Quality of Life Committee October 28, 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 October 28, 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)
- Kathy Higler (UNC)
- Senator Wesley Meredith (NCGA)
- Walter Marm Jr. (on committee)
- BG Beard (NC National Guard)
- Troy Holowiti (NC DMVA)
- Jeremy Schmidt (NC DMVA) (on phone)

Members not in attendance

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• W.A. Lehmann (on committee)

Approval of minutes

Chair called meeting to order at 12:40pm. 2nd and 3rd quarter minute were voted and approved.

Reports

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

<u>Discussion</u>: Waiting on the Dept of mental health to release a RFP. Was expected October 15th, but it has not happened yet. The beds that were available were reallocated, but the hospital has the ability to retrofit the area when the funding is available.

Action Items: Continued engagement and reports to update the committee.

Resolution: Pending.

Topic: Veteran Treatment Courts

<u>Discussion</u> Mayor from New Bern was very enthusiastic about this. Some research was done by Craven County. Onslow and Craven are not sure if a structured system is required based on the very low need

(Harnett reported 20 in past year). Ms. Mitchell recommended connecting with other states and do some more research.

Action Items: Mr. Holowiti will assist in receiving some feedback for the committee.

Resolution: Pending.

Topic: Occupational Licensing Requirements for Military Spouses

<u>Discussion</u>: Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Sanborn gave update. Both reached out to Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune/Cherry Point. No feedback was given by the Services. Original plan was to not include medical. Committee agrees that all the professions that require licensure should be considered since this a recruiting opportunity for the state. Mr. Taggart stated the policy has already passed for the teacher requirement; both to ease the process for general public and look at waiving for spouses.

Action Items: None.

Unfinished business

Not applicable

New business

Not applicable

Open Discussion

Not applicable

Adjournment

Adjourn at 1:15pm