

Quality of Life Committee Meeting
247 S. Cool Spring Street, Fayetteville, NC
Thursday, April 23, 2015
9:30 AM

Attendees:

Ron Massey
Lt. Col. Robert Anderson
John Matthews
Doug Webster
Robert Hosford
Hank Debnam
George Breece
Cindy Basenspillar
Jason Simmons

Review of previous minute meetings:

Motion to approve the minutes- **Approved unanimously with no discussion**

Commission Update:

Military-connected Children/Adolescents Behavioral Health-Fort Bragg: Need for Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit

Doug Webster, LCSW – Reasonable treatment has been challenging for military children/adolescents of based upon North Carolina not having a crisis stabilization unit. Purposing a children's crisis stabilization unit within the hospital. The unit would be the first children's crisis stabilization unit in North Carolina, the unit has been very successful in multiple states. The unit runs about 50% less than a hospitalization and just as effective, if not more. Would like to create an awareness of suicidal deaths among military children. Looking for ways to get the initiative funded. Purposing a 6 – 8 bed, the maximum beds are 15, per unit. To build an upstanding unit that provides over 15 beds will cost 2.5 – 3 million dollars. The planning stage will range for 3 months and the total production time will vary for 12 months. The obstacles is funding, roughly a half million dollars. A contract can be negotiated with insurance companies, which will cut the cost to the state.

- Need to identify the connection at the state level or federal level, the Governor's office, and legislatures.

George Breece - Draft a letter to engage military affairs commission to support the issue because the money is currently in the Governor's budget.

George Breece - Motion - Quality of life committee endorse the following concepts and ask the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission to use every best effort to get this done now, the language is needed from Doug Webster and others to get

provided. The request is for Doug Webster and others to add to the resolution. Kelley provide the notes together, please ma'am.

Kelly Barretto - "Absolutely, you got it"

John Matthews - Motion second, and Approved**

Lt. Col. Robert Anderson - Requested for Kelly to send a copy of the letter to Robert Hosford, John Matthews and Lt. Col. Robert Anderson.

Update: 911 Call Centers/PSAPs

Lt. Col. Robert Anderson - You can use DOD funds with the respect to help military bases and governments working together.

Update: K-12 Concerns, Priorities

Lt. Col. Robert Anderson – the meeting will be held in Raleigh, NC and Kelly Barretto will get that information out to everyone via email. The meeting will be held on April 28, 2015 at the Department of Public Instruction.

Child Care Center Licensure discussion on Military-connected children's behavioral healthcare needs

Mr. Jason Simmons, DHHS – Based upon Senate Bill 368, language has been modified that will allow military families to participate in the child care subsidy program based upon their DOD standards that will not require their licensure with the Dept. of Health and Human Services. The bill has received favorable votes from the Senate and expect to continue with the process and move over the House.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.