DIVAC

Summary Notes

04/17/19

# Why did we meet:

1. Third quarterly DIVAC meeting of FY19.

# What did we share with our stakeholders:

1. Update provided on the SECVA D&I ADR Awards program
2. Karen Basnight presented on the ICARE Disability Campaign – takeaway – Spread the word about the new initiative.
3. Karen Basnight and Roberto Rojo shared updates about the Section 504 program to include VA Handbook 5975.6.
4. DIVAC Co-Chair and Karen Basnight discussed Affinity conferences concept of inclusive and not exclusive.
5. Save the Date – VA HBCU Summit 9/5/19 More to follow.
6. NCA discussed “blind auditions” and their current initiative to put focus on recruiting at the 5 largest cemeteries.
7. Lois Scoon and Renetta Bradford provided information, which highlighted the high value for retention of Disabled Veterans.
8. Save the Date – 1st National Minority Veterans Summit 9/27-28/19 Dallas Texas – POC Dennis May.

# What did we accomplish:

1. Robust discussions and idea exchanges on how to enhance the available programs and mitigate risk.

# What are the action items:

1. Follow on discussions with stakeholders.

# What did we vote on:

1. Approved summary notes as distributed and read from previous DIVAC.