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SUBJECT: ARMY CAMPAIGN PLAN - HEALTH PROMOTION, RISK REDUCTION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION - COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION COUNCILS (CHPC)

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SENT ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC//DACS-SPTF//

REFERENCE: ACPHP, 16 APRIL 09, AND ANNEX D OF SAME

1. SITUATION: IN APRIL 2009, THE VCSA SIGNED THE ACPHP. ANNEX D OF THE ACPHP GUIDES COMMANDERS ON KEY PRINCIPLES TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF HEALTH PROMOTION, RISK REDUCTION, AND SUICIDE PREVENTION. SOME OF THOSE PRINCIPLES ADDRESS CHPCS AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS, AND THEIR CREATION, GOVERNANCE, AND LEADERSHIP ATTENDANCE. THOSE PRINCIPLES WARRANT EXPLANATION AND EMPHASIS.
2. THE VCSA'S RECENT INSTALLATION VISITS SUGGEST CHPCS AND SIMILAR GROUPS ARE GENERALLY INCIPIENT OR PROVISIONAL, UNCOORDINATED, POORLY REPRESENTED / ATTENDED, AND INCONSPICUOUS; AND LACK A FORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE SUCH AS A PUBLISHED CHARTER WITH CLEAR MISSIONS, MEMBERSHIP, OBJECTIVES, PRODUCTION, METRICS, AND ASSESSMENT PLANS. AS A RESULT, COMMANDERS AND THOSE GROUPS FAIL TO SHARE / INTEGRATE INFORMATION / DATA AND SUFFER POOR SITUATIONAL AWARENESS. THIS CREATES AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF RISK FOR OUR SOLDIERS, CIVILIANS AND FAMILIES.
3. COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL CHPCS AND SIMILAR INSTALLATION-LEVEL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE A SIGNED FORMAL CHARTER. SEE AR 600-63 AND AR 15-1. THEY SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AND STAFFED TO PROVIDE A MAXIMALLY EFFECTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO HEALTH PROMOTION, RISK REDUCTION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION. SENIOR COMMANDERS MUST ENSURE CHPCS HAVE A FORMAL CHARTER APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE COMMANDER TO WHOM THE ORGANIZATION WILL REPORT. THE CHARTER SHOULD CLEARLY OUTLINE: ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP; MISSION; SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES, HOW IT INTEGRATES WITH OTHER COUNCILS / COMMITTEES, IF APPLICABLE; MEETING SCHEDULE; STANDARD PRODUCTS / SERVICES; METRICS, ASSESSMENT, AND REPORTING PROTOCOLS; AND MARKETING / OUTREACH PLANS, IAW AR 600-63 AND AR 15-1.
4. PLEASE CONTACT THE ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION, 703-571-5575 OR VCSASITFOPS@CONUS.ARMY.MIL.

EXPIRATION DATE IS 22 MARCH 2010