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March 29, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Rick Scott
Honorable Pam Bondi
Honorable Jeff Atwater
Honorable Adam Putnam

FROM: Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs
Mike Prendergast, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agenda – Cabinet Meeting of February 4, 2016

The next public meeting of the Governor and Cabinet to transact the business of the Department of Veterans' Affairs will be at 9:00 a.m. (EDT), March 29, 2016 in Tallahassee, Florida.

The Agenda and all required back-up materials are attached for your review.

If you have any questions, please call my Legislative and Cabinet Affairs Officer Colleen Krepstekies at (850) 487-1533 x7723.

cc: Kristin Olson, Director of Cabinet Affairs
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Attachments

AGENDA
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
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MEMBERS

Governor Rick Scott
Attorney General Pam Bondi
Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater
Commissioner Adam Putnam

March 29, 2016
9:00 A.M. (EDT)
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

Contact: Colleen Krepstekies, Director of Legislative & Cabinet Affairs
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ITEM	SUBJECT	RECOMMENDATION
1.	Respectfully request approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting. (ATTACHMENT 1)	RECOMMEND APPROVAL
2.	Respectfully submit the agency's 2 nd Quarter Report for FY 2015-2016. (ATTACHMENT 2)	RECOMMEND APPROVAL
3.	State Veterans Homes Program Update (ATTACHMENT 3)	STATUS REPORT

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STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE: MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND
CABINET

CABINET MEMBERS: GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JEFF ATWATER
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
ADAM PUTNAM

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015

LOCATION: CABINET MEETING ROOM
LOWER LEVEL, THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Next I'd like to recognize
4 Mike Prendergast with the Department of Veterans
5 Affairs.

6 Good morning.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: Good morning,
8 Governor Scott, General Bondi, CFO Atwater, and
9 Commissioner Putnam.

10 Before I begin our brief agenda this morning,
11 I'd like to take a moment to highlight two
12 important items for you: First, yesterday marked
13 the 74th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor
14 where more than 2,400 American lives were lost and
15 the U.S. Navy's Pacific fleet was destroyed. We
16 will remember forever the courage, selfless
17 dedication, and the personal sacrifices made by the
18 brave men and women of the armed forces during the
19 Second World War.

20 Second, next Wednesday marks the 71st
21 anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, where
22 approximately 600,000 American troops fought and
23 overcame overwhelming odds to repel a major German
24 offensive near the end of the Second World War.
25 The battle resulted in 81,000 American casualties

1 and approximately 19,000 American soldiers'
2 deaths. It is equally appropriate that we honor
3 these brave patriots who sacrificed so much for our
4 country.

5 Turning now to the agenda, the Department of
6 Veterans Affairs has three items for your
7 consideration today. Agenda Item 1 is the report
8 of the minutes of the November 10th, 2015, Cabinet
9 meeting. We respectfully request approval.

10 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion on the
11 item?

12 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

14 CFO ATWATER: Second.

15 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or objections?

16 (NO RESPONSE).

17 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion
18 carries.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: Thank you.

20 Agenda Item 2 is the Agency's second round
21 presentation of Agency performance measures. At
22 the suggestion of Commissioner Putnam and the
23 members of the Cabinet, we took a good hard look at
24 the objectives we presented in our earlier
25 recommendations.

1 We recommend the objectives remain unchanged
2 for our proposed agency performance measures;
3 however, we suggest modifications to the baseline
4 numbers for performance measures 1 through 5 which
5 now represent the median number for the data
6 captured over the last ten years, meaning fiscal
7 years '05/'06 through fiscal year '14/'15.

8 We believe the median is a far better figure
9 and representative number than the mean. The mean
10 can be affected by a one-figure outlier, but the
11 median is less volatile when there is a disparity
12 in the data. And this is critically important in
13 consideration of the Nehmer claims that resulted in
14 a huge spike in our claims processing and the
15 number of veterans who came in through our doors to
16 visit us at the Agency. And we believe that once
17 these Nehmer claims settle out, we'll come back
18 closer to what the true median number represents.

19 So for Performance Measure Number 1,
20 retroactive compensation, we recommend 125,510,000
21 as the baseline number.

22 For Performance Measure Number 2, issue
23 resolution, we recommend 42,767,000 as the baseline
24 number.

25 And, Commissioner Putnam, in response to your

1 question that came up during the last Cabinet
2 meeting, we rated issue resolution at 7.5% of the
3 total because the bulk of our workload in the
4 Bureau of Veterans Benefits and Assistance is
5 claims in general. And issue resolution, although
6 critically important because it provides
7 wheelchairs, glasses, hearing aides, walkers,
8 crutches, canes, leg braces, et cetera, to our
9 veterans, it is just one aspect of the overall
10 claims process.

