

Minutes from MCFTB Council Meeting Thursday October 15, 2009

Members Present:

Yasmine Bell, Family Readiness Program Trainer
Meghan Duetsch, FRO, Quantico
Katherine Warrick, FRO, Quantico
Ramona Higgins, FRO, CBIRF
SSgt Luke Seno, Deputy FRO PRP, Anacostia
GySgt John Donato, FRO, 4th CAG, Anacostia
1st Sergeant Bobby Clark, Deputy FRO, Site Support Anacostia
LT David Bates, Deputy FRO, SCoB, Anacostia
HM1 Chris Luna, Deputy FRO, SCoB, Anacostia
Stephen McElvine, FRO, Headquarters Battalion, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall
1st Sergeant Richard Moore, FRO, Crypto, Ft. Meade
Chaplain James, Command Chaplain CBIRF
David Horvath, CBIRF
Billie Kochara, MCFTB Director, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall

Topics Covered:

L.I.N.K.S.:

FROS were given schedule of L.I.N.K.S. sessions that were coming up. Next session will be held on October 20, 2009, 8:30-4:30 PM, Building 29, Room 105 at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Trish is looking at doing another session on Saturday, November 21st, at Bellevue Housing. L.I.N.K.S. trainer is looking at doing a session for teens on February 15, 2010. The time is TBD. Starting in January, L.I.N.K.S. will offer a couples session.

LifeSkills/Deployment Support:

FROS were given a list of upcoming classes for LifeSkills/Deployment Support. Those classes included: Aging Parents & Elder Care, Family Care Plan, Who Moved My Cheese, and Don't Sweat the Small Stuff. Also on October 27th, 2009 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM LifeSkills is presenting a Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar. This will be held in JBMHH Theater. Christianne is also planning a trip to the Marine Corps Museum on November 2nd from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Buses will depart from JBMHH. This is open to all families and married Marines.

As always, we are available on the web site Christianne set up:
http://www.mccshh.com/MCFTB/Life_Skills.html

Family Readiness Program Trainer:

Talked to FROS about the Mass Communication Tool and the new uploads. Explained they could do the webinar online through Quantico or come to a session being offered here at Myer-Henderson Hall.

MCFTB Director

Billie talked about the future of the Council Meetings. The Council Meetings may be taken out of MCFTB and handed over to the Commands to take care of. We are awaiting further guidance from MRZ (Headquarters) on this plan.

Director will get the 2010 training calendar out to the FROS so we can start planning other trainings at their installations. We also discussed having the trainers come out to FRO installations once a month to just speak with them and their Sailors/Marines.

Discussed the PROS and CONS of the FRO Continuing Education Class: The majority of FROS/Deputy FROS enjoy the training. Some items to take into consideration are adjusting the time and date. It was suggested that we offer these classes every other month or quarterly. The time played a factor into the meeting schedule also. Some people preferred earlier in the morning while another suggested we make it an all day training. Another suggestion was made that we keep the trainings on the "wave tops". Do not have guest speakers get too in-depth, give a light overview. Overall though, trainings are met with positive feedback. FROS enjoy meeting with other FROS, bouncing ideas, and commaradie.

All of the Holiday Information was handed out for the Thanksgiving Food Basket and Adopt-A-Family Programs. There was a deadline sheet given to everyone also and electronic copies sent to their e-mails the night before. Chaplain James had concerns about how many Marines would be able to receive assistance. It was explained that we would help out as many as possible. This year all applications will go through FROS to better help them connect with families and help us make sure assistance is getting to those who need it.

Concerns From the Field:

Henderson Hall: What is the status on the AIRS Checklist? He also suggested to other FROS if they would like to get information from Headquarters to sit in on FRC at Quantico. It is held at Quantico Base Club in November. For further details contact him.

CBIRF: Funds, they have no idea what's going on. Said they couldn't be sponsored by an MCCS or an MWR. They have no funds to run the upcoming event in November. Chaplain expressed concerns about the program making promises it couldn't keep. He said everyone could sign up for classes, but the program still wasn't giving what it needed.

Ft. Meade: Funding was an issue. They are in the process of filling out a survey to try and receive monies.

Anacostia: Toys For Tots is starting again for the Holiday Season.

Quantico: Awaiting the order

