



Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Friday, January 8, 2020 at 3:00 PM

Webex Call – In

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

• Present for meeting: Dennis Wimer, COL Eric DeRue, Richard Caldwell

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

MFRFFY21-2435

- Caldwell offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and a Financial Counselor.
- Wimer seconds.
- Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

MFRFFY21-9104

- O DeRue offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with a Financial Counselor.
- Caldwell seconds.
- o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

MFRFFY21-1071

- O DeRue offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and a Financial Counselor.
- Caldwell seconds.
- o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30





Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Webex Call – In

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

• Present for meeting: Dennis Wimer, COL Eric DeRue, Richard Caldwell, Richard Leirer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21-4330
 - Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and a Financial Counsel.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15



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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission January 29, 2021 1:00PM– 3:00PM Meeting Conducted by Webex

Commission Meeting Minutes

General Information and Reviews

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

- **Present for meeting:** Chairman Steuterman, Director Wimer, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Kendall, COL DeRue, Mr. Coley, Mr. Leirer, and Mr. Gullion
- Absent for meeting: Sen Mrvan, Sen Tomes, and Rep Zent

Old Business:

Approval of previous Commission Meeting Minutes. Leirer motion to approve, Wimer second. Motion passed.

Mike Aichele, Military Family Relief Fund Update

- In calendar year 2020, there were 728 total MFRF applications 188 approved, 383 denied, and 157 closed out.
- Total MFRF monies expended in calendar year 2020 \$295,000.
- Of the 728 total MFRF applications in calendar year 2020, 370 of them were COVID-19 MFRF applications 103 approved, 195 Denied, and 72 Closed out.
- Total Expended for COVID-19 MFRF in calendar year 2020 \$138,601.
- During calendar year 2020, there were 59 requests for over \$2,500 in MFRF monies that were considered by the Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters 1 request denied by the Commission Taskforce, \$100,681.10 awarded, \$1,735.88 Average.

Mike Aichele, Grants for Veterans' Services

- \$879,750 awarded to 13 grantees for the period of performance February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020.
- \$418,332.32 expended as of January 29, 2021; fourth quarter reports are not due until the period of performance is completed.
- IDVA awarded seven GVS grants for approximately \$125,000 for the period of performance February 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- Once the budget bill passes for fiscal year 2022, IDVA will determine the amount of GVS funds to be awarded.





- The Solicitation for a new GVS award will be posted in the spring with a start date of July 1, 2021.
- The Notice of Intent to Amend the GVS Rule has been filed with the Legislative Services Agency and is docketed as LSA Document #20-632.

New Business

Dennis Wimer, Legislative Update

- HBOT bill (Senate Bill 091) Seeks to prevent the reversion of the HBOT funds. This is important because all of the funds could not be expended due to COVID-19. Also seeks to make it easier to bring on more hospitals by eliminating language requiring the HBOT treatments to be successful in order for the hospital to be reimbursed.
- Budget bill In some areas it is the same as recent years. Originally, all executive branch state agencies had their budgets cut by 15% for the next 2 years. Some of that has been restored. IDVA anticipates granting approximately \$850,000 through the GVS program.
- SB316 Would remove certain MFRF eligibility requirements and amends the tuition and fee exemption appeal timing language.
 - o MFRF Seeks to remove the military connectedness requirement, one-year of service requirement, and wartime service requirement.
 - MFRF Would allow IDVA to make a determination on an incomplete application.
 - MFRF Administrative costs Utilize up to 15% of the branch license plate revenue to support the growth of the fund. The Commission would govern the use of the 15% by amending the current MFRF Administrative Rule.
 - MFRF Seeks to open up the fund to some veteran who received other than honorable discharges. The Commission would guide this process; may consider utilizing the same process of Federal VA when they review other than honorable discharges.
 - Tuition and Fee Exemption Currently, the Indiana Code says an appeal has to be done in 15 days. If passed, SB316 would change 15 days to 45 days with one exception - if appeal is right before a semester starts.

Joe Devito, Disclosure of Discharge Records by County Recorders

- New law required IDVA to create a process for County Recorder's Offices to disclose
 military discharge records. IDVA has created a new electronic system that will allow
 electronic requests for military discharge records from county recorders.
- The new electronic system allows the requestor to log onto the IDVA website, complete a simple application, and then go to the County Recorder's Office to obtain the documentation.





Joy Grow, Indiana Veterans Home

- All units are now green except for one.
- Nine active cases of COVID-19 currently. No new positive tests this week.
- Of the 110 residents that have tested positive, 23 have passed away and 78 have fully recovered.
- 70 Indiana Veterans' Home employees have tested positive for COVID-19; 5 are currently in the process of recovering.
- The Indiana National Guard has been on site at the Indiana Veterans' Home assisting with documentation and reporting regarding COVID-19 testing.

Gabrielle J. Owens, Tuition and Fee Exemption Appeals

- Scholar ID
 - o Petitioner attended the hearing telephonically.
 - o Petitioner presented his case.
 - o IDVA presented IDVA's case.
 - o Coley motion to deny appeal, Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion did not pass.
 - o Based upon a question from Leirer, the hearing was re-opened to allowed for additional testimony from Petitioner.
 - o Leirer motion to approve appeal, Kendall seconds.
 - Motion passed in favor of Petitioner.