11 Performance Measure Number 3, the number of
12 veterans served, we recommend 102,000 as the
13 baseline number.

14 For Performance Measure Number 4, the number
15 of claims processed, we recommend 27,521 as the
16 baseline number.

17 And for Performance Measure Number 5, the
18 number of services to veterans, we recommend
19 552,561 as the baseline number going forward for
20 this year.

21 Would you like for me to go over the other
22 performance measures as well even though there were
23 no changes made?

24 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Okay. So let's just -- let
25 me just confirm something. What we presented in

1 our books is consistent with the numbers you've
2 just said, right?

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: Correct,
4 Governor.

5 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Okay. Is everybody agreed
6 with that?

7 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Say that again,
9 Governor.

10 GOVERNOR SCOTT: The numbers that are in the
11 book that we were presented are exactly the numbers
12 that Mike has said. Did you hear a different
13 number, Commissioner?

14 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: No, I think we're on the
15 same page here.

16 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Okay. Did you have a
17 question?

18 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: I do, at the appropriate
19 time.

20 GOVERNOR SCOTT: I think you ought to go ahead
21 and do it now.

22 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: So three of your --
23 first of all, thank you for taking into
24 consideration the conversation that we had in the
25 last Cabinet meeting. My concern, and particularly

1 as it juxtaposes with the conversation we just had
2 with Judge Cohen, you still have three out of your
3 five performance measures that are north of 110%
4 before we ever start measuring. So I worry about
5 the fact that we're setting the bar too low, or
6 that we are assigning the wrong weight to things
7 that aren't as dictated by your control but rather
8 by D.C.

9 So for example, you assign a weight of 10% to
10 retroactive compensation, which is almost totally
11 dictated by the U.S. Department of Veterans
12 Affairs; whereas, Measures 2 and 8, for example,
13 are almost wholly within the power of the Florida
14 Department of Veterans Affairs, but we've reduced
15 their weight to the lowest of any of them.

16 So I guess I have -- I still have the concern
17 that, you know, we're setting -- that we're -- that
18 when we're setting an objective, we're already at
19 110%, 115%, and 112%. But I also recognize that,
20 you know, that that's sort of a function of
21 managing the money that comes from D.C.

22 But I would -- you know, so I put that out
23 there, you know, and I'm not going to -- I mean
24 I've kind of made my point on that, and I'll let it
25 lie. But I guess I would suggest that perhaps we

1 could accommodate the concerns about weighing those
2 things that are most in control of your Agency by
3 raising their weight and perhaps lowering the
4 weight of those things that are more out of your
5 control and determined by Congress and the
6 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

7 I throw that out as a suggestion. I know it's
8 the -- I know that this is an ongoing process; I
9 know that we're at the end of the year; I know
10 that, you know, this is the second time we've seen
11 this. So I put it out there for the -- you know,
12 for everybody to chew on, and I'm not -- and if we
13 adopt it as is, it is what it is.

14 But when I'm reviewing this, I will be looking
15 at those things more heavily -- I will personally
16 be more heavily weighing those items like 2 and 8
17 that are within the total control of Florida versus
18 more heavily weighing those things that are not,
19 and just kind of leave it at that. I think that
20 the measures that have been selected certainly do
21 give us a good picture of the performance of your
22 agency, which is the -- at the end of the day, the
23 real purpose of this.

24 And so I don't want to gag on a gnat, but I
25 do, you know, just kind of scratch my head at

1 starting out with a performance measure where
2 three out of the five of them are not just north of
3 a hundred percent, they're north of 110%. So I've
4 said my piece.

5 CFO ATWATER: Governor.

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Wait just a second. CFO, you
7 wanted to add something?

8 CFO ATWATER: I do. The Commissioner I think
9 is right on the point here. We are in the process
10 of trying to get all of these right. I would hope
11 we don't take a motion on this one today.

12 Colonel, I appreciate your efforts. I think
13 you've got the right measures, or I think these are
14 very good measures; but, boy, as an employee, I
15 would have loved to have been able to use the
16 median for the last 10 years running with
17 population growth on the move that you're going to
18 clear all of these.

19 I just don't think we've got -- I think we're
20 in the process of getting better at this, I just
21 don't think these -- I don't think the measure is
22 the right measure, but I do think that the
23 objectives are the right objectives.

