

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS
ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMVAC)**

**Held In Person
North Central Live Well Center
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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2024**

Members Present

Jude Litzenberger
Danny Jackson
Tony Teravainen
Mia Roseberry
Jaime Yslas
Mark Gracyk

Members Absent

Philip Kendro
Paula Jansen

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Amy Klock, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA

Guests

Christina Sedler – Sup. Lawson Remer
Judy Leonarde – American Legion (California)
Robin Felix

1. Meeting called to order at 1:07pm by Jude Litzenberger, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The April 18, 2024, meeting minutes were approved with the all Council Members present voting yes.
5. Public Comments:
 - No public comment.

6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended. The members provided the Council with an update on the recent service event they attended which was organized for the veterans.
7. **Discussion Item:** OMVA Department Updates; Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Wanne welcomed the new member Mr. Mark Gracyk from District Four, and also informed the Council about an open vacancy for a Member-at-Large position for SDMVAC. Additionally, he introduced the new OMVA Officer Mr. Ray Flores and informed the Council about the new County of San Diego Chief Administrative Officer, Ebony Shelton. He also announced the retirement of the Health and Human Services Agency's Interim Agency Director, Dr. Eric McDonald, and introduced Caroline Smith as the new Interim Health and Human Services Agency's Director. Furthermore, he provided the updated organizational chart of OMVA and discussed the additional positions for the department.
8. **Presentation Item:** Interfaith Community Services: Greg Anglea, Chief Executive Officer, Interfaith Community Services. Mr. Anglea provided the Council with an overview of the Interfaith Community Services organization, detailing the extensive range of services they offer to Veterans, including transitional housing and employment services.
9. **Presentation Item:** 24/25 Proposed Operational Plan Budget Presentation: Rissa Japlit, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, Financial & Support Services Division, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Japlit presented the 2024-2025 Recommended Operational Plan. She addressed economic updates, state budgets and upcoming budget dates.
10. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. Chair Litzenberger proposed inviting the Triple B Adventures and Team Red, White and Blue (Team RWB) to a future SDMVAC meetings. She advocated for the member to put forward suggestions for any organization that would be beneficial for the Veteran's cause.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 15, 2024