

NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL MONTEREY, CA 93943

MINUTES OF THE 8 JUNE 2004 AREA COMMANDER'S QUALITY OF LIFE POLICY BOARD MEETING

1. Mr. Thomas, Quality of Life Director, Naval Postgraduate School, opened the meeting at 1305 on Tuesday, 8 June 2004, in the La Novia Room, Herrmann Hall, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). Mr. Thomas asked the members to introduce themselves.

2. Area Commander's Quality Of Life Policy Board Attendees

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3. RADML Dunne reported that CAPT Herron and CAPT Davenport did a great job coordinating the town hall meeting on the Tricare issue. We are still tracking and working on the Tricare issue.

4. Mr. Thomas then asked for members to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Members unanimously approved the minutes as written.

5. Old Business. None.

6. New Business

a. Mr. Lupton, NEX

(1) Provided current sales publications.

(2) We recently moved the Jamba Juice cart to the Del Monte Café.

b. JOC Martin, Public Affairs

(1) Memorial Day concert went very well and we had a good attendance. Next concert planned will be on the 4th of July.

c. LCDR Lane, NMAU-DLI

(1) We had 95% compliance on our Preventive Health Assessments for the Monterey Peninsula.

(2) The pediatric contract will be turning over from Foundation Health to TriWest 1 July. There have been some legal issues that are being worked through, and some changes have occurred in the Primary Healthcare Coordinators, but we are hoping for a smooth transition.

d. CAPT Clifford, Command Chaplain

(1) Provided feedback received from students during an impromptu random survey he conducted on Quality of Life issues. Some of the issues that were of concern amongst both the enlisted and officers were accessibility and quality of Tricare providers in the Monterey area, operation of Del Monte Café, and inadequate level of BAH and COLA in Monterey area. Among enlisted personnel, the following issues were of concern: having to pay for childcare at the CDC during their vacation period; increase funds for the single sailor program; and positive feedback on allowing singles to move into housing. Overall, everybody felt that the quality of life was good.

The above issues were addressed by the members as follows:

Rear Admiral Dunne. Tricare meets the requirements of the law regarding accessibility. Quality issues need to be referred to Tricare so that it can be properly addressed and a point of contact should be provided when necessary. After the new contract with TriWest is in effect, they will be examining the quality of care in Monterey.

CAPT Clifford. Tricare: There is a perception that quality medical care is not available in Salinas.

Mr. Thomas. Café Del Monte: We did have a recent problem with staffing in the café because the chef was on emergency leave and we had some complaints.

GSCM Murphy. BAH and COLA: I can provide some information via email regarding the COLA issue, which has been a concern in the past. Therefore, we did a lot of research on this issue.

RDML Dunne commented. Single Sailor Program: If MWR receives extra money, funding will be increased towards the Single Sailor Program in October.

Mr. Thomas. CDC Fees: Discussed that it is a Navy policy for the CDC to charge patrons during vacation periods.

e. Mr. Thomas, MWR

(1) El Prado Room renovation scheduled for October 2004 through January 2005.

(2) New Student Reception BBQ will be held at the new Roman Plunge Beach Volleyball Court. Anyone interested in holding an event or using the volleyball court can make reservations at the fitness center.

(3) The MWR website is updated almost daily. I encourage everyone to visit our site to find out the latest information on our event and programs.

(4) We may be canceling the Father's Day brunch due to low reservations.

(5) In response to CAPT Clifford's survey, Mr. Thomas informed members that Preventive Medicine regularly inspects all the facilities, including the Del Monte Café. Since there may have been an appearance that we were not following procedures, we will be more careful.

f. CDR Kevin Otte, NPS Dental. Explained tentative realignment plans of the Navy Dental Corps; dental will be merged with medical clinics. It may have some impact on our clinic on the fourth deck. We will provide the command more information as it is received.

g. LCDR Nemeck, NTTCD Monterey. Provided update on numerous recent VIP visits and the DLI choir and color guard activities.

h. MAJ Donahoe, Student Services. Change of uniform for the New Student Reception at Roman Plunge is for students to return to civilian clothing after 1400 so they can participate in the activities.

i. Ms. Mazzotta, FFSC

(1) Working on plans to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the FFSC in July. The region is checking to see if we will be able to spend money for the celebration. MWR and FFSC will coordinate.

RDML Dunne. Suggested that Ms. Mazzotta submit a plan of desired activities for his review to determine how much funding NPS can provide.

(2) Provided status of FFSC Accreditation.

(3) Working with website contractor to converge FFSC website into new format.

(4) Provided update on Navy One Source website. Representative will be visiting NPS in the near future.

(5) Discussed current issues affecting staffing of the various FFSC committees.

(6) Update on FFSC worldwide FA implementation and reduction of staff. Probably will happen in first quarter of FY05. Almost every position will be downgraded. Working on getting a contract counselor to provide necessary support.

j. COL Smarsh

(1) Provided update on current status of regionalization.

(2) 10TH street gate is in final phases. We should be announcing reopening of gate soon.

7. Miscellaneous. None.

8. Closing Remarks. Mr. Thomas thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1357. The next Quality of Life Policy Board meeting is scheduled for 0900, Tuesday, 21 September 2004, in the La Novia Room, NPS.


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