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NEW JTF CAPMED CIVILIAN HUMAN RESOURCES COUNCIL CHARTS THE COURSE FOR MEDICAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN THE NCR

On October 17, 2008, the newly chartered JTF CAPMED CIVILIAN HUMAN RESOURCES COUNCIL met for the first time to begin planning for the transition of civilian employees to a new regional healthcare delivery environment.

BETHESDA, MD. The Civilian Human Resources Council was chartered by the Commander of Joint Task Force CAPMED to oversee the transition of civilians from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda and the DeWitt Army Community Hospital into the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the new Community Hospital at Fort Belvoir in 2011. The Council will also develop and implement a Guaranteed Placement Program for personnel assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center and some medical activities in direct support of the hospital who are willing to remain through closure.

Members of the Civilian Human Resource Council (CHRC) are Colonel Dennis Doyle of Walter Reed, Captain Dan Zinder of National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, Colonel Dan Gall of DeWitt Army Community Hospital at Fort Belvoir, Ms. Shelia Relerford of Air Force District of Washington/79th Medical Wing and Ms. Debra Edmond of the Joint Task Force. The Council will develop a detailed transition plan that incorporates, among other things, the strategies of the Guaranteed Placement Program (GPP). The Council will be supported by a team of senior human resources experts from the Army, Navy and Air Force. The newly created Council will provide regular updates on transition planning through a variety of communication channels across the Region.

The Guaranteed Placement Program will include a framework and implementation plan providing a phased approach to civilian workforce transition. The program's intent is to maximize the movement of current civilians to preferred locations and to optimize the recruitment of new civilians with designated 2011 duty stations to ensure that the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda and the new Community Hospital on Fort Belvoir have trained and ready staffs when the new facilities open. The goal of this plan is to take care of all civilian employees in a way that ensures high-quality care to our warriors and family members across the region now and into the future.

Additional information about transitional changes to the medical civilian workforce in the NCR will be posted on www.JTFCAPMED.mil.

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The mission of JTF CAPMED is to implement clinical Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) actions in the National Capital Region and establish an efficient, integrated military health care delivery system that brings the "Best of the Best" together to work in concert on behalf of warriors, retirees, family members and caregivers. The Commander of Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical (CJTF) reports directly to the Secretary of Defense through the Deputy Secretary of Defense.