24 So I may be where the Commissioner is. I
25 just, I don't -- I couldn't in good faith vote on a

1 measure that by the sheer growth of the Florida
2 population, and this population in particular, that
3 that's really a measure. Are we getting better at
4 finding those who need our services and getting to
5 them? And then I know that's what you're about
6 everyday and that's what your goal is everyday, I
7 just don't think this is the right measure.

8 So I would certainly commit to you if we don't
9 go forward with it today, to sit down, one-on-one
10 time and talk about ideas and how else -- again,
11 not that we'd make that decision solely, but just
12 to offer some thoughts.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Mike.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: Well, you
15 bring up some interesting points, both
16 Commissioner Putnam and CFO Atwater. We know that
17 the nation has been at war for more than 14 years
18 now. We also know that there has been an
19 unprecedented spike in the number of veterans
20 processing through and receiving claims for
21 disability and other compensation.

22 In the last five years, VA's disability
23 compensation workload across the nation has risen
24 by 101%, which is heretofore unseen data across the
25 spectrum that's out there. So trying to nail down

1 the specifics of what measure is effective now is a
2 very soft target that's moving constantly.

3 In addition, the military downsizing has begun
4 in earnest, and we know that, and we're seeing more
5 and more folks coming back home.

6 There has also been a surge in VA outreach
7 both before our veterans ever leave the armed
8 forces, which leads to benefits delivery at
9 discharge, which as the GWOT veterans and the
10 post-GWOT veterans actually access or earn
11 benefits, we're not seeing some of those numbers
12 coming through our offices in the first place
13 because those benefits will start the day that that
14 veteran separates from the armed forces.

15 So we're not even capturing those folks that
16 are mustering out at the tune of approximately 20
17 to 30,000 a year, and maybe even more coming back
18 down to Florida. So that's kind of -- it's a soft
19 and hard target to get our hands wrapped around.

20 Also, over the last 40-year period, prior to
21 the start of the GWOT, we had an average of 8.5% of
22 the total percentage of veterans who had mustered
23 out of the armed forces receiving compensation.
24 Since the GWOT commenced, 14 years plus ago, the
25 increase has gone up by a hundred plus percent at

1 19% of the total veteran population today. And
2 that -- trying to get some normalization of those
3 numbers out there is, again, a very difficult
4 target to put our heads around.

5 As I've mentioned in previous discussions, but
6 I think it bears noting again, especially in light
7 of us talking earlier about the Battle of the Bulge
8 and Pearl Harbor, World War II veterans experienced
9 a rate of approximately -- 11% of those veterans
10 sought some type of VA compensation. And on
11 average, their service-connected issues was about
12 2.5 issues per veteran from that era.

13 Well, if you fast forward through the Vietnam
14 era, it was about 20% of those veterans and about
15 3.8 service-connected issues that they manifested
16 upon their separation. Go all the way up to today
17 to the contemporary veterans who are separating
18 today, and 99% of them are enrolling in benefits
19 delivery at discharge, which means that our work
20 has -- a lot of it had already been accomplished
21 before they ever crossed the threshold of an FDVA
22 door for services.

23 They're averaging 16.2 items when they present
24 for a claim, and 11.6 of those items are
25 service-connected issues that they're coming in to

1 see us for.

2 So the complexity of the claims grows this
3 way, but perhaps the volume that we're going to
4 see -- we project that we're going to see an even
5 greater decline. Even though we're seeing an
6 increase in our state's population in the veteran
7 community, there's a potential for a greater
8 decline in the amount of veterans we ultimately get
9 to serve and the number of services that we provide
10 to veterans.

11 Further, we also pulled and deployed this
12 summer, in the August time frame, a new software
13 system to manage all of the reporting that we do on
14 our veterans services and capture the dollars and
15 the issues that we resolved. And as that software
16 matures and the employees across our Agency become
17 more familiar with it, we'll have a better grasp on
18 the ability to capture real raw data and then do an
19 interpretation of what that data truly means to us
20 going forward.

21 And perhaps then we'll come back to you, and
22 it won't be the median that we use, we'll have some
23 hard and fast numbers, once we can normalize out
24 some of those other things that we've noticed out
25 there in the data sets today.

1 So I think it's a good starting point, it may
2 not be a perfect starting point for us; but I would
3 like to work with both of your offices to see if we
4 can come up with a better solution.

5 And, Commissioner, you're spot on, we're all
6 working to truly grasp the totality of the great
7 work that our employees are doing for this awesome
8 constituency. And I think it is important that we
9 continue the dialogue to ensure that we get this
10 right, because we want it to be more meaningful;
11 but more importantly at the end of the day, we want
12 our employees to hold their heads high at truly
13 achieving some significant milestones of great
14 import to the community that they volunteered to
15 step forward and serve, like all of you have
16 volunteered to serve in your positions.

