



Quality of Life Committee
July 29, 2016

Call to order

A meeting of the Quality of Life Committee was held at the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, 413 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC as well as via teleconference on July 29, 2016.

Attendees

Attendees included:

- Jeff Sanborn (committee chair)
- George Breece (on committee) (on phone)
- Doug Taggart (Dept of Instruction designee)
- ET Mitchell (NCMAC Member-at-large) (on phone)
- Kirk Warner (NCMAC Member-at-large)
- Jeremy Schmidt (NC DMVA) (on phone)

Members not in attendance

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- W.A. Lehmann (on committee)
- Walter Marm Jr. (on committee)

Approval of minutes

Chair called meeting to order at 1:04pm. 2nd quarter minutes were discussed and a vote for approval will occur during the 4th quarter meeting.

Reports

Topic: Children Crisis Stabilization Unit in Fayetteville to serve Military Dependents

Discussion: Multiple revenue streams explained that may be able to be used for this project; Original costs proposed cover construction, renovation, and operational costs. Sen. Meredith is working to line up the funding for this.

Action Items: Identify any funding contingencies to receive the money. Propose to the ESG to invite Sen. Meredith to the Full Commission Meeting.

Resolution: Committee will continue to support the initiative and discuss it at the full NCMAC meeting.

Topic: Veteran Treatment Courts

Discussion: Buncombe, Cumberland and Harnett County Veteran Treatment Courts already in place. Bar association is going to create a section to help with creating the Veteran Treatment Courts. Onslow County and Forsythe County have identified local leaders to help create the court. Federal grant money

and other sources have been available. The NC National Guard is helping with the process. Cost Benefit Analyses were requested.

Action Items: Mr. Warner proposed to provide an information paper and make a presentation to the full commission; the committee agreed.

Topic: School Calendar Flexibility

Discussion: There was a proposal in General Assembly to research the feasibility of a flexible school calendar. Mr. Taggart described that after studying the existing congruity between North Carolina's school calendar and those of other states with heavy military populations, it became clear that school calendar flexibility would not help or detract from the needs of military connected children. As a result, he agreed that it does not need to continue to be studied as an interest item for the NCMAC.

Mr. Taggart also described that the NC DPI updated a policy to make it easier for military spouse educators to transition into North Carolina, which better supports a law passed related to military spouse licensing in NC.

Action Items: None.

Unfinished business

Not applicable

New business

Topic: NC Realtor Association SCRA Waiver Form

Discussion: NC Realtor's Association has new form landlords can use that are letting people sign something saying they're giving away their rights to the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act (SCRA). Committee members are concerned the form could be hidden in a stack of documents to sign without Servicemembers knowing of the repercussions.

Action Items: Work to get the information to the bases and relocation offices to inform them of this new form. Will see if there is a legal way to protect and will contact Realtor Association.

Open Discussion

Not applicable

Adjournment

Adjourn at 2:00pm