Gabrielle J. Owens, Compliance Monitoring Update

- The IDVA Compliance Monitoring Team is currently monitoring five veteran service organization grantees and the 13 GVS grantees.
- One onsite compliance monitoring visit has been completed.
- IDVA would like to have the GVS grants monitored by May 1, 2021.
- Every grantee will receive an on-site compliance monitoring visit and a document containing the compliance monitoring findings and recommendations.

Public Comment

No public comment

IDVA Reports

Director Wimer, IDVA

• This is annual review time, which affords Director Wimer the opportunity to look back at IDVA for the past year. IDVA has accomplished many things during the past year.





- Division Reports
 - o Pre-reads sent ahead of time.
- No objection to moving the July meeting to Tuesday July 13, 2021.

Adjournment 3:05

Next meetings

<u>Date</u>	Location
Friday April 16, 2021	TBD
Friday July 13, 2021	TBD
Friday October 8, 2021	TBD

All times are 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.





Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Webex Call – In

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

• Present for meeting: Kevin Coley, COL Eric DeRue, Richard Caldwell, Richard Leirer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21-2554
 - Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and a Financial Counsel. Suggestion made for veteran to meet with their County Veteran Service Officer.
 - DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Non-Final Orders

- MFRFFAPFY21-014
 - o DeRue motion to uphold ALJ Decision.
 - Coley seconds.
 - o Motion to uphold decision passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Webex Call – In

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

Present for meeting: Kevin Coley, COL Eric DeRue, Richard Caldwell, Richard Leirer, Dennis Wimer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21-2706
 - o Caldwell offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and a Financial Counsel.
 - DeRue seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY21-3445
 - Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2.500. and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and a Financial Counsel. Suggestion made for veteran to meet with their County Veteran Service Officer.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 2-1.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Non-Final Orders

- MFRFFAPFY21-015
 - o Leirer motion to uphold ALJ Decision.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to uphold decision passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm

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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters

Wednesday March 3, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Webex Call – In

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

• Present for meeting: Kevin Coley, COL Eric DeRue, Richard Caldwell, Dennis Wimer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21-2333
 - Coley offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with a Financial Counsel.
 - Wimer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY21-7984
 - DeRue offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's spouse active engagement with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.
 - Coley seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm





Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Webex Call – In

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

• Present for meeting: COL Eric DeRue, Richard Caldwell, Richard Leirer, Dennis Wimer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21-2650
 - Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with a Financial Counsel. Suggestion made for veteran to meet with their County Veteran Service Officer.
 - DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10am





Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Webex Call – In

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

• Present for meeting: COL Eric DeRue, Richard Caldwell, Kevin Coley, Dennis Wimer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21-0419
 - Caldwell offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500.
 - o DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY21-8629
 - Coley offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with a Financial Counsel and the Department of Workforce Development.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am





Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission April 16, 2021 1:00PM– 3:00PM Meeting Conducted by Webex

Commission Meeting Minutes

General Information and Reviews

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

- **Present for meeting:** Chairman Steuterman, Director Wimer, Mr. Kendall, COL DeRue, Mr. Coley, Mr. Leirer, and Mr. Gullion
- Absent for meeting: Sen Mrvan, Sen Tomes, and Rep Zent, Mr. Caldwell

Old Business:

Approval of previous Commission Meeting Minutes. Leirer motion to approve, Kendall second. Motion passed.

Mike Aichele, Military Family Relief Fund Update

- Year-to-date fiscal year 2021, there has been 408 total MFRF applications 105 approved, 185 denied, and 118 closed out.
- Total MFRF monies expended year-to-date in fiscal year 2021 \$206,034.90.
- Of the 408 total MFRF applications in fiscal year 2021, 218 of them were COVID-19 MFRF applications 61 approved, 104 Denied, and 53 Closed out.
- Total Expended for COVID-19 MFRF in fiscal year 2021 \$113,855.76.
- During fiscal year 2021, there has been 43 requests for over \$2,500 in MFRF monies that were considered by the Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters 1 request denied by the Commission Taskforce, \$114,968.12 awarded, \$2,737.34 Average.

Gabrielle Owens, Grants for Veterans' Services

- \$879,750 awarded to 13 grantees for the period of performance February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020.
- \$661,359 expended as of January 29, 2021.
- OMB gave us guidance on how to navigate the amendment rule.
- Extra money has been allocated.
- Looking for an electronic grant management system.





New Business

Dennis Wimer, Legislative Update

- SB316 was signed by the Governor on April 15, 2021. IDVA will start implementing it on July 1.
 - o By July 13 (next Commission meeting), we hope to have more information to be voted on by the Commission.
 - Taskforce meetings will be used to discuss some of the next steps with the spending of the dollars with the approval of the other than honorable applications.
- License plates for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Purple Heart for the widow (no stolen valor involved, the state has approved this).
- Kept the same definition of a veteran.