17 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. So is the
18 recommendation that we withdraw this and Mike come
19 back and talk to each of the offices and we take
20 this up at the next Cabinet meeting?

21 CFO ATWATER: That would be my preference,
22 Governor.

23 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Okay. So I'll make --
24 Commissioner, is that --

25 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Uh-huh.

1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Okay. So I'll make a motion
2 that we withdraw the item at this time and it will
3 come up at the next -- Mike will come up and meet
4 with each of the Cabinet agencies, and then we'll
5 bring this back up at the next meeting.

6 Is there a second?

7 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

8 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or objections?

9 (NO RESPONSE).

10 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none, that motion
11 carries.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: Thank you,
13 Governor.

14 Agenda Item 3 is the Agency's annual report.
15 Our third and final agenda item today is the
16 submission and approval of the fiscal year '14/'15
17 annual report for the Department of Veterans
18 Affairs. The annual report showcases the
19 dedication, commitment, and hard work of our
20 stellar team of steadfast VA professionals and the
21 unparalleled support we receive from our strategic
22 partners across the state, like our county veteran
23 services offices and our congressionally chartered
24 veteran service organizations.

25 As I look back on the events of 2015, I am

1 especially proud of our state's efforts to
2 commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of
3 World War II. During the war, 16 million Americans
4 served in uniform, including 248,000 from Florida.
5 Many more Floridians served on the home front from
6 shipyards to factories to local United Service
7 Organizations on the home front.

8 We partnered this year in an initiative called
9 Victory Florida to honor the selfless service of
10 the nearly 100,000 World War II veterans who
11 currently reside in the Sunshine state. We were
12 happy to participate and add our Agency's
13 contribution to this historic narrative of the
14 period.

15 The State of Florida in 1945 recognized the
16 need to provide services to returning service
17 members and created a division within state
18 government to connect our veterans with their
19 earned federal and state benefits. To better
20 veterans and their families, Florida voters in 1988
21 overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment
22 to create a cabinet agency to honor those who
23 served us.

24 Today, the Florida Department of Veterans
25 Affairs is the premiere point of entry for Florida

1 veterans to access services, benefits, and support
2 for those richly deserved opportunities to
3 reintegrate themselves into their community.

4 We serve the nation's third largest population
5 with more than 1.5 million veterans. FDVA plays a
6 significant role in the direct infusion of more
7 than \$15.7 billion annually for Florida's veterans
8 into our economy through federal compensation;
9 education; and pension benefits; and, of course,
10 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical
11 services and military retired pay.

12 We believe increasing the quality of life for
13 our veterans and their families through superior
14 services, benefits, and support is the noblest of
15 calling for our colleagues. Florida offers unique
16 benefits such as in-state tuition rates for
17 veterans and their families using the post-911
18 GI bill; several layers of property tax exemptions;
19 expanded veterans preference; and extensive
20 benefits, licensure, and fee waivers for many
21 activities and occupations.

22 Let us never forget our veterans, their
23 families, and their survivors, through whose
24 selfless service and sacrifice we enjoy freedom and
25 liberty. As always, we honor their service.

1 We respectfully request approval of our annual
2 report.

3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to accept
4 the report?

5 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So move.

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

7 CFO ATWATER: Second.

8 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or objections?

9 (NO RESPONSE).

10 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion
11 carries. Thank you.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: Thank you,
13 Governor.

14 Commissioner Putnam, thank you for the article
15 in this morning's Tallahassee Democrat, and
16 thank you for what you do for Operation Outdoor
17 Freedom. We've got these brochures at all of our
18 offices across the state.

19 And for the folks out in the audience who are
20 unfamiliar with Operation Outdoor Freedom,
21 Commissioner Putnam launched this superb initiative
22 in 2011; and to date, through his efforts, we've
23 served 1,400 veterans and given them an opportunity
24 to get out into the woods and reconnect with some
25 of their comrades, but also enjoy some of the real

1 beauty that Florida has to offer by canoeing;
2 hiking; backpacking; and, of course, hunting and
3 fishing.

4 So for more information about Operation
5 Outdoor Freedom, you can go to their website at
6 operationoutdoorfreedom.com.

