Fort Belvoir Collaborative Charter

Overview: The Fort Belvoir Collaborative was created by the Soldier and Family Assistance Center as an opportunity to bring together community partners to network, share and collaborate on military and wounded warrior issues on Fort Belvoir. ServingTogether, a program of EveryMind, was asked to chair the collaborative beginning in June 2017. And American Red Cross became Co-Chair in August 2018. The meeting is run by the Northern Virginia Program Manager for ServingTogether and the Station Manager with American Red Cross on Fort Belvoir and MCB Quantico.

Purpose: *ServingTogether*seeks to transform a current fragmented system of care that primarily reacts to service member, veteran and family inquiries to one that rallies the entire community to proactively create a safety net of easily accessible services. We seek to identify the multiple points of entry service members, veterans, and families may be accessing and coordinate those resources more effectively. Gaps in services and care will be highlighted and strategies for filling those gaps will be developed. Ultimately, increased identification, referral and coordination of community based and military services will result in greater alignment of resources to strengthen health and mental health outcomes for service members, veterans and their families.

Mission of the Fort Belvoir Collaborative: The Collaborative is a grass roots program to assist the military installation - Fort Belvoir - by coordinating similar efforts undertaken by community leaders, nonprofits, veterans’ service organizations, and local government to ensure that services are not being duplicated, and military families receive the best possible information and access to care and benefits.

Goal:Coordinate efforts between Fort Belvoir post/installation programs, and community organizations and partners that serve the military and veteran community. Meetings are used for networking, information sharing and analysis of needs. The collaborative members will work to develop additional partnerships and collaborations to ensure efforts are coordinated.

Structure and Membership: The Collaborative will meet every other month on the third Thursday of the month from 12 – 2 pm. The meetings are free and open\* to nonprofits, veteran service organizations, installation leadership, DoD employees, military families and other community organizations that support military, veterans and their families. Military families are welcome to attend.

\*Dependent upon installation access.

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