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Subj: DACOWITS' SEPTEMBER 2019 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Encl: (1) DACOWITS' RFIs for September 2019 Marine and Family
Programs Division

1. Marine and Family Programs Division's response to the RFI is
included in the attached enclosure.

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Domestic Abuse and Intervention Training. Include frequency of training, required attendees, etc.

Unit Marine Awareness and Prevention Integrated Training (UMAPIT) covers many behavioral health related topics to include domestic abuse and child abuse and neglect. UMAPIT is designed for the total force, is prevention-focused unit-level training that raises awareness, practices skill-building techniques, identifies protective factors, educates Marines on their responsibility to take action and/or intervene, and increases acceptance of help-seeking behaviors. Per MCBUL 1500, all Marines are required to complete UMAPIT annually.

In accordance with DoDM 6400.01 Volume 1 and MCO 1754.11, commanders and senior enlisted advisors receive training on the prevention of and response to child abuse and domestic abuse, FAP policies and procedures, responsibilities for identifying and reporting abuse, and information on FAP prevention services. Senior enlisted advisors complete the training annually. Commanders complete the training within 90 days of assuming command and annually thereafter.

10.i. What regulations and policies govern fee assistance programs?

A. 10.i. Off Base Child Care Fee Assistance is implemented as a response to the Military Child Care Act; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, §568(c), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 335. The law requires that child care be available for children of Active Duty Service Members on and off installation. Funding is required to maintain costs of operating an Off Base Child Care Fee Assistance Program associated with DoDI 6060.02, "Child Development Programs" and MCO 1710.30, requiring child care options for eligible patrons that supplement, not replace, installation based child care programs.

10.ii. How many Service members are receiving fee assistance?

A. 10.ii. As of June 2019, there are 455 Active Duty Marine Families enrolled in Off Base Child Care Fee Assistance with 587 unique children.

10.iii. How many were denied fee assistance and any reasons for denial?

A. 10.iii. While Service members are not denied due to a lack of funding, they may be placed on a waitlist when participants reach a capacity. Off Base Fee Assistance is available for single Active duty and those Active duty with a full-time working spouse. Families must choose an eligible provider who meets the minimum licensing/accreditation requirements or risk being denied.

10.iv. Information on proposed or pending changes and initiatives (e.g., in June 2019 the Army briefed it was "reforming" its fee assistance program).

A. 10.iv. The Department of Defense fee assistance program Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN) will expand to MCCYN-PLUS as a pilot in Maryland and Virginia. The MCCYN-PLUS pilot will expand to include community child care centers that are quality rated by a state Quality Rating and Improvement System. In locations where national accredited care is unavailable, child care centers with a Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) level of three or higher will be made available to families. Eligible military families will continue to utilize Child Care Aware of America as their link to approved fee assistance child care facilities under the MCCYN-Plus pilot.

10.v. Indicate whether Service members on a waiting list are automatically eligible for fee assistance even if they otherwise might not qualify; and if not, why not?

A. 10.v. The Marine Corps Service members on a waitlist are automatically eligible for Off Base Child Care Fee Assistance if they meet the requirements in 10.iii.

10.vi. If a Service member is receiving fee assistance and space becomes available in the installation child care facility, is the Service member required to move their children to the on-base care facility?

A. 10.vi. The Marine Corps does not require Marines to move their children to on base facilities when child care becomes available while enrolled in Off Base Child Care Fee Assistance. The term used to describe this is "continuity of care".

10.vii. What challenges impact the provision of fee assistance?

A. 10.vii. The Marine Corps sees challenges in the Off Base Child Care Fee Assistance when there is a lack of funding to sustain the program from year to year.

10.viii. Are Service members denied assistance due to lack of funding?

B. 10.viii. While Service members are not denied due to a lack of funding, they may be placed on a waitlist when participants reach a capacity.

11.a. What factors impact willingness to become or remain a family care provider? Incentives/disincentives?

A. 11.a. Two major factors which impact willingness to become a Marine Corps family child care provider are:

1. The disincentives in providing specific subsidies. Family Child Care providers are not offered certain subsidies at Marine Corps locations such as:

- Subsidy for opening infant only homes
- Subsidy for obtaining and maintaining home accreditation
- Subsidy for maintaining a child care space to include children with special needs

2. The lengthy certification process (to include the background check process).

11.b. What is the current enrollment in the Family Child Care (FCC) program? What is the shortfall or waiting list for this program?

A. 11.b. As of June 2019, 101 children were enrolled in 25 installation based FCC homes.

- To date there are five Marine Corps installations (Iwakuni, Lejeune/New River, Pendleton, Quantico, and 29 Palms) that provide active FCC homes with a total capacity of 105 spaces.
- There are a total of four Marine Corps installations (Yuma, South Carolina, Butler, and Hawaii) that have an