Joe Devito, Disclosure of Discharge Records by County Recorders

- Social media we have to collect monthly data. It disappears at the end of every month.
- Monitoring our pages but hope to be a lot more interactive.
- Newsletter is doing well 48%
- Website we are done with the transfer of information to the new platform. We can alter our website as we want to without going through IOT. It will be more interactive.
- Looking ahead building a foundation with a division that did not exist before.
- 2 New initiatives 1) You need to know so find your CVSO 2) creating a data base where we have veteran information a centralized data base. Veterans have the opportunity to sign up for this.
- Partnership with Jill Fewell for Vietnam Veterans. Received 20,000 books. About 1,500 books spoken for already. Recently handed out some at an event. We are encouraging veterans to register to receive the book. Hoping this will bring veterans and their widows to their local CVSO office.
- WINVETS program. Taking a few steps into the National program. Jun 12 Women in the Military Recognition Day. Setting up an IDVA women veteran wellness retreat, partnering with DNR (to have at state parks with lodging).
- May 1 The Gold Star Family Memorial Dedication.
- Annual IDVA Golf Outing on Friday May 14 Wish for our Heroes is our partner. Have raised around \$12,000 so far.





Gabrielle J. Owens, Tuition and Fee Exemption Appeals

- Scholar ID
 - o Petitioner attended the hearing telephonically.
 - o Petitioner presented his case.
 - o IDVA presented IDVA's case.
 - o Leirer motion to deny appeal, Kendall seconds.
 - Motion passed.

Gabrielle J. Owens, Compliance Monitoring Update

- The IDVA Compliance Monitoring Team is currently monitoring five veteran service organization grantees and the 13 GVS grantees.
- Eleven onsite compliance monitoring visit has been completed.
- IDVA would like to have the GVS grants monitored by May 1, 2021.
- Every grantee will receive an on-site compliance monitoring visit and a document containing the compliance monitoring findings and recommendations.

Public Comment

No public comment

IDVA Reports

Director Wimer, IDVA

- Division Reports
 - o Pre-reads sent ahead of time.

Adjournment 2:50

Next meetings

<u>Date</u>	Location
Tuesday July 13, 2021	TBD
Friday October 8, 2021	TBD

All times are 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Monday, May 10, 2021 9:00 AM

> Indiana Veterans Center 777 North Meridian Street Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204

> > or

WebEx Call-In Information

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information

Roll Call:

• **Present for meeting:** COL Eric DeRue, Richard Caldwell, Kevin Coley, Dennis Wimer, Richard Leirer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21-
 - O DeRue offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with the Department of Workforce Development and a CVSO.
 - o Leirer seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Gabrielle Owens, Separation Code Discussion

- Obtained the codes from a website regarding military benefits.
- We are putting the codes into three buckets: allowable, disallowable and questionable.
- Will go through the taskforce.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Thursday, May 20, 2021 2:00 PM

> Indiana Veterans Center 777 North Meridian Street Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204

> > or

WebEx Call-In Information

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Richard Caldwell, Kevin Coley, Dennis Wimer, Richard Leirer
- Not present: COL Eric DeRue

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21-0929
 - Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500, and that any future MFRF award is conditioned upon the applicant's active engagement with a Financial Counselor.
 - Coley seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY21-8450
 - o Caldwell offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500. Recommend applicant's engagement with a Financial Counselor.
 - Leirer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Non-final Order

- MFRFAPFY21-017
 - o Leirer offered a motion to uphold ALJ Decision.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Gabrielle Owens, Separation Code Discussion

- Separation Codes
 - O Down to two buckets: Allowable and Disallowable
 - o Salesforce System will have those codes programmed in.
 - Set up an appeals process.
 - o Taskforce will discuss and make a decision.
 - o Decisions will be made case by case.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters
Wednesday, June 2, 2021
2:00 PM

Indiana Veterans Center 777 North Meridian Street Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204

or

WebEx Call-In Information

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information

Roll Call:

• **Present for meeting:** Richard Caldwell, Kevin Coley, Dennis Wimer, Richard Leirer, COL Eric DeRue

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21-7680
 - Caldwell offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500.
 - o Coley seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY21-6135
 - DeRue offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500. Recommend applicant's engagement with a Financial Counselor and the Department of Workforce Development.
 - o Leirer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

- MFRFFY21-6868
 - Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500.
 - Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters
Thursday, June 10, 2021
2:30 PM

Veterans of Foreign Wars 12863 Old Meridian Street Carmel, IN 46032

or

WebEx Call-In Information

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Richard Caldwell, Dennis Wimer, Richard Leirer
- Not present: COL Eric DeRue, Kevin Coley

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21-8353
 - o Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500
 - o Coley seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters

AGENDA Tuesday, June 22, 2021 2:00 PM

Indiana Veterans Center 777 North Meridian Street Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204

or

WebEx Call-In Information

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Richard Caldwell, Dennis Wimer, Richard Leirer
- Not present: COL Eric DeRue, Kevin Coley

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21
 - Caldwell offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500
 - Wimer seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY21
 - o DeRue offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500
 - Wimer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters

Monday, July 12, 2021 9:30 AM

Veterans of Foreign Wars 12863 Old Meridian Street Carmel, IN 46032

or

WebEx Call-In Information

General Information

Roll Call:

Present for meeting: Richard Caldwell, Dennis Wimer, Richard Leirer, COL Eric DeRue, Kevin Coley

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY21
 - o Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500
 - o Wimer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 2-1.