7 And, Commissioner Putnam, on behalf of my
8 colleagues at the Agency, thank you for your
9 leadership. And I want to wish all of you on the
10 Cabinet, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

11 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: You too.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Thank you, Colonel, it's
14 a partnership, and we couldn't do it without your
15 agency helping us identify willing veterans. And
16 FWC is an extraordinary partner of the water
17 management districts. It's proof that common sense
18 is still alive and well in government and that
19 partnerships are deep, and we appreciate that.

20 And we appreciate everything you've done this
21 past year, and we're very excited about the work
22 that Congressman Mike is doing to maybe get us a
23 free veterans nursing, we like free.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: We're working
25 hard to leverage that, Commissioner, we absolutely

1 are.

2 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Stay on it.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: That would be
4 awesome.

5 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Thank you.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: We absolutely
7 will.

8 Merry Christmas. Thank you.

9 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Merry Christmas.

10 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Honoring those who served U.S.

March 29, 2016

**COLONEL MIKE PRENDERGAST, USA, RETIRED
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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Agenda

- Item 1 - Cabinet Meeting Minutes, Dec 8, 2015**
- Item 2 - Quarterly Report, 2nd Qtr FY 2015-16**
- Item 3a - Ardie R. Copas State Veterans' Nursing Home Update**
- Item 3b - Lake Baldwin Community Living Center Update**

