment clients.
- Not only is ridership starting to take a downturn but we are seeing a decrease in new clients this summer. I am working to mitigate this by taking advantage of as many outreach events as possible to educate and inform the Veteran public of our program.
- A follow up to Albert Moore, one of our Veteran dialysis clients. Mr. Moore came home at the end of July from rehabilitation care after a stent in the hospital. Unfortunately transportation was not available for his 1st treatment since returning home, so with only few minutes notice from his daughter Sharon in Atlanta, Stacy and I jumped in the VSC vehicle and picked Mr. Moore up from his home and took him to his dialysis treatment ourselves. The Moore family was very grateful as we assured them we would not let him miss a treatment. We also returned later that afternoon to bring him home.
- Bertrand Bumpas attended the National Veterans Wheelchair games this July with the help of the VSC. Mr. Bumpas is a partially paralyzed Veteran and received assistance from the VA for plane tickets for him and his wife but didn't have transportation to the airport for the events. Approved by Bryan, we provided a special handicap assessable van, one that would fit his paraplegic wheelchair, to take them to the airport and bring them home after the events. Please see pictures below.





From: Frisco, Kim <FriscoK@mcoho.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 8:54 AM
To: Scott, Loren <ScottL@mcoho.org>
Subject: Upcoming VSC Meeting

Gentle reminder for your transportation report. Thanks.



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