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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 9 February 2004 United States Army Alaska (USARAK) Well-Being Steering Committee (WBSC) Meeting

1. The meeting of the USARAK Well-Being Steering Committee (WBSC) was held on 9 February 2004. Mr. Lambert, USARAK Well-Being Coordinator welcomed everyone, then COL Boltz, USAGAK Commander/Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1335 making the following comments.

We have improved our way of sharing information with our community, commanders, leaders, soldiers, and family members. This is possible through the use of the well-being programs as an overall holistic approach. The shift from unit specific risk reduction data to working with the community to develop solutions to installations' challenges is a positive change. The ICE program and the Well-Being Action Councils are serving to provide a voice for the community and a mechanism to develop action plans to better the well-being of the community. This council will look forward to the installation CGs feedback.

2. In attendance at the meeting were:

COL Boltz	Mr. Curry
LTC Shutt	Mr. Peet
Mr. Endsley	COL Hamilton
MAJ Carpenter	COL Wood
LTC Brown	
Mr. Mauer	
MAJ Hunter	
COL Gamble	
Members absent:	
COL Gamble	
CSM Allen	
Chaplain representative	

3. Well-Being update:

a. ICE quarterly report: Mr Lambert stated that he pulled data from ICE to compare various installations explaining the different percentages of comment cards among service providers. He also examined Fort Richardson and Fort Wainwright comparing the percentages among directorates of the two installations. Mr. Lambert stated that he had a concern pertaining to the ICE report. Many organizations are still showing zero comment cards filed after almost four months from the deployment date.

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Mr. Curry stated Fort Richardson lodging is aggressive in having customers fill out comment cards upon check out. Mr. Curry stated ICE is a very beneficial program and we need to ask people to fill them out.

Mr Lambert further explained the ICE percentage. COL Boltz asked how we are spot checking other agencies. Mr. Lambert replied Well-Being checks ICE almost daily and we have delivered thousands of cards to providers as well as picking up cards and inputting them into the system. COL Boltz asked what we are doing to help our services with placement of cards and to make cards available to customers. Mr. Lambert said we are actively advertising with business cards and posters. Additionally, it will be up to the managers to get the word out.

COL Boltz suggested the garrison commanders should have their directors' help in the spot checking of the cards. LTC Brown stated we continue to push ICE up north and he asked his directors to see what services are not being shown so they can be added to ICE.

b. Corporate assessment: Mr. Curry asked Mr. Lambert to explain it for those who did not know. Mr. Lambert explained the survey process and the tool that was administered to 100 172ND SIB officers and senior NCOs to rate the DPW and DOL support services. Mr. Lambert added that the results will be briefed to the USAGAK Deputy GC and the USAGAK office will work with the directorates, where applicable, to develop a corrective action plan.

c. W-B functional surveys: Mr Lambert reported that W-B functional surveys will remain posted on the web site through the month of February and that we have received 500 completed surveys thus far.

4. FRA quarterly R&A report:

a. LTC Shutt discussed the Fort Richardson QR&A slides. He said we looked at eight functions over the last three years that are either at or above the Army rate. LTC Shutt addressed the alcohol incidents at Fort Richardson. He stated that in spite of the downward trend, we are still above the Army rate and the contributing factors remain the same to include the environment of Alaska. Some solutions are random breath testing. We have purchased breathalyzers for the unit testing and the promotion of healthy living skills and non-alcohol related events at the command level.

Crimes against persons. 80 percent are related to DV and the other 20 percent are related to the barracks. FRA exceeds the Army average. The FRA strategies include: Homecoming Alaska, DV stand down day, BSRF and the filling of vacant family advocacy positions.

Crimes against property. Most are unsecured items in vehicles and gym lockers. LTC Shutt stated that the fitness center does provide locks and in addition will have and periodic patrols present in locker rooms. Notices will be left if they find something un-secured. LTC Shutt also reviewed the 10 priority well-being functions for FRA (slides attached).

5. FWA quarterly R&A report: LTC Brown discussed the Fort Wainwright QR&A slides. The reduction in DV incidents is of major significance. However, there were significant rate

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increases in the following areas: alcohol, drug use, under age drinking, rehab failures, and over weights all are more common in Alaska.

Alcohol incidents on post are on the increase. The SJA is reviewing adopting local civilian practices for on post DWI incidents and suspension of driver licenses. COL Boltz asked about the systematic breath test program at Wainwright. LTC Brown replied he will look into it and he will share other strategies that are working at FWA.

LTC Brown stated that he expects to see an increase in drug activity with the arrival of new soldiers in the Fairbanks and North Pole areas. The post needs an additional drug dog to help in the implementation of inspections and Eielson AFB may be able to assist. Other initiatives include working with CID and the hiring of additional ASAP staff to help with urinalysis testing.

LTC Brown stated also the first WBSC for Fort Wainwright will be held this Thursday; issues to be addressed include housing construction, PT run route and child care. The FWA WBSC will meet bi-monthly, and the issues will be assigned to small committees to work on and report at the council meeting. (slide attached).

6. New business:

a. W-B Action Plan implementation review:

(1) Establishment of the FWA W-B Action Council: LTC Brown reported that the FWA W-B Action Council held its first meeting on 12 February 04.

(2) W-B integration: Some resistance/fear to the use of ICE comments from some directorates as many agencies have yet to receive their first comment cards. COL Boltz stated she hoped there was no resistance to ICE because it is a good tool. Mr. Curry agreed we still need to sell ICE, get the word out, and sell it to those people whom are resistant to it. COL Hamilton stated ICE is not a good tool for the DENTAC because of the different reporting requirements by the Surgeon General. Mr. Lambert stated he expressed the concern to Washington and the matter was being looked into.

(3) Use of the ICE paper comment cards. LTC Brown asked about the paper comment cards. He asked about the use of them, who will pick them up and input them into the system and what other means are available as far as tracking this process and eventually deleting the paper cards all together. Mr. Curry stated that DCA has one person selected to input the cards. Mr. Lambert added that the W-B office has been assisting those agencies with little to no clerical support.

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7. Adjournment: COL Boltz closed the meeting with the following remarks: We are well on our way to implement the Well-Being process and we need to remain fully engaged in Well-Being and to continually provide feedback to the Well-Being Coordinator. COL Boltz added that she is looking forward to the FWA W-B council first feedback to the Steering Committee. With regard to the upcoming People Quarterly Review and Analysis meeting, COL Boltz requested the installation CGS take advantage of the opportunity to educate Commanders about our programs and requested that each CG presents show case programs as part of their briefing.

8. Minutes prepared by Mr. Pascal Lambert, USAGAK Well-Being Coordinator.

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