Agenda Item 1

Cabinet Meeting Minutes December 8, 2015

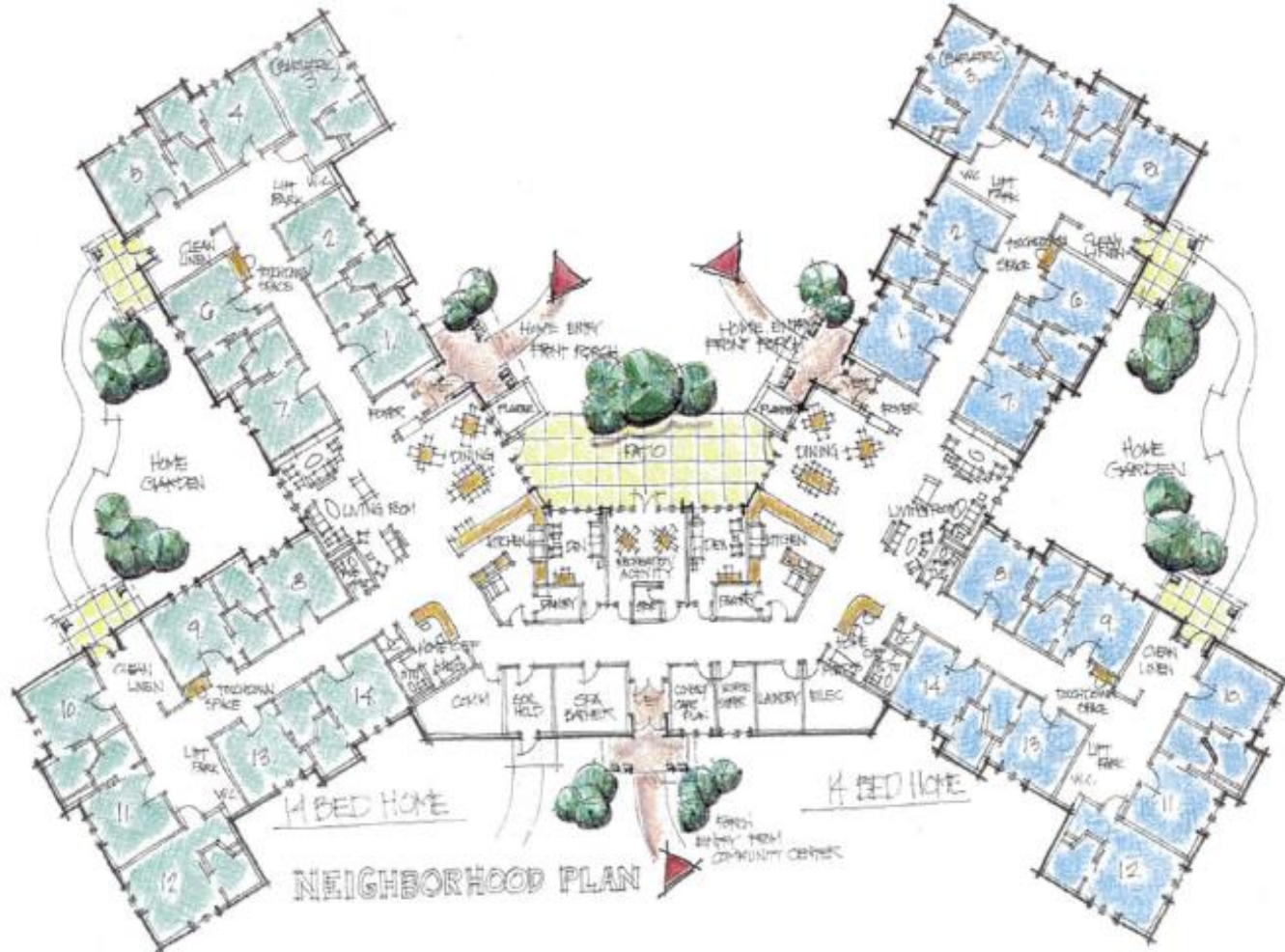
Agenda Item 2

Quarterly Report, 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2015-16

Agenda Item 3a

Ardie R. Copas State Veterans' Nursing Home Update

FDVA Copas SVNH (#7) Typical Neighborhood



Ardie R. Copas Nursing Home Historical Timeline

- Nov 2011: FDVA applies for four USDVA grants of \$36M to build four **conventional** State Veterans' Nursing Homes (SVNH) in Florida
- June 2012: USDVA published updated Community Living Guidance for new Nursing Home Construction
- Feb 2014: FDVA underwent its legislatively mandated site selection process to select the next SVNH in Florida to be built
- Jul 2014: Legislature approves initial funding for design/build of SVNH #7 and design meetings begin
- Aug 2014: **Governor and Cabinet approved Port St. Lucie as the next location for SVNH #7 (Ardie R. Copas SVNH)**
- Dec 2015: Secretary USDVA approves conditional grant for Port St. Lucie Home
- Mar 2016: Letter to VA Secretary requesting relief/waiver for CLC requirements

Current Situation (1 of 2)

- FDVA, DMS, and subcontractors working with USDVA on design modifications to better align cost and requirements.
 - Community Living Center vs. Conventional State Veterans' Nursing Home
 - USDVA Community Living Center Guidance released one year later
- Design Guide - a distinct and financially significant departure from the structures the State of Florida understood it would build upon approval of its grant applications.
- CLC Design Guide specifically states “This volume is meant to be a guide, not a code or regulation.”
- FDVA analysis has revealed that the CLC Design Guide standards pose significant human resource, financial and fiscal challenges for states that have previously submitted grants for nursing homes.

Current Situation (2 of 2)

- The Project Team (DMS/FDVA/RLF Architects/OHL Arellano Construction) have assessed construction cost and overall project budget based on current market conditions, codes, standards and program requirements
- Overall project cost for a CLC in Florida in 2016 is estimated at approximately \$58M versus \$39M (authorized grant amount)
- 3 March 2016: Sent letter to VA Secretary Robert McDonald requesting he waive guideline parameters or provide additional funding to pay for the increased cost associated with CLC Design Guide

Notable Construction Cost Drivers

- 2016 construction cost escalation over 2011 construction costs (\$225-\$250 per SF versus \$325-\$350 per SF)
- USDVA Design Model Change (Increased Area by 41,500 SF)
 - **Conventional SVNH to Community Living Center Model**
 - Change Semi-Private Rooms to Private
- FDVA Resident and Staff Safety Enhancements
 - Resident Ceiling Lifts
- Code Changes (Florida Building Code-2014, AHCA, etc.)
 - Wind Load, Life Safety, Permitting
- American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard Changes
- USDVA System Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) Criteria Changes

Project Budget Comparison

	Federal Assistance Program Item	ORIGINAL	CURRENT	SHORTFALL
1	Administrative and legal expenses	632,546	632,546	0
2	Land, structures, rights-of-way, appraisals, etc.			
3	Relocation expenses and payments			
4	Architectural and engineering fees	2,829,308	3,010,086	(180,778)
5	Other architectural and engineering fees			
6	Project inspection fees	140,452	225,612	(85,160)
7	Site work			
8	Demolition and removal			
9	Construction	31,907,000	46,889,651	(14,982,651)
10	Equipment	2,829,308	5,157,200	(2,327,892)
11	Miscellaneous			
12	SUBTOTAL (sum of lines 1-11)	38,338,614	55,915,095	(17,576,481)
13	Contingencies	1,414,654	2,784,141	(1,369,487)
14	SUBTOTAL	39,753,268	58,699,236	(18,945,968)
15	Project (program) income			
16	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (subtract #15 from #14)	39,753,268	58,699,236	(18,945,968)

