

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 15, 2019
 North Dakota Veterans' Home
 1600 Veterans Drive
 Lisbon, North Dakota

- 10:30 a.m. Call to order
 Roll call
 Consideration of the minutes of the August 14, 2019, meeting
- 10:35 a.m. Introduction by a representative of the Veterans' Home
- STUDY OF STATE AND FEDERAL VETERANS' PROGRAMS**
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding a memorandum of veteran use of selected veterans' programs
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Fargo Medical Center regarding federal programs available to North Dakota veterans, collaboration with state veterans programs, and ways to improve the care, assistance, and benefits available to veterans
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Lonnie Wangen, Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Veterans' Affairs, regarding the department's programs and services available to veterans, collaboration with federal veterans programs, collaboration with county and tribal veterans' service officers and veterans' service organizations, and ways to improve the care, assistance, and benefits available to veterans
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by a county veterans' service officer regarding the role of veterans' service officers, services available to veterans, collaboration with federal and state agencies and programs, and ways to improve the care, assistance, and benefits available to veterans
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, regarding the organization's mission and role, services available to veterans, recent membership trends, collaboration with federal and state agencies and programs, and ways to improve the care, assistance, and benefits available to veterans
- 11:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the AMVETS, regarding the organization's mission and role, services available to veterans, recent membership trends, collaboration with federal and state agencies and programs, and ways to improve the care, assistance, and benefits available to veterans
- 12:00 noon Comments by interested persons
- 12:05 p.m. Committee discussion
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon recess
- STUDY OF OTHER USES OF THE VETERANS' HOME FACILITIES**
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of other uses of the Veterans' Home
- 1:05 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Gary Skarphol, Chairman, Veterans' Home Governing Board, regarding the committee's study of other uses of the Veterans' Home facilities, including any concerns or suggestions for other revenue-generating uses of the Veterans' Home
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Veterans' Home regarding the study, including:
- The costs and feasibility of converting basic care bed capacity to skilled care

- The costs and feasibility of converting basic care bed capacity to assisted living units
- The costs and feasibility of converting basic care bed capacity to adult day care facilities
- Any federal restrictions to convert basic care bed capacity to other uses
- Availability of federal funds to convert basic care bed capacity to other uses
- Other costs of converting basic care bed capacity to other uses
- Suggestions for adjusting the basic care rent rate calculation

- 2:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Veterans' Home regarding the status of the administrator's residence, including plans to demolish the building, driveway, and two underground tunnels
- 2:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 2:20 p.m. Tour of the Veterans' Home facilities
- 3:20 p.m. Committee discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators: Randy Burckhard (Chairman), Jay Elkin, John Grabinger, Joan Heckaman, Richard Marcellais, Scott Meyer, Kristin Roers

Representatives: Pamela Anderson, Glenn Bosch, Karen Karls, Ben Koppelman, Jon O. Nelson, Austen Schauer, Cynthia Schreiber-Beck

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