Meeting Adjournment 9:50 AM





Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission July 13, 2021 1:00PM- 3:00PM

777 North Meridian Street, 4th Floor Indianapolis, IN 46204 Commission Meeting Minutes

General Information and Reviews

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

- **Present for meeting:** Chairman Steuterman, Director Wimer, Mr. Kendall, COL DeRue, Mr. Coley, Mr. Leirer, and Mr. Gullion
- Absent for meeting: Sen Mrvan, Sen Tomes, Rep Zent, and Mr. Caldwell

Old Business:

Approval of previous Commission Meeting Minutes. Leirer motion to approve, Kendall second. Motion passes 7-0.

Mike Thompson and Gabrielle J. Owens, Military Family Relief Fund Update

- During the last fiscal year, IDVA had two MFRF programs.
- The Commission Taskforce Concerning Military Family Relief Fund Matters has been including conditions on grantees to actively engage with the Department of Workforce Development and financial counselors in order to receive additional awards.
- Year-to-date fiscal year 2021, there has been 521 total MFRF applications 133 approved, 231 denied, and 148 closed out.
- Total MFRF monies expended year-to-date in fiscal year 2021 \$270,271.63
- Of the 521 total MFRF applications in fiscal year 2021, 256 of them were COVID-19.

Gabrielle J. Owens, Grants for Veterans' Services

- All grants from fiscal years 2020 and 2021 are completed; IDVA is engaging in compliance monitoring of those grants.
- There was a significant amount of applicants for the Grants for Veterans' Services ("GVS") fiscal year 2022 grants. This is approximately triple the number of applicants from the last round. The significant increase of applications is largely credited to the efforts of the IDVA Outreach Team.
- A team of internal and external scorers reviewed all the grant applications that satisfied the threshold criteria such as being registered with the Indiana Secretary of State.





• IDVA has selected 11 grantees for the fiscal year 2022 GVS grants. The period of performance is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Dennis Wimer, Legislative Update

- Senate Bill 316 MFRF Fund, requirements have been eliminated: 1) Connection between financial hardship and military service 2) Length of service and 3) Service during a period of war or national conflict.
- HB1039 Military Award License Plates A surviving spouse of a Purple Heart Recipient is allowed to keep the plate. Creates and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal License Plate.
- HB1392 Occupational License of Military Spouse Law is more inclusive by eliminating "active duty" and eliminating certain application criteria for military spouses seeking an occupational license in Indiana.
- SB91 Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment Pilot Program— Extended through 2025. Requires the Indiana State Department of Health to adopt rules addressing payment criteria that caused barriers to veterans receiving HBOT treatment. Eliminated geographic requirements.
- SB93 -Tuition for Qualified Nonresident Veterans A qualified nonresident veteran who enrolls in a state education institution not later than three years after the nonresident veteran's discharge or separation from the armed forces is eligible to pay the in-state tuition rate.
- HB 1437 Electronic Meeting and Signatures Local governments are now allowed to do electronic signatures and meetings. Two of the members or one-third (whichever is higher) of the members of the governing body must be physically present.

New Business:

Richard Leirer, MFRF Matters for Commission Action

- Process Concerning MFRF Applications With Other Than Honorable Discharges
 - The policy concerning this matter was reviewed. The approved policy will be posted on the IDVA website.
 - o Disallowable Separation Codes are set forth in the Indiana Code.
 - Allowable Separation Codes were reviewed by the Commission.
 - Commission Review Separation Codes was reviewed by the Commission. If a MFRF applicant has an Other Than Honorable Discharge, the Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters will review the MFRF application.
 - o MFRF case managers will ask the applicant for a statement letter setting forth the circumstances behind the Other Than Honorable Discharge.





- The Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters will review and adjudicate each case individually in recognition that each case is unique.
- o Gullion motion to approve the policy and the Allowable, Disallowable, and Questionable Separation Codes, Coley second. Motion passes 7-0.

Joe Devito, MFRF Outreach Plan

- Working on table top cards.
- Looking at activities/outreach and how that impacts applications.
- We want veterans statewide to know about MFRF and how it works.
- Talked with other state agencies on how they do statewide roll-outs of information.\
- Look at measurements of other campaigns and see how successful they are.
- Targeted social media will give us the opportunity to get information in real time.
- Leirer motion to accept the outreach plan as it is, Gullion second. Motion passes 7-0.

Joe needs to review

Dennis A. Wimer, MFRF Trust Fund

- The code says we need to move money from the trust to MFRF. You take the difference from the amount you have in the trust minus 300% of the money you spent, you take half of that and put that in the MFRF Fund.
- Out of the \$4.7 million we have, we will get another \$2 million this year.
- We will move \$3 million back into the trust fund.
- If needed, we can get emergency transfer.
- Kendall motion to move \$5.87 million dollars, Coley seconds. Motion passes 7-0.

