

## Minutes

### STATE VETERANS COUNCIL SEMI-SEMI ANNUAL MEETING

Concord, New Hampshire

July 20, 2010, State House, Room 100  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301 at 3:00 p.m.

1. Productivity: SVC Members briefed on FY 2010 Productivity. There were approximately 6,000 active clients with a recovery rate of over 47 million dollars. (see attached)
2. Budget: Members discussed the fact that this is budget preparation time for FY 2012 and 2013. Information was provided that the agency would pursue a second vehicle, increased out of state travel allowances, and increases in IT funding to replace laptops.
3. Legislative Changes / Updates: Members were provided with a copy of the spreadsheet portraying the 2010 legislative issues/status that the agency tracked (see attached).
4. Procedural Changes (progress)
  - a. NH FIRST / ERP: Members were briefed concerning great success in completing a second budget closing operation within the NH FIRST budget tracking system.
  - b. Visitation Schedule/Personnel Issues: Members discussed a slight change in the visitation schedule to lower the number of visits to Tilton.
  - c. Agency establishment/name change: Members were informed that SB 508 passed both the House and Senate. The Governor signed the bill and effective August 1, 2010 the agency will be known as the NH Office of Veterans Services.
6. SVC Attendances
  - a. SB 327 Commission to Study Veterans Employment: Members discussed legislation passed in 2010 to continue and extend the Commission study.
  - b. SB 35 Commission to Study Veterans Legal Assistance: Senate Bill 517 passed both the House and Senate to allow for formation of a veterans legal assistance project in the state. The bill allows for federal funding to be accepted for the project but does not fund the project through state sources.

- c. Veterans Forums (Portsmouth, Berlin, Plymouth, Concord, Keene): Members were briefed about content and attendance for all forums planned and held throughout the state in the last calendar year.
- d. L. Tammy Duckworth, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Intergovernmental Affairs, visit to NH: Members discussed the very successful visit to the Harbor Homes homeless veterans building project in Nashua and her visit to a round-table briefing/discussion at the VA Medical Center in Manchester.