



ND Cares Executive Committee Meeting Minutes June 2, 2022

Attendees: Weintraub, Breton M., Meyer, Joyal B., Wangen, Lonnie L., BG Huber, Jackie A., Panos, Michelle; Sizer, Shelly; Blazek, Sarah; LCT Willoughby, Ann

Absent: Pam Sagness, David Becker

1. **Opening.** Chairman Shelly Sizer briefly opened the meeting.

2. **Minutes.** Minutes from the April 7, 2022 meeting were accepted as written.

3. **Presentation:** Bob Mador of Bridges for the Fallen explained the how Gold Star families have named bridges after their loved ones who died in theater. There are also bridges in other states named "Hidden Wounds of War" for those who suffer from PTSD, TBIs, illness, etc. Bridges named after people must be requested by a Gold Star family, but bridges for hidden wounds can be championed by anyone or group. If legislation is needed, Bridges for the Fallen will work with a sponsoring legislator. Usually, several groups come together get it done.

Sarah Blazek explained the difference between a Gold Star family and other families of the fallen. Shelly thought this is a project that ND Cares could get behind. Lonnie stated that there are plenty of bridges in the state and naming a bridge close to where the family lives would make sense. Michelle will check with the ND Department of Transportation for any existing bridge-naming procedure.

3. New Business

• Executive Committee Updates

- **ND Dept. of Health:** Joyal Meyer reported that the Equity Division of the Department of Health is creating a resource brochure for the American Indian veteran population. ND Cares may want to be added to the brochure. Michelle stated that she did get the email, but ND Cares provides no actual services but maybe Military Outreach should be.
- **ND Dept of Veteran Affairs:**
- **Co-Chair:**
- **Fargo VA:**
- **ND Behavioral Health Division:**
- **ND National Guard:**
- **Chairman:**

4. Old Business

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5. Upcoming Events

- a. **TAPS Peer Mentor Virtual Training:** June 5, 2022, 3:00 PM-7:00 PM
- b. **First Link ASIST Training:** June 8-9, Fargo: \$250
- c. **First Link Suicide Risk Assessment Webinar (C-SSRS):** Sept. 29
- d. **First Link SafeTalk:** June 3 (Bismarck), June 4 (Dickinson)
- e. **Minot Military Affairs Committee:** June 2
- f. **ACOVA Meeting:** August 11-12 or 18-19
- g. **Grand Forks Military Affairs Committee:** June 15
- h. **Fargo/Moorhead Military Affairs Committee:** 11 a.m. June 17

- i. **Devils Lake Military Affairs Committee:** June 23
- j. **Williston Military Affairs Committee:** June 3
- k. **Governor's Challenge Meetings:** July 28, Aug 9-10
- l. **ND Behavioral Health & Children and Family Conference:** Oct. 11-13, Fargo
- m. [Mental Health Advocacy Network Podcast Episode 1: Everything You Should Know About Your State Hospital](#)

6. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next Executive Committee meeting date is July 7, 2022 at 10:30 - Noon and the next Coalition meeting date is Aug 4, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.