Public Comment

No public comment

IDVA Reports

Mike Thompson, IDVA

- Division Reports
 - o Pre-reads sent ahead of time.

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Adjournment 3:20





Next meetings

<u>Date</u>	Location
Friday October 8, 2021	TBD
Friday January 14, 2022	TBD
Friday April 8, 2022	TBD
Friday July 8, 2022	TBD
Friday October 7, 2022	TBD

All times are 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Thursday, July 29, 2021 11:00 AM

> Indiana National Guard Stout Field-Headquarters Building 2002 S Holt Road Indianapolis, IN 46241

WebEx Call-In

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Richard Caldwell, Dennis Wimer, COL Eric DeRue
- Not present: Richard Leirer, Kevin Coley

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-4903
 - o DeRue offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22-2062
 - o DeRue offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500
 - o Wimer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22-5748
 - o Wimer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjournment 11:30AM





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Wednesday, August 11, 2021 8:00 AM

> Indiana Veterans Center 777 North Meridian Street Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204

> > or

WebEx Call-In Information

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Richard Caldwell, Kevin Coley, COL Eric DeRue, Richard Leirer
- Not present: Dennis Wimer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-0983
 - o Coley offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500.
 - DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22-1905
 - o Coley offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500. Recommend applicant's engagement with a Financial Counselor.
 - DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Non-final Order

- MFRFAPFY22-001
 - o DeRue offered a motion to uphold ALJ Decision.
 - o Coley seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30AM



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Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission August 23, 2021

> Indiana Veterans Center 777 North Meridian Street Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Commission Meeting Minutes

General Information

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

- **Present for meeting:** Director Wimer, COL DeRue, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Leirer, and Mr. Gullion, Mr. Kendall
- **Absent for meeting:** Sen Mrvan, Sen Tomes, and Rep Zent, Chairman Steuterman, Mr. Coley

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Tuition and Fee Exemption Appeals

- Scholar ID 10131392
 - o Petitioner attended the hearing telephonically.
 - o Petitioner presented his case.
 - o IDVA presented IDVA's case.
 - o Leirer motion to deny appeal, Gullion seconds.
 - o Motion passed 6-0.
- Scholar ID 372128
 - o Petitioner attended the hearing telephonically.
 - o Petitioner presented his case.
 - o IDVA presented IDVA's case.
 - o Gullion motion to deny appeal, Kendall seconds.
 - o Motion passed 5-1.



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Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

• Scholar ID 11111228

- o Petitioner attended the hearing telephonically.
- o Petitioner presented his case.
- o IDVA presented IDVA's case.
- o Leirer motion to approve appeal, Kendall seconds.
- o Motion passed 6-0.

Scholar ID 11066208

- o Petitioner attended the hearing telephonically.
- o Petitioner presented his case.
- o IDVA presented IDVA's case.
- DeRue motion to deny appeal, Kendall seconds.
- o Motion passed 5-1.

Meeting adjourned 10:20AM

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Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Monday, August 23, 2021 10:00 AM

> Indiana Veterans Center 777 North Meridian Street Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204

> > or

WebEx Call-In Information

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Dennis Wimer, COL Eric DeRue, Richard Leirer
- Not present: Kevin Coley, Richard Caldwell

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-5599
 - o Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500.
 - o DeRue seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30AM





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Wednesday, September 8, 2021 3:00 PM

> Indiana National Guard Stout Field-Headquarters Building 2002 S Holt Road Indianapolis, IN 46241

WebEx Call-In

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Richard Caldwell, Dennis Wimer, COL Eric DeRue, Kevin Coley
- Not present: Richard Leirer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-5875
 - o Wimer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF Award in an Amount in Excess of \$2,500
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjournment 3:15PM





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters
Friday, September 17, 2021
12:30 PM

Indiana National Guard Stout Field-Headquarters Building 2002 South Holt Road Indianapolis, IN 46241

or

WebEx Call-In Information

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Richard Caldwell, Dennis Wimer, COL Eric DeRue, and Richard Leirer
- Not present: Kevin Coley

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-9898
 - Wimer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500. The applicant cannot receive any additional monies from the MFRF Program unless the applicant has actively engaged with a financial counselor and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.
 - o Col. DeRue seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22-2377
 - Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500.
 The applicant cannot receive any additional monies from the MFRF Program unless the applicant has actively engaged with a financial counselor and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.
 - o Col. DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of Income Waiver

- MFRFFY22-1122
 - O Col. DeRue offered a motion to deny the request for an income waiver. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor.
 - Wimer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Non-Final Order

- MFRFAPFY22-003
 - o Wimer offered a motion to uphold the Administrative Law Judge's Non-Final Order.
 - o Col. DeRue seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

* First two matters were voted on by Wimer, Col. DeRue, and Leirer. Due to Mr. Leirer having another commitment, Wimer, Col. DeRue, and Caldwell voted in on the last two matters.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:07PM

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Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters
Friday, October 1, 2021
9:00 A.M.