Way Ahead

- Meet with Port St. Lucie authorities on waiving or reducing utility impact fees, permitting fees, grants, and related costs
- Evaluate additional cost savings options
- Request waivers from USDVA on some VA MEP requirements, including, but not limited to:
 - New Legionella Mitigation for Hot and Cold Water Systems
 - Reduce Boiler and Chiller Redundancy from N+1 to Two at 60%
 - Roof top AHUs
- Request VA Grant Increase due to CLC requirements and escalation in project cost since grant submission

Agenda Item 3b

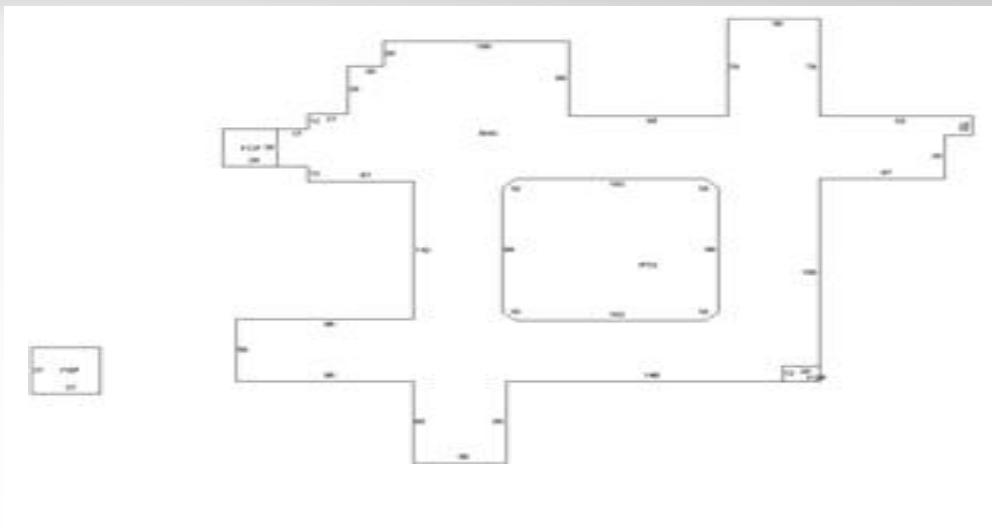
Lake Baldwin Veterans' Community Center Update



Lake Baldwin Community Living Center Update

Community Living Center:

Year Opened	1999
Floors	1
Gross Area	74,508 SF
Living Area	60,388 SF
# of Beds	118
Exterior Wall	Common Brick
Interior Wall	Drywall



