

Macomb Veterans Action Collaborative Minutes  
Macomb Community Action Training Room  
21885 Dunham Clinton Township, MI 48038  
Monday, November 04, 2019

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Laura Rios at 9:10 am.

**Attendees:**

<b>Laura Rios (Co-Chair), Veteran Services</b>	<b>Nicole Gauthier (Co-Chair), Veteran Navigator</b>
<b>Christy Koons, Region 10 PIHP</b>	<b>Charlene Myers, NCOA/DAV</b>
<b>Michael Johnson, SEM Labor Counl</b>	<b>Adrienne Gasperoni, CARE SEMI</b>
<b>Monica Alderman, Vet Center</b>	<b>Janet Smith, VAMC</b>
<b>Darryle Johnson, Vet Services</b>	<b>Suzanne Sebree, Grace Counseling</b>
<b>Katie Carroll, MC Veterans</b>	<b>David Hannum, Vet Services</b>
<b>Lisa Marie Duncan-Edwards, MC Veterans</b>	<b>Liz Sergent, Macomb Community Action</b>
<b>Madeline Habib, MCCMH/HSCB</b>	<b>Joyce Moultrie, Macomb County Veterans</b>
<b>Diana Laskey, Grace Counseling</b>	<b>Kevin Hrit, Sen Peters Office</b>
<b>Julie Hintz, MCA</b>	<b>Gabriella Barthlow, Vet Services</b>
<b>Jacqueline Merchant, MHC</b>	<b>Brian Webb, State of Michigan DHHS</b>
<b>Ray Walters, MHC</b>	<b>Monique Coleman, Assisting Hands Hm Care</b>
<b>Lucia Rogers, Bright Star Care</b>	<b>Joel Lara, CBP/DHS</b>
<b>Eric Jackson, Buddy to Buddy</b>	<b>Bill Browning, VAMC</b>
<b>Chris Franklin, AIVOMI</b>	<b>Crystal Bersche, WDVet Empl Srv</b>
<b>Darryle Johnson, Vet Services</b>	<b>Gary Purcell, Chapter 154</b>
<b>Gerald Fisher-Curly, VAMC</b>	<b>Heidi Heck, Veteran Services</b>
<b>Jennifer Kimm, Michigan Works!</b>	<b>Marie Goral, Veteran Services</b>
<b>Mark Diaz, VCCF</b>	<b>Mark Meadows, VAMC</b>
<b>Mary Beth Ryan, VCCF</b>	<b>Nicole Gauthier (Co-Chair), MCCMH</b>
<b>Paul Salcepuedes, Vet Empl Srv</b>	<b>Sama Harp, MCA</b>
<b>Sian Washington, DNofOM</b>	<b>Stephen Boegehold, DHHS</b>
<b>Susan Casadei, Harbor Health</b>	<b>William Cochran, Ofc Congr Andy Levin</b>
<b>Yolanda Spencer Dandridge, VAMC</b>	
<b>Sharon Urban, Veteran Services – Minute Taker</b>	

II. **INTRODUCTIONS:** There were no introductions at this meeting.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The October 07, 2019 minutes were approved as a matter of record.

IV. **SPECIAL SPEAKER:** Diana Laskey, Grace Counseling

Due to time restraints, Grace Counseling graciously offered to reschedule their presentation to another date.

**v. BREAK OUT SESSION:**

This meeting was devoted to questions and answers to determine the future of the MVAC. Committee members sat at one of 4 tables. Each table had a Facilitator and a Note Taker. They were given the MVAC Mission Statement, a brief history of the MVAC and previous accomplishments/presenters. They were given 3 questions to discuss and come up with top 3 answers. Each question was timed at 20 minutes. Laura Rios was the time keeper.

**Questions:**

1. What is the most valuable (item, benefit, resource) you get from the MVAC? List top 3 answers.
2. What do you need from the MVAC that you are not currently receiving? List top 3 answers.
3. How can MVAC provide that for you? List top 3 answers.

After the questions were discussed and answered, the facilitator at the table gave a findings report to the committee. The MVAC was thanked for their input and was told the Steering Committee will take back the information, consolidate the answers and present next steps at the December meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

December 02, 2019 at the MCA Training and Conference Room starting at 9:00 A.M.  
Break –Out follow up planning session. There will be no Special Speaker.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.