Veterans of Foreign War 12863 Old Meridian Street Carmel, IN 46032 or Webex call-in

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Dennis Wimer, COL Eric DeRue, and Richard Leirer
- Not present: Kevin Coley and Richard Caldwell

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of Income Waiver

- MFRFFY22-2325
 - o Leirer offered a motion to deny the request for an income waiver. Recommend applicant engagement with a financial counselor.
 - o Col. DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-8482
 - Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500.
 The applicant cannot receive any additional monies from the MFRF Program unless the applicant has actively engaged with a financial counselor and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.
 - o Col. DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:20A.M.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Thursday, October 7, 2021 2:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center
777 North Meridian Street
Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204
or
Webex call-in

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Dennis Wimer, Richard Leirer, Rick Caldwell, Kevin Coley
- Not present: COL Eric DeRue

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-3670
 - Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500.
 The applicant cannot receive any additional monies from the MFRF Program unless the applicant has actively engaged with a financial counselor and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.
 - Coley seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22-9510
 - Caldwell offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500. The applicant cannot receive any additional monies from the MFRF Program unless the applicant has actively engaged with a financial counselor and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.
 - o Leirer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15 P.M.





Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission October 8, 2021 1:00PM- 3:00PM

777 North Meridian Street, 4th Floor Indianapolis, IN 46204 Commission Meeting Minutes

General Information and Reviews

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

- **Present for meeting:** Director Wimer, Mr. Kendall, COL DeRue, Mr. Coley, Mr. Leirer, and Mr. Gullion
- **Absent for meeting:** Chairman Steuterman, Sen Mrvan, Sen Tomes, Rep Zent, and Mr. Caldwell

Old Business:

Approval of previous Commission Meeting Minutes. Leirer motion to approve, Kendall second. Motion passes 7-0.

Mike Thompson and Gabrielle J. Owens, Military Family Relief Fund Update

- During the last fiscal year, IDVA had two MFRF programs.
- The Commission Taskforce Concerning Military Family Relief Fund Matters has been including conditions on grantees to actively engage with the Department of Workforce Development and financial counselors in order to receive additional awards.
- Year-to-date fiscal year 2021, there has been 521 total MFRF applications 133 approved, 231 denied, and 148 closed out.
- Total MFRF monies expended year-to-date in fiscal year 2021 \$270,271.63
- Of the 521 total MFRF applications in fiscal year 2021, 256 of them were COVID-19.

Gabrielle J. Owens, Grants for Veterans' Services

- All grants from fiscal years 2020 and 2021 are completed; IDVA is engaging in compliance monitoring of those grants.
- There was a significant amount of applicants for the Grants for Veterans' Services ("GVS") fiscal year 2022 grants. This is approximately triple the number of applicants from the last round. The significant increase of applications is largely credited to the efforts of the IDVA Outreach Team.





- A team of internal and external scorers reviewed all the grant applications that satisfied the threshold criteria such as being registered with the Indiana Secretary of State.
- IDVA has selected 11 grantees for the fiscal year 2022 GVS grants. The period of performance is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Dennis Wimer, Legislative Update

- Senate Bill 316 MFRF Fund, requirements have been eliminated: 1) Connection between financial hardship and military service 2) Length of service and 3) Service during a period of war or national conflict.
- HB1039 Military Award License Plates A surviving spouse of a Purple Heart Recipient is allowed to keep the plate. Creates and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal License Plate.
- HB1392 Occupational License of Military Spouse Law is more inclusive by eliminating "active duty" and eliminating certain application criteria for military spouses seeking an occupational license in Indiana.
- SB91 Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment Pilot Program—Extended through 2025. Requires the Indiana State Department of Health to adopt rules addressing payment criteria that caused barriers to veterans receiving HBOT treatment. Eliminated geographic requirements.
- SB93 -Tuition for Qualified Nonresident Veterans A qualified nonresident veteran who enrolls in a state education institution not later than three years after the nonresident veteran's discharge or separation from the armed forces is eligible to pay the in-state tuition rate.
- HB 1437 Electronic Meeting and Signatures Local governments are now allowed to do electronic signatures and meetings. Two of the members or one-third (whichever is higher) of the members of the governing body must be physically present.

New Business:

Richard Leirer, MFRF Matters for Commission Action

- Process Concerning MFRF Applications With Other Than Honorable Discharges
 - o The policy concerning this matter was reviewed. The approved policy will be posted on the IDVA website.
 - o Disallowable Separation Codes are set forth in the Indiana Code.
 - o Allowable Separation Codes were reviewed by the Commission.
 - Commission Review Separation Codes was reviewed by the Commission. If a MFRF applicant has an Other Than Honorable Discharge, the Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters will review the MFRF application.





- o MFRF case managers will ask the applicant for a statement letter setting forth the circumstances behind the Other Than Honorable Discharge.
- The Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters will review and adjudicate each case individually in recognition that each case is unique.
- o Gullion motion to approve the policy and the Allowable, Disallowable, and Questionable Separation Codes, Coley second. Motion passes 7-0.

