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Does this cover it?

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From: Broome, Darryl  
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 11:16 AM  
To: Danny Varat  
Subject: FW: Letter to Congressional Delegation RE VDHCB

Danny,

Attached is the letter sent to the Congressional Delegation in December. I think this is a good explanation on the issues surrounding the Veterans Program and the events involved from the time we learned that the VA was discontinuing the program until the creation of this letter by Catherine in December.

After the program was discontinued, we immediately began working with PPL, the financial Agent, to determine the amount of "unused funds" remaining in the veteran's accounts. It was discovered that an estimated \$500,000 was in these accounts. While some of these funds represent money that veterans had set aside for emergencies, I am concerned that some veterans were not receiving approved services. While this program has been in operation for many years, should we ever have the opportunity to partner with the VA on future programs, I would create and implement a more complete monitoring and auditing system. I would also not consider the financial agent used for this program.

I asked that all remaining money be returned to the VA non later than January 15<sup>th</sup>. In January, Denise Rivers was informed that it may be April or May before these funds could be returned. I immediately contacted PPL and told them that this was not acceptable and we were discussing options to collect these funds in a more reasonable time period. After several discussions with Mark Alteri at PPL, They agreed to expedite this process. On 2/1/2018, a check was expressed to Dorn VA facility. Receipt was verified on 2/2. On 2/21/2018, I received an email from Mr. Soots at Dorn asking when the VA would receive their check. Mrs Rivers from the LGOA sent him all the information from 2/2 and the VA, again, confirmed receipt.

While there were many concerns with the termination of this program, I have received no messages from any veteran now being served by the VA since November, 2017.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

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From: Catherine McNicoll [mailto:CatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov]  
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To: Wolf, Anne; Broome, Darryl; Danny Varat  
Subject: Letter to Congressional Delegation RE VDHCB

Good Afternoon attached is a draft letter to the Congressional Delegation regarding the VDHCB program. I believe this draft is only a starting point and needs input for all of you. I would like to ask that Darryl and Anne take the first shots at the letter and let me know if I have missed any historical details from the last approx. two months. Once we have the background covered I will ask that we review what the overall message to the delegation is.

Currently my thought is that the message should be "This program is terminated, we did not have a voice in the

process, and there are still loose ends that Dorn VA is mishandling/ not handling."

*Best Regards,*

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