

## **Minutes of the September 29, 2015, Meeting of the NCMAC Quality of Life Committee**

### **Committee Members Present:**

COL. Jeff Sanborn, USA Retired  
Sen. Wesley Meredith  
Mr. George Breece  
Col. Walter "Joe" Marm Jr., USAF Retired  
Maj. Bobby Lumsden, Exec. Officer to Admin. Head of NCMAC  
Mr. Doug Taggart, DPI  
Anne Shaw, NC Community Colleges

The first order of business was Commissioner George Breece's motion to appoint Colonel Jeff Sanborn, USA Retired, Quality of Life Committee chairman, which was seconded by Col. Walter "Joe" Marm Jr., USAF Retired, and passed unanimously.

Chairman Jeffrey Sanborn opened the meeting with welcoming remarks, determined that a quorum was present and reviewed the Agenda.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **911/PSAP**

Major Lumsden briefed the Committee on status of 911/PSAP:

- An intergovernmental support agreement has been offered as a solution for interested installations for the 911/PSAP issue; it is under the state's legal review to identify the appropriate means for funding stream. Once the legal review is complete, installations can enter into agreement
- Seymour Johnson and Fort Bragg have expressed interest in the agreement; A request has been submitted for a public-public, public-private partnership, with a potential solution through Assistant Deputy Secretary for Installations, Energy and Environment; it is currently with the Assistant Chief of Staff of the Department of the Army
- USMC installations are not allowed to participate at present because of legality concerns related to firefighting services, a public-public partnership
- The Air Force is amenable to intergovernmental agreements

#### **Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit**

Chairman Sanborn provided copies to Committee members of a memorandum to LTG Joseph Anderson from Womack Army Hospital with an accompanying letter from Douglas Webster, LCSW, Director of Behavioral Health, Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

- The hospital commander maintains that crisis care for military-connected children is in still high demand and still exists a critical need
- Not enough local accommodations causing most or all beds to be full until transfer

- This impacts the ability to care for other family members with a deployed spouse
- DHHS has discussed with the facility a possibility of assisting through grants in the past
- Kelly Barretto has contact information for Courtney Cantrell of DHHS that was working with Jason Simmons at DHHS
- Mr. Doug Taggart of DPI suggested a letter from Superintendent Till
- Bobby Lumsden will follow up with Jason Simmons of DHHS
- George Breece was asked by the Chairman to continue contact with Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and also with Mike Nagowski, CEO of CFMVC, and Breeden Blackwell, Director of Government Affairs.

### **Military Identifier (K-12)**

Mr. Doug Taggart updated the Committee on the law that went into effect last school year tracking military-connected children data.

- All parent registrants do not want to supply all of the verifying information
- The state council, Interstate Compact for the Education of Military Children, met a week ago to discuss school calendar flexibility. There was additional discussion on whether the MAC would undertake this topic.
- A request from the Counties expressing the desire to assist with the challenge and identify the specific issues would be needed. Onslow County Superintendent Stout can write a letter. It would be optimal to get consensus from multiple superintendents
- Follow up should occur with four military liaison counselors in Craven, Wayne, Onslow and Cumberland Counties. Harnett and Hoke should be considered as well in light of the effect on impact aid to the schools
- An additional liaison or military regional coordinator is needed to be funded by law; supporting data will be provided
- Maj. Lumsden and Mr. Taggart will follow up with a position paper considering data from DoD and DPI

### **FUTURE BUSINESS IN PRIORITY ORDER:**

1. Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit
2. Interstate Compact/School Calendar
3. State regional support of military-connected children
4. PSAP/911

Mr. Breece made a motion to accept the Committee's priorities in the order stated above. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

### **CCSU:**

- Doug Taggart will contact Dr. Till
- Major Lumsden will follow up with Jason Simmons, DHHS military liaison

### **School Calendar**

- Letter From County Superintendents To DPI (Doug Taggart)

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### **State Regional Support to Regional military-connected children**

- To be further identified and developed by the Committee
- Major Lumsden will follow up with Stu Cox of Seymour Johnson

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The group discussed making changes to priorities on the Committee's issues listed on the NCMAC's Top Ten Priority list

- Recommendation to remove child care certification from NCMAC Priority List
- Maintain PSAP issue on NCMAC list
- Move up CCSU on NCMAC Priority List

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Kimrey Rhinehardt of the UNC System added that the UNC System is successfully implementing in-state tuition for military and veterans.

Mr. Breece suggested a thank-you letter from the Chairman to the departing members of the Commission. Maj. Lumsden will coordinate with BrigGen Martin.

Ms. Anne Shaw of NCCC agreed to brief the Committee on credit for service in the military.

Chairman Sanborn thanked all for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Breece thanked Major Lumsden for his contributions.

Chairman Sanborn requested additional comments. There were none, and the meeting adjourned by unanimous motion.