Joe Devito, MFRF Outreach Plan

- Proposed spending plan for FY2021
- Working on table top cards.
- Looking at activities/outreach and how that impacts applications.
- We want veterans statewide to know about MFRF and how it works.
- Talked with other state agencies on how they do statewide roll-outs of information.
- Look at measurements of other campaigns and see how successful they are.
- Targeted social media will give us the opportunity to get information in real time.
- Leirer motion to accept the outreach plan as it is, Gullion second. Motion passes 7-0.

Dennis A. Wimer, MFRF Trust Fund

- The code says we need to move money from the trust to MFRF. You take the difference from the amount you have in the trust minus 300% of the money you spent, you take half of that and put that in the MFRF Fund.
- Out of the \$4.7 million we have, we will get another \$2 million this year.
- We will move \$3 million back into the trust fund.
- If needed, we can get emergency transfer.
- Kendall motion to move \$5.87 million dollars, Coley seconds. Motion passes 7-0.

Public Comment

No public comment

IDVA Reports

Mike Thompson, IDVA

- Division Reports
 - o Pre-reads sent ahead of time.

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Adjournment 3:20

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Friday October 7, 2022	TBD

All times are 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters
Thursday, October 28, 2021
2:00 PM

or

WebEx Call-In Information

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Richard Caldwell, Dennis Wimer, Kevin Coley, and Richard Leirer
- Not present: COL Eric DeRue

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-8316
 - O Wimer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500. Recommend referral to speak to State Service Officer concerning disability.
 - Coley seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22-0622
 - o Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of Income Waiver

- MFRFFY22-4105
 - O Coley offered a motion to deny the request for an income waiver. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor.
 - Leirer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00PM





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Friday, October 29, 2021 1:00 PM

or

WebEx Call-In Information

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Richard Caldwell, Dennis Wimer, Kevin Coley, COL Eric DeRue and Richard Leirer
- Not present: Chairman Steuterman, Mark Gullion

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Grants for Veterans' Service Appeal

- Guardian Warriors
 - o Wimer offered a Motion to deny grant appeal.
 - DeRue seconds.
 - Motion to Approve passed 5-0.

Gabrielle Owens, Military Family Relief Fund – Operation Happy Holidays Discussion

- Coley offered a motion to move forward with the Military Family Relief Fund Happy Holidays program.
- o Caldwell seconds.
- o Motion to Approve passed 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:00PM





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Friday, November 5, 2021 9:00 AM

WebEx Call-In

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Dennis Wimer, Kevin Coley, and COL Eric DeRue
- Not present: Richard Leirer and Rick Caldwell

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-1424
 - Ocoley offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500. The applicant cannot receive additional monies from the MFRF Program unless the applicant has actively engaged with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Recommend referral to speak to a State Service Officer or County Veteran Service Officer concerning VA benefits.
 - DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

MFRFFY22-8387

- Coley offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500.
 Recommend referral to speak to a State Service Officer or County Veteran Service Officer concerning VA benefits.
- Wimer seconds.
- Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

• MFRFFY22-9150

- Wimer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500. The applicant cannot receive any additional monies from the MFRF Program unless the applicant has actively engaged with a financial counselor and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Recommend referral to speak to a State Service Officer or County Veteran Service Officer concerning VA benefits.
- o Colev seconds.
- o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of Income Waiver

- MFRFFY22-8410
 - o DeRue offered a motion to deny the request for an income waiver.
 - o Coley seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25AM

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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:00 A.M.

Webex call-in

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

• **Present for meeting:** Dennis Wimer, COL Eric DeRue, Rick Caldwell, Kevin Coley and Richard Leirer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of Operation Holiday Program Requests

- MFRFFY22OHP-9898
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - Wimer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-7328
 - o Caldwell offered a motion to approve the request.
 - DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-1183
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-1183
 - o Leirer offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30A.M.





Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Wednesday, November 23, 2021 9:00 A.M.

Webex call-in

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

• **Present for meeting:** Dennis Wimer, COL Eric DeRue, Rick Caldwell, Kevin Coley and Richard Leirer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of Operation Holiday Program Requests

- MFRFFY22OHP
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Coley seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-0768
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor.
 - DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-1423
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o DeRue seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-7672
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o DeRue seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-2634
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.





Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

• MFRFFY22-9454

- o Coley offered a Motion to Approve MFRF award in an amount in excess of \$2,500.
- o Leirer seconds.
- Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

MFRFFY22-1449

- Ocoley offered a Motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor. Referral to speak to a CVSO or a State Service Officer.
- o Leirer seconds.
- Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35A.M.

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Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters
Wednesday, December 1, 2021
9:00 A.M.
Webex call-in

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Dennis Wimer, Rick Caldwell, Kevin Coley and Richard Leirer
- Not Present: COL Eric Derue

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of Operation Holiday Program Requests

• MFRFFY22OHP- Neil

- Leirer offered a motion to approve the request. Recommend applicant's engagement with the Department of Workforce Development and a financial counselor. Referral to speak to a CVSO or a State Service Officer.
- o Caldwell seconds.
- o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.

• MFRFFY22OHP-Lenor

- o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor. Referral to speak to a CVSO or a State Service Officer.
- Caldwell seconds.
- Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.

