



## **STATE OF WISCONSIN, BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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## **AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CVSO ADVISORY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE & PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS**

**Thursday, January 14, 2009**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Wisconsin Veterans Home Union Grove, 21425 F Spring Street  
Boland Hall, Activity Center, Lower Level**

### **CLOSED SESSION NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Veterans Affairs will convene its meeting in open session at the above-noticed time and place, but upon appropriate motion and an affirmative roll call vote, will move into closed session after Agenda Item 2, Certification of Notice of Meeting. The Board intends to consult with Legal Counsel for the Department concerning strategies for current and potential litigation and advice from Legal Counsel on legal issues related to the operation of the Board and Department. Current and potential litigation which may be discussed involves cases pending before the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission, the Equal Rights Division, the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Federal and State Courts. Legal Counsel may provide legal advice and opinions for issues affecting the operation of the Board and Department. Under the provisions of s.19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin Statutes, the Board of Veterans Affairs may confer with Legal Counsel and consider these matters in closed session.

Upon the completion of the closed session, the Board shall reconvene in open session at **1:00 p.m.**

The Board of Veterans Affairs and its Committees and Councils will meet in joint session to hear WDVA reports. Prior to calling the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited.

1. Roll Call and Introductions
2. Certification of Notice of Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2009
4. Legislative Report

5. Division of Veterans Benefits Report
6. Division of Veterans Services Report
7. Division of Veterans Homes Report
  - a. King Home
  - b. Union Grove Home
8. Finance Report
9. Secretary's Matters
10. Public Input (speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each)
11. Recess/Adjournment



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### **AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

#### **CVSO ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Thursday, January 14, 2010**

**2:15 p.m.**

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The CVSO Advisory Council will meet immediately following the WDVA Briefing.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Certification of Notice of Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2009
4. Announcements and Introductions
5. Council Discussion and Action Related to the 1.0 FTE Veteran Benefit Specialist Position Requested in the WDVA Biennial Budget
6. Council Discussion and Action Related to the CVSO Association WI G.I. Bill/Chapter 33 Position Paper
7. Council Discussion and Action Related to Changing WBVA Board Rules of Procedures to Allow the CVSO Association President to Select Advisory Council Members-at-Large Rather than Requiring Two Members from Each Sub Region
8. Council Discussion and Action related to the CVSO Association Proposed Legislation Concerning the WI GI Bill
9. Council Discussion and Action to Seek a "How to Guide" on Eligibility from WDVA
10. Secretary's Matters
11. Council Members' Matters Not Subject to Adoption
12. Public Input
13. Next Meeting Date
  - a. February 18, 2010 in Madison
14. Adjournment



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### LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

**Thursday, January 14, 2010  
3:30 p.m.**

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The Long Term Care Committee will reconvene immediately following the adjournment of the CVSO Advisory Council meeting.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Certification of Notice of Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2009
4. Update and Committee Discussion on Federal Site Visits at the Wisconsin Veterans Homes at King and Union Grove
5. Process Action Team Report and Committee Discussion on Disparity in Minority Membership and Staff at the Wisconsin Veterans Homes at King and Union Grove
6. Progress Report and Committee Discussion on the Changes Needed at the Wisconsin Veterans Homes with the Passage of the Smoking Ban
7. Committee Discussion Regarding the Criteria for Admission to the Wisconsin Veterans Homes at King and Union Grove, Including Eligibility of Veterans with Huntington's Disease
8. Committee Discussion about Eligibility for VA Pension, Spousal Impoverishment and Compensation for Widows/Widowers of Veterans and Potential Financial Impact on Operations of the Wisconsin Veterans Homes at King and Union Grove
9. Board Discussion and Action on Current Research on Suicide Rates of Veterans in Wisconsin
10. Secretary's Matters
11. Public Input (speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each)
12. Committee Members' Matters Not Subject to Adoption
13. Next Meeting Date
  - a. February 18, 2010 in Madison
14. Adjournment



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### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, January 14, 2010  
4:15 p.m.**

**Wisconsin Veterans Home Union Grove, 21425 F Spring Street  
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The Finance Committee will reconvene immediately following the adjournment of the Long Term Care Committee meeting.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Certification of Notice of Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2009
4. Committee Discussion on Alternative Funding Mechanisms to Contribute to the Solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund
5. Secretary's Matters
6. Public Input (speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each)
7. Committee Members' Matters Not Subject to Adoption
8. Next Meeting Date
  - a. February 18, 2010 in Madison
9. Adjournment



