

COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

PRESENT: M. Holliday, N. Petrillo, L. Dalton, K. Novacich-Koberna, M. Madison, J. Minner
ABSENT: R. Wesley, C. Dutton
OTHERS: B. Lavite, J. Parkin, A. Reinking, C. Cohan, C. Ladd, C. Ellis

Ms. Dalton moved, seconded by Mr. Madison to approve the December meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VETERANS' ASSISTANCE:

B. Lavite passed out his monthly summary report to the committee and highlighted several of the topics on it. There was a discussion on the differences in compensations and pensions. Mr. Lavite said they are in need of drivers to transport Veterans to and from their scheduled appointments and briefly explained the training process for that. Please listen to the audio for the full summary report. He also announced that the VA is funded and open through the Government shutdown but the auxiliary/secondary services are not. Chairman Holliday asked Mr. Lavite about the issue of homeless Veterans and Mr. Lavite said that Madison County thankfully does not have a problem with that. He said that Chestnut is the first point of contact for entry into the Homeless Vet Program. Mr. Holliday also asked about outreach for Vets in which Mr. Lavite answered with 6 locations being Alton, Granite City, Cottage Hills, Edwardsville and adding Highland and Collinsville locations.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

C. Cohan stated that the Center did 49 interviews in December and ended with 530 total for the year. She goes on to say that a CAC Therapist has completed her Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy Training Series and will be testing for the national credential in the upcoming months. Ms. Cohan announced that the Alton Women's Home Grant (\$24,000) has been accepted along with several other grants including the Commerce Bank Grant (\$11,000) and the Mental Health Board Grant. Ms. Cohan supplied the committee with 2018 final numbers for the CAC and said they came in under budget for the year. Ms. Cohan announced that on January 10th at 4pm, 1st MidAmerica Credit Union will have their check presentation. She concludes her report by telling the committee they are going to be dipping their toes into prevention in the schools. They will be starting with the Bethalto School District and will be covering the Erin's Law Mandate.

MUSEUM:

J. Parkin started his monthly report with providing the committee with a few historical facts. He said his Assistant Curator is currently working on displays for Black History Month to replace the WWI displays. They hope to have those up by the end of January. Mr. Parkin is hopeful he can find locations around the County that will show the WWI displays rather than having to put them away. Mr. Parkin announced the Historical Society Board has several half day trips planned in early February. Lastly, he was pleased to say the Historical Societies surplus budget has been granted. Mr. Parkin will be working on a "benchmarking" project to see how other County Historical Societies run for future budgetary references.

EDUCATION:

A. Reinking provided his monthly report to the committee and noted that the numbers in December are down but that is typical for this time of year. He highlighted several of those numbers and explained why

they may not reflect other months. Mr. Reinking included their Testing Center numbers and said that they are actually at an all-time high at 299 since they have been open. He said that finger printing continues to do well and licensure is average for the time of year. He also said they are still in need for substitute teachers.

MENTAL HEALTH:

J. Roth was unable to attend the meeting but provided her monthly report to the committee.

Ms. Novacic-Koberna moved, seconded by Mr. Minner, to approve the bills for the month. The ayes and nays are being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: N. Petrillo, L. Dalton, K. Novacich-Koberna, M. Madison, J. Minner NAYS: None.

Mr. Minner moved, seconded by Ms. Novacich-Koberna, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.