MFRFFY22OHP-Powell

- O Caldwell offered a motion to approve the request. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor. Referral to speak to a CVSO or a State Service Officer.
- o Coley seconds.
- Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.

MFRFFY22OHP-

- o Coley offered a motion to approve the request. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor. Referral to speak to a CVSO or a State Service Officer.
- Leirer seconds.
- Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

• MFRFFY22-

- Caldwell offered a Motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor. Referral to speak to a CVSO or a State Service Officer.
- o Leirer seconds.
- o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15A.M.

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Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
3:00 P.M.
Webex call-in

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Rick Caldwell, Kevin Coley and Richard Leirer
- **Not Present:** COL Eric Derue and Dennis Wimer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of Operation Holiday Program Requests

- MFRFFY22OHP- 3075
 - o Coley offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-6135
 - o Coley offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-5827
 - Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP- 0075
 - o Coley offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-9964
 - Leirer offered a Motion to accept findings from IDVA. Referral to speak to a CVSO or a State Service Officer.
 - o Coley seconds.



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o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

• MFRFFY22-3921

- Coley offered a Motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor.
- o Caldwell seconds.
- Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

MFRFFY22-7901

- o Leirer offered a Motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor.
- Caldwell seconds.
- Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

MFRFFY22-4000

- O Caldwell offered a Motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicant's engagement with the Department of Workforce Development.
- o Leirer seconds.
- o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:35 P.M.





Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission December 15, 2021 9:00A.M.

> Webex call-in Commission Meeting Minutes

General Information

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

- **Present for meeting:** Chairman Steuterman, Director Wimer, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Leirer, Mr. Gullion, Mr. Coley
- **Absent for meeting:** Sen Mrvan, Sen Tomes, and Rep Zent, Rep Pack, Mr. Kendall and COL DeRue

Old Business:

• No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Tuition and Fee Exemption Appeals

- Scholar ID 10174753
 - o Petitioner attended the hearing telephonically.
 - o Petitioner presented his case.
 - o IDVA presented IDVA's case.
 - Wimer motion to deny appeal, Leirer seconds.
 - o Motion passed 6-0.
- Scholar ID 11360130
 - o Petitioner attended the hearing telephonically.
 - o Petitioner presented his case.
 - o IDVA presented IDVA's case.
 - o Leirer motion to approve appeal, Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion passed 5-1.

Meeting adjourned 9:35A.M.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
9:15 A.M.
Webex call-in

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Rick Caldwell, Kevin Coley, Dennis Wimer and Richard Leirer
- Not Present: COL Eric Derue

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of Operation Holiday Program Requests

- MFRFFY22OHP- 9589
 - Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-6029
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY22-1183
 - o Leirer offered a Motion to accept findings from IDVA.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of MFRF Non-Final Order

- MFRFAPFY22-005
 - o Coley offered a motion to deny the Administrative Law Judge's Non-Final Order.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:55A.M.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters Tuesday, December 21, 2021 2:00 P.M. Webex call-in

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Dennis Wimer, Rick Caldwell, COL Eric Derue
- Not Present: Kevin Coley, Richard Leirer

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Lynn Dickey, Consideration of Operation Holiday Program Requests

- MFRFFY22OHP- 3874
 - Wimer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-3886
 - Caldwell offered a motion to approve the request. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor. Referral to speak to a CVSO or a State Service Officer.
 - Wimer seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-2706
 - o Caldwell offered a motion to approve the request.
 - Wimer seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-2759
 - o Wimer offered a motion to approve the request. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor.
 - o DeRue seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

• MFRFFY22OHP-4272

- Wimer offered a Motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor and the Department of Workforce Development
- o Caldwell seconds.
- o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 P.M.





Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters
Thursday, December 30, 2021
9:00 A.M.
WebEx call-in

Taskforce Meeting Minutes

General Information:

Roll Call:

- Present for meeting: Rick Caldwell, Dennis Wimer and Richard Leirer
- Not Present: COL Eric Derue and Kevin Coley

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of Operation Holiday Program Requests

- MFRFFY22OHP-1245
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-1449
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-0348 Other Than Honorable
 - o Leirer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - o Caldwell seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY22OHP-8652
 - O Wimer offered a motion to approve the request.
 - Leirer seconds.
 - Motion to Approve the Motion passed 3-0.



Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Gabrielle J. Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases Requesting in Excess of \$2,500

• MFRFFY22-6146

- o Leirer offered a Motion to approve the request with the recommended engagement with a financial counselor.
- Wimer seconds.
- Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

• MFRFFY22-0792

- Wimer offered a Motion to approve with the recommended engagement with a financial counselor.
- o Leirer seconds.
- Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

• MFRFFY22-2474

- Wimer offered a Motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicant's engagement with a financial counselor. Wimer also recommends sending \$100.00 to the veteran for food.
- o Leirer seconds.
- o Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Income Wavier Request

- MFRFFY22-7871
 - o Caldwell offered a Motion to accept findings from IDVA. Approval to Deny the request.
 - o Leirer seconds.
 - o Motion to Approve Denial passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 A.M.