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From: Commandant of Midshipmen

Subj: Brigade Health Care Consumers Council

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 6320.62

1. Purpose. To establish a Brigade Health Care Consumers Council in accordance with reference (a) to serve as a forum for the USNA Branch Clinic, Branch Dental Clinic, and the Brigade of Midshipmen to exchange information that will contribute to a better understanding and resolution of mutual problems.

2. Background. Experience in both the military and civilian sector has shown that it is important that individuals participate in the health care decisions that affect them, receive information concerning problems and opportunities in the health care system, and feel that their views are important. To this end, a Brigade Health Care Consumers Council has been established to provide regularly scheduled meetings and direct lines of communication between the USNA Branch Clinic, Branch Dental Clinic, and Brigade of Midshipmen.

3. Goals. The goals of the Brigade Health Care Consumers Council are as follows:

a. Establish direct lines of communication between the USNA Branch Clinic, Branch Dental Clinic, and Brigade of Midshipmen through regularly scheduled meetings and informal liaison among council members.

b. Review existing and proposed policies of the Senior Medical Officer; Head, Branch Dental Clinic; and Commandant of Midshipmen to minimize policy conflicts and solve mutual problems with the "system."

c. Educate the Brigade about Navy medicine in general and the USNA Branch Clinic and Branch Dental Clinic in particular.

d. Explore patient education and self-care initiatives for implementation within the Brigade.

e. Improve the rapport between Medical Department personnel and the Brigade.

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4. Membership.

a. Brigade membership shall include a council co-chairman and one midshipman representative from each battalion. These members will be appointed to the council in January of their Second Class year and serve through the calendar year. Council members will nominate their own successors. The Brigade Commander and current co-chairman will review these nominations and make formal recommendations to the Deputy Commandant. A COMDTMIDN Notice will be published annually in December, appointing the co-chairman and battalion representatives to the council for the next calendar year.

b. The Senior Medical Officer will be the other co-chairman and appoint appropriate representatives to the council. At a minimum, these will include the Administrative Officer, Senior Enlisted Advisor, and Patient Contact Representative of the USNA Branch Clinic.

c. The Head, Branch Dental Clinic, will appoint two representatives to the council if so desired.

5. Meetings. The council shall meet monthly during the academic year. Copies of the minutes of these meetings will be forwarded to the Commandant of Midshipmen and the Brigade Commander for review and comment.

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