

**Department VAVS/VHVS Meeting
June 18, 2009**

Called to order by Chairman Pearson at 1 PM., Lansing, Michigan

Members present;

Ron Pearson, Chairman	Jacobetti Home
Henry Altman,	Saginaw
John Wyatt	Grand Rapids
Murl Eastman	Ann Arbor
Curtis Wynn	Detroit
Orv Stevens	Battle Creek

Members Excused

Art Mitchell	Iron Mountain
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Guests

Carrie Seward, Chief of Voluntary Services, Saginaw VAMC
Al Jeffery
Don Chmielewski
Wayne Coyler

Chairman Pearson welcomed all guests.

Minutes read and accepted.

Committee Reports

Marquette	Pearson	Programs going well. Suggests always look for want list;
Battle Creek	Stevens	Volunteering down, new programs are going well.
Ann Arbor	Eastman	New Acting Director, Paid employee running new shuttle service
Grand Rapids	Hyatt	Verbal report
Detroit	Wynn	Three times the normal rate of new patients. Overcrowding, parking a problem
Saginaw	Altman	SO layoffs are hurting everyone.
<i>Im.</i> Marquette	Mitchell,	A written report highlighted by Chairman Pearson.

Report from Carrie Seward

Old Business

SAL Funding up to \$1100.00

New Business

Funding cuts at State Facilities

Jacobetti Home \$150,000.

Resolution 6-09-C

3rd State Veterans home. DAV stated new home would take funding from current budgets.

VAVS Dept budget.

Have not had increase for quite some time. Will present to Department.

Special projects.

Be aware of new or special projects we can support.

SB 250

Has passed the Senate and is in route to the House. All should inform our State Reps that The American Legion is opposed to this legislation.

Adjourn at 1:55 PM.


Orv Stevens


Chairman