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#### **LEGISLATIVE & PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, January 14, 2010  
5:00 p.m.**

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The Legislative & Program Review Committee will reconvene immediately following the adjournment of the Finance Committee meeting.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Certification of Notice of Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2009
4. Committee Discussion and Action on Setting a Public Hearing Date for a Rule Establishing a Time Period for Completion and Reception of Tuition Fee Reimbursement Applications
5. Committee Discussion and Action on the CVSO Association of Wisconsin "Wisconsin G.I. Bill/Chapter 33 Position Paper" and Related Proposed Legislation
6. Committee Member Suggested Legislative Initiatives
7. Secretary's Matters
8. Public Input (speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each)
9. Committee Members' Matters Not Subject to Adoption
10. Next Meeting Date
  - a. February 18, 2010 in Madison
11. Adjournment



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**COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS  
AGENDA**

**Friday, January 15, 2010**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Wisconsin Veterans Home Union Grove, 21425 F Spring Street  
Boland Hall, Activity Center, Lower Level**

Prior to calling the Council on Veterans Programs meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members
2. Certification of Notice of Meeting
3. Introduction of Guests and Announcements
4. Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2009
5. Council Communications
6. Museum Foundation Report
7. Wisconsin GI Bill/Chapter 33 CVSO Position Paper
8. Presentation by VAMC Director Regarding Dryhooch
9. Discuss Adding to the Council Protocol the "Application for Consideration of Acceptance to the Council on Veterans Programs"
10. Discuss the Disposition of Items Listed in the Board's Request for an Audit
11. Secretary's Matters
12. Old Business
  - a. Update on Fisher House
  - b. Discussion on Veteran Cemetery Care
13. New Business
14. Activities within the Veterans Community
15. Public Input
16. Next Meeting Date
  - a. February 19, 2010
17. Adjournment



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#### BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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**9:30 a.m.**

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1. Roll Call and Introductions
2. Certification of Notice of Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Special Board Meeting of September 18, 2009
  - b. Board Meeting of October 16, 2009
  - c. Board Closed Session of October 16, 2009
  - d. Special Board Meeting of November 24, 2009
  - e. Board Closed Session of November 24, 2009
  - f. Special Board Meeting of December 18, 2009
4. Board Members' Matters
  - a. Individual Board Member Activity Reports
5. Board Awards
  - a. Veteran Lifetime Achievement Award
  - b. Board of Veterans Affairs Distinguished Service Award
6. Gulf War Illnesses Recognition Day Observance
7. Board Action from Committee and Council Meetings
  - a. CVSO Advisory Council Meeting of 1-14-2010
  - b. Long Term Care Committee Meeting of 1-14-2010
  - c. Finance Committee Meeting of 1-14-2010
  - d. Legislative & Program Review Committee Meeting of 1-14-2010
  - e. Council on Veterans Programs Meeting of 1-15-2010

8. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Reports
  - a. VISN 12
  - b. VISN 23
  - c. Milwaukee VA Regional Office
9. Board Discussion and Action on Rate Increases at the Wisconsin Veterans Home Union Grove
10. Board Discussion and Action on Setting a Public Hearing Date for a Rule Establishing a Time Period for Completion and Reception of Tuition Fee Reimbursement Applications
11. Board Discussion and Action on the Development of the Department's 2011-2013 Budget
12. Board Discussion and Action on Items in Progress that were Identified by Pathways
13. Board Discussion and Action on Five-Year Business Plan with Regard to Skilled Nursing Care at Chippewa Falls
14. Briefing and Board Discussion and Action on the Next Step in the Right-Sizing Process for the Wisconsin Veterans Homes and the Due Date for the Completion of the Right-Sizing Process
15. Board Discussion on the Geographic Distribution of Members of the Board of Veterans Affairs
16. Board Discussion and Action on the Solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund
17. Board Discussion and Action on the Viability of Title 18 Billing at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
18. Board Discussion and Action on the CVSO Association of Wisconsin "Wisconsin G.I. Bill/Chapter 33 Position Paper" and Related Proposed Legislation
19. Update and Board Discussion about the Current Status and Future of the Primary Mortgage Loan Program
20. Board Discussion and Action on Current Research on Suicide Rates of Veterans in Wisconsin
21. Board Committee Member Selection Process for 2010-2011
22. Secretary's Matters
23. Public Input (speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each)
24. Other Matters not Subject to Adoption
  - a. Board Committee Member Selection Process for 2010-2011
25. Next Meeting Date
  - a. February 19, 2010 in Madison
26. Adjournment