

DoD NAF Accounting Working Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2022 0900-1000 EST

Attendees

- OSD MC&FP
 - o Mr. Gerald Holliday
- Air Force AFSVC San Antonio
 - o Ms. Marivic Penman, Ms. Connie Lipko
- Air Force AF A1S Pentagon
 - o Ms. Lisa Hughes
- Army IMCOM G9 San Antonio
 - Ms. Renee Keys, Mr. Bryan Hartsell, Mr. James Matthews, Ms. Becky Karnafel
- DFAS Texarkana
 - o Ms. Lena Anderson, Ms. Tina Roberts
- DFAS- Indianapolis
 - o Ms. Susan Haines, Mr. Robert Haines, Ms. Heather Crews
- Army DCS, G9 Pentagon
 - o Ms. Elizabeth Femrite
- AAFES Dallas
 - o Ms. Denise Hunter, Mr. Ken Jacquin, Mr. William Moring
- Marine Corps MCCS Quantico
 - o Mr. Pat Craddock, Ms. Victoria Galloway
- Navy CNIC Millington
 - o Ms. Nancy Stephens, Mr. Jeff King
- Navy OPNAV Pentagon
 - o Ms. Annie Fowler
- Army Secretariat Pentagon
 - o Ms. Karan Reidenbach, Ms. Philanda Morgan
- Air Force Secretariat Pentagon
 - o Lt. Col. Jessa Kling
- Grant Thornton
 - Ms. Ariane Whittemore, Mr. John Johnston Mr. Dirk Casson, Ms. Ciara Keefe, Mr. Aimal Arsalla

Welcome and Introductions – Mr. Gerald Holliday, MWR & Resale Policy

• Mr. Holliday welcomed everyone, gave a brief background on himself, acknowledged that the Services were present, and thanked everyone for participating

OSD Updates

FY 2021 Program Metric Report (PMR) and Related Tasker

- Mr. Ken Sorg will contact the Services to schedule the Annual MWR Briefings
- No participants express concerns submitting PMR inputs by February 18th

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NAF Accounting Working Group POCs List

- Mr. Holliday requested that participants review the POC list and make updates for personnel that have been added or removed
 - o Mr. Holliday will use the list to build a MS Teams Group for quick communication purposes

DoDI 1015.10 & 1015.15

- Mr. Holliday stated that the DoDI updates are being reviewed
 - o Mr. Holliday noted that Mr. Berry Patrick is prioritizing updating issuances
 - o The goal is to submit the DODIs for formal coordination this year

NAFSGL Version 5.0

- Mr. Dirk Casson provided an overview of the NAFSGL 5.0 update process and inquired if the group had any items or recommendation to discuss regarding the NAFSGL 5.0 update
 - No issues or questions noted
- Ms. Ariane Whittemore requested each Service confirm whether they have any NAFSGL related items
 - o Mr. Hartsell noted that the Army is changing accounting system, and hasn't implemented the NAFSGL in their new accountings system
 - Mr. Hartsell mentioned that the Army will likely focus on the transition of their accounting systems, this year, and may have limited inputs to the NAFSGL
 - Ms. Nancy Stephens noted that the Navy didn't have changes either, as they are focusing on payroll implementation for their accounting system upgrade
 - Ms. Stephens mentioned there may be some duplications which they will investigate
 - o Marine Corps didn't note any discussion points
 - Ms. Connie Lipko, from the Air Force, stated that Ms. Belinfante and her team are looking into the NAFSGL, current format, and will provide updates as available

2022 NAFSGL Workshop

- Mr. Holliday noted that COVID delayed the past several workshops, and inquired the group regarding an ideal time for the next workshop
- Mr. Johnston, from Grant Thornton, stated that he recommends a more systemic approach to the Program Metric Report which would allow greater access to metrics and analyses for all Services
 - Mr. Holliday concurred and stated that the process could be more automated/efficient and all would benefit from increased visibility and reliability

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- Navy and Army agreed in principle but believe the Services need to see the data before OSD. For instance, Mr. Hartsell mentioned that manual overhead allocation is required which is accomplished by the Service prior to OSD receiving the data.
- Ms. Stephens concurred with Mr. Hartsell, and added that the information is not just financial but also contains non-financial data (e.g. number of rooms in a hotel) which must be managed outside of the financial system. Mr. Stephens noted that the allocation of the overhead could possibly be worked into a system report, but it would still have to go through review by the Service before it's released.
- o Mr. Holliday noted the concerns and mentioned he would like the report to be beneficial for the Services, drive decision making, and optimize outcomes
 - Ms. Stephens agreed that she has never used the report after submitting information and would be interested to see how the data could be used

Meeting Format/Way Ahead

- Mr. Holliday asked if this meeting's format and frequency work well, or if anyone would suggest changes to either
 - o Ms. Hughes suggested once a quarter, rather than monthly
 - Ms. Karnafel and Ms. Fowler agreed
 - Ms. Stephens prefers monthly, with the option to cancel if there aren't topics to discuss
 - Ms. Hunter agrees with quarterly, with an option to add a meeting in between, if warranted
 - Mr. Hartsell feels quarterly is appropriate, but monthly interaction would be helpful for evolving issues and updates
 - Mr. Holliday acknowledged the opinions and reiterated that the MS Teams Group could help facilitate more frequent discussions outside of a scheduled meeting.

Other Topics, Wrap-up and Action Items

- Mr. Holliday asked the group about the USA vs. UFM process, and if there are any entities still using USA
 - o Mr. Hartsell noted there are some entities in the Army still using USA more than UFM
 - o No other participants noted use of the USA process
- Mr. Holliday closed the meeting by mentioning that he has replaced Mr. Mike Curtis, who is now his supervisor, and requested the group include him on any correspondence to Mr. Curtis.
- The next Working Group meeting is currently scheduled for March 17, 2022