Address: 5201 Raymond Street
Orlando, FL 32814

County: Orange County

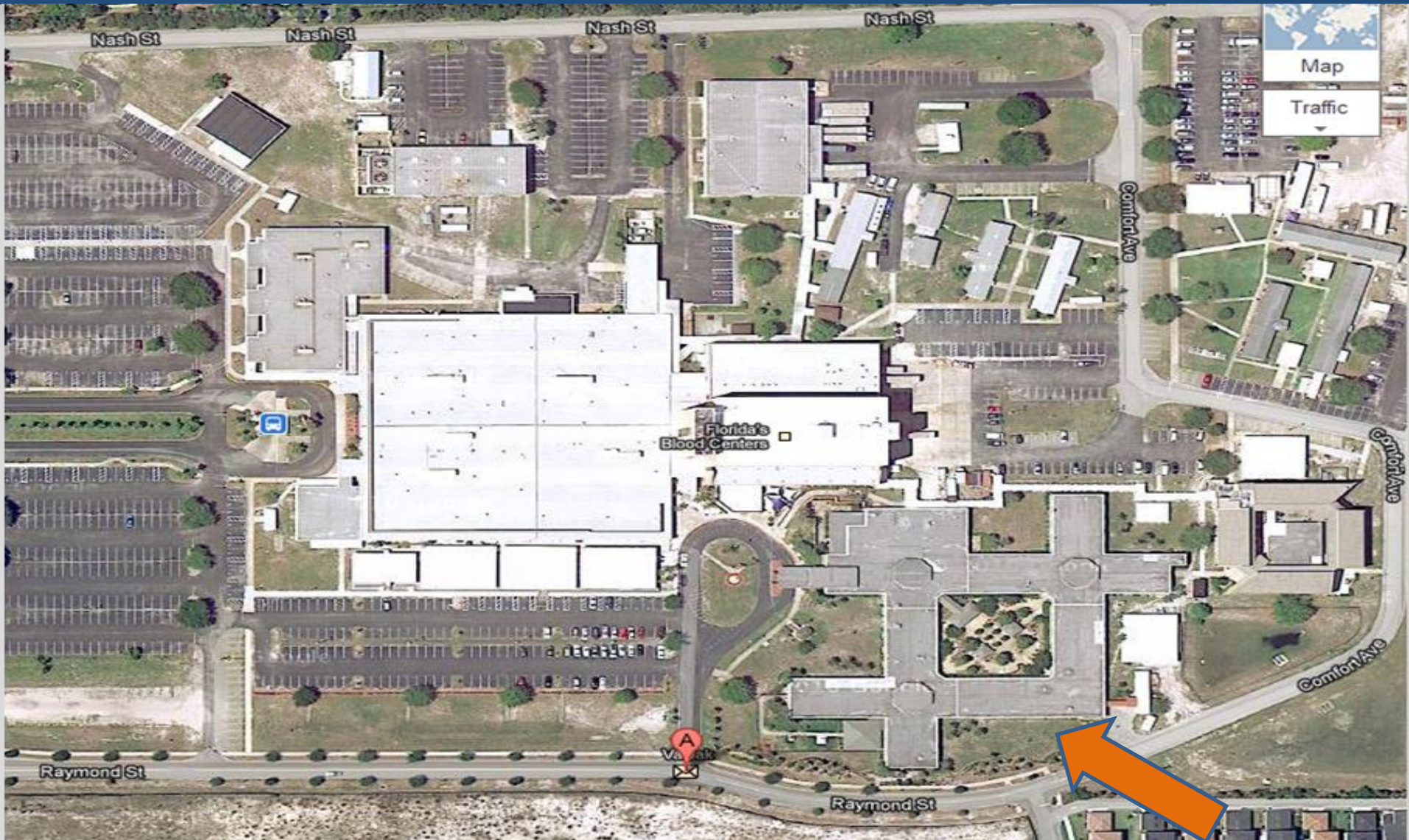
Municipality: Orlando

Description of Property:

Entire VA Complex consists of 44.34 acres and approximately 22 buildings, the tallest being a 5 story structure. Although the dates appear to be erroneous, according to the Orange County Property Appraiser website, the oldest structures were built in 1975; several have been added since that date. Records indicate that there are 955 parking spaces around the complex.



Lake Baldwin Community Living Center Property Overview



Lake Baldwin CLC Historical Timeline

- 1999 – 2013: Facility operated as Community Living Center (CLC)
- Aug 2011: FDVA alerted to possible availability of a property in Orlando being vacated by USDVA for possible Nursing Home use
- Mar 2012: FDVA visits Lake Baldwin facility and discusses possible transfer of property and tours facility
- 2013 – pres.: Facility retrofitted and being used as clinical, administrative office, and storage space
- Feb 2015: Congressman Mica, introduces bill to transition Lake Baldwin CLC to State of Florida
- Feb 2016: President signs bill to transfer Lake Baldwin CLC to State of Florida/FDVA
- Mar 2016: Ceremony with Congressman Mica, FDVA, and USDVA to announce transfer property and tour facility

Current Situation

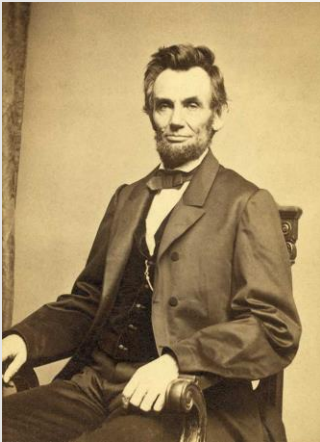
- Mar 2016: FDVA and USDVA (Orlando VA Medical Center Team) working joint transition plan which includes but is not limited to:
 - Brief Governor and Cabinet and the Legislature
 - Property donation to the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, State of Florida
 - VA grant submissions and LBR requests for repairs and equipment
 - On site kitchen and laundry
 - Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement for support/services
 - Facility reconfiguration and furnishing
 - Facility staffing recruitment and procurement contracts
 - Inspections and certifications
- Mar 2016: Assessing facility transition costs

Way Ahead

- Governor and Cabinet approval of property to present to TIITF
- Secure funding for facility transition operations (repairs, outfitting, staffing, kitchen & laundry)
- Begin retrofitting building space from office to residential living space
 - Punch list (\$5-7K per room)
 - Kitchen and laundry facility procurement (cost??)
- Request waivers from USDVA on some VA MEP requirements, including, but not limited to:
 - Secure VA waivers to continue double occupancy rooms
 - Secure VA per diem approval
- Request VA Grant Increase due to CLC requirements and escalation in project cost since grant submission
- Staff recruitment, training, and opening facility

A Promise Kept

- “To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan...”



*- President Lincoln from
Second Inaugural Address*