

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

FROM: Jason Thompson
Legal Advisor

DATE: April 29, 2019

RE: Substantive Changes to the Proposed Administrative Rule (LSA Document #18-475)

BLUF: This memorandum captures the two (2) substantive changes that the Department seeks to implement to the Proposed Rule 18-475 after consideration of written comments submitted to Department during the public comment period. Those changes are listed in detail in this memorandum.

Changes Adopted by the Department

1. Change of language to 914 IAC 1-2-5, Application for a grant of veterans' services; awarding process

The Department agreed to the following change to the proposed rule:

“Sec. 5. Grants shall be awarded annually in one (1) year increments. ~~The grant year shall run for twelve (12) full months from July 1 to June 30 of the following year....~~”

To:

“Sec. 5. Grants shall be awarded annually in one (1) year increments. The grant shall run for twelve (12) full months from the time the grant is awarded.”

This change is supported by an electronically-submitted comment submitted by MG (Ret) Erika Steuterman prior to the Public Hearing (comment #1).

2. Change of language to 914 IAC 1-5-4, Unexpended funds from a grant for veterans' services

The Department agreed to change the title of 914 IAC 1-5-4 to the following:

“914 IAC 1-5-4 Unobligated funds from a grant of veterans' services.”

Additionally, the Department agreed to the following language change in the body of 914- IAC 1-5-4:

“Sec. 4. All funds that are not ~~expended~~ within the one (1) year time period shall be returned to the department.”

To:

“Sec. 4. All funds that are not obligated within the one year time period shall be returned to the department.”

This change is supported by a written comment submitted by Mr. Jim Bauerle in his written and oral comments submitted at the Public Hearing (comment #8).

There are no other changes adopted by the Department and the remainder of the rule shall be adopted in same content and format as the Proposed Rule that was read and considered at the IDVA public hearing that took place on March 8, 2019.