

NAF Accounting Working Group Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2017
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM EST

Attendees

- MC&FP
 - Mike Curtis
- DFAS – Indianapolis
 - La Zaleus Leach
- Army IMCOM G9
 - Bryan Hartsell
- Air Force
 - Connie Lipko, Peter Nation
- Air Force A1
 - Mark Montgomery
- Air Force SAF-MR
 - Joe Dyson
- MCCS
 - Courtney Pulis, Pat Craddock
- Army - DFAS – Texarkana
 - Lena Anderson
- Navy CNIC
 - Jennifer Wilkinson, Jeff Potter
- Grant Thornton (GT)
 - Ariane Whittemore, Jeremy Blain, Stephen Pomager, Jack Renner

Welcome and Introductions – Mr. Mike Curtis

- Mr. Mike Curtis welcomed everyone, acknowledged that all the Services were present, and thanked everyone for participating.

Action Items from Previous Meeting – Mr. Mike Curtis, MWR & Resale Policy

- MC&FP and Grant Thornton to discuss Activity/Cost Center alignment with MWR Categories.

General OSD Update – Mr. Mike Curtis, MWR & Resale Policy

- Mr. Curtis stated that his office is working on acquiring Tableau server space and ensuring that the system is compliant with common access cards (CACs).

FY 2016 NAF Program-Metric Report – Mr. Mike Curtis, MWR & Resale Policy

- Mr. Curtis acknowledged that he now has everyone's NAF Program-Metric Report and will compare against the OP-34 budget exhibits.
- Mr. Curtis noted that the Marine Corps briefing has been rescheduled for April 20.
- Mr. Curtis discussed the process for the annual Report to Congress on APF support of CAT A and B MWR programs, which will be signed by Acting USD (P&R) Mr. Anthony Kurta.

- Mr. Curtis noted that he will be scheduling one-on-one meetings with the Services in the May-June time frame to confirm NAF Program-Metric report data and discuss any trends or anomalies.
- Mr. Jeff Potter asked if NAFSGL can accommodate the Navy's regions
 - Mr. Curtis responded that this is a Service-specific issue and that there is space in current NAFSGL structure using the Service-specific Site Code or the Navy could add digits in their accounting system to accommodate the Navy's regions.

Discussion of Activity/Cost Center Alignment with MWR Categories – Mr. Jeremy Blain, Grant Thornton

- Mr. Blain noted that Mr. Hartsell had previously requested the exploration of establishing new Activities for different unique services such as car washes.
 - Mr. Blain stated that there are two initial directions, a specific Activity and overall approach:
 - Car washes and similar revenue generating operations should be their own Category C Activity.
 - Can we ensure that Activities are only aligned to one MWR Category? Within each Activity, Cost Centers can still exist across different MWR Categories.
- Mr. Stephen Pomager walked through the Excel spreadsheet (read ahead) where the team is exploring new ways to align Activities/Cost Centers with MWR Categories.
 - Mr. Pomager noted that the Information, Tickets, Tours and Leisure Travel Services (ITT) Activity could be switched to Category C.
 - Ms. Pulis noted that leisure travel was a CAT C and was moved to be included with ITT as a CAT B per change in MWR policy. Per an older version of DoDI 1015.10 (November 3, 1995), leisure travel was called Unofficial Commercial Travel Services and was a CAT C. The change was made around 2008/2009.
 - Mr. Hartsell agreed that ITT should be changed to Category C and stated that the Army is working towards this change. He also stated that he is interested in changing the alignment of CAT B bowling.
 - Mr. Curtis acknowledged that these are areas that could be looked at by MWR Policy.
 - Mr. Pomager illustrated Equestrian Programs and Horseback Riding Programs as an example where an Activity was split into Category B and Category C Activities.
 - Mr. Pomager noted that Car Wash could be its own Category C Activity.
 - Mr. Hartsell stated that the Army is still analyzing the data on their car wash, and perhaps it should remain in Skill Development – Automotive.
 - Mr. Pomager stated that Recreation & Entertainment Programs are currently split into two Activities: one that is Category B and C, and one that is Category A. He noted that this could be an area to split into three Activities: one for each Category.
 - Mr. Curtis responded that this is another Activity, perhaps similar to ITT, which we can look at further.

- Mr. Pomager noted that under Military Service Academy, a Category A Activity, there are Athletic Associations that perhaps should be Category C.
 - Mr. Curtis acknowledged that this may be an area for future exploration.
- Mr. Curtis affirmed that this discussion is important and would most likely be part of a review of MWR, which will also include re-examining category funding targets. He stated that Mr. Justin Hall is working with Secretariat-level staff to form a strategy for the review. Subsequently, Mr. Curtis will bring into the Accounting Working Group, which gives Accounting staff opportunity to contribute to the effort. This will be an iterative process where we examine changes in DoD policy, the OP-34, and the NAFSGL. Mr. Curtis stated that he hopes to have more direction on this initiative next meeting.

Wrap Up

- Mr. Curtis summarized the topics noted above and concluded the meeting, commenting that next month's NAFSGL Working Group session will need to be rescheduled or cancelled.

Action Items Summary – Current Meeting

- None