



Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma

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Agenda



- Opening remarks
- Topic Discussion
 - Reporting
 - Systems Response (ADMINISTRATIVE, CRIMINAL, CIVIL)
 - Systems Response (ADVOCACY AND MH SERVICES)
 - **Prevention**
- Closing remarks



Opening Remarks



- Data Review
- Timeline
 - 10 NOV – Draft (Email)
 - 17 NOV – Responses
 - 21 NOV – Final Meeting
 - 1 DEC – Report to GOV





PREVENTION

Covering Topics: A, C, J, K



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A. Identify best practices in preventing sexual trauma in the Maine National Guard

- Training service members on how to develop healthy relationships utilizing programs like BOSS and Strong Bonds
- Training service members on how to identify and react to behaviors on the continuum of harm
- Utilize the community-based prevention strategies as most of our service members are community members
- TAG has implemented a no-alcohol policy on any military facilities unless permitted by the first O6 in the chain of command
- Maintain all military facilities are safe during the day and the evening: cameras in all public areas, all areas well lit, etc.



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C. Identify state resources available to prevent sexual trauma within the Maine National Guard

- MENG Prevention Team working with MECASA Prevention Team
- Open discussion/Ideas from Advisory Council Members



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J. Identify ways the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management can increase its involvement in the state's response to sexual trauma in order to better inform its internal policies

- Working more closely with MECASA and Rape Crisis Centers on prevention efforts
- If MECASA had a military liaison, this would increase the ability for the MENG to provide confidential, immediate, fully-dedicated, individualized advocacy to all service members and civilians that report to start the healing process immediately to gain support for the trauma



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K. Identify federal policies and resources, including those of the U.S. Department of Defense and the National Guard Bureau, available to support efforts to prevent sexual trauma in the Maine National Guard;

- The MENG was selected by NGB to pilot the Integrated Primary Prevention Program (IPPP)
 - o Maine was 1 of the 32 States selected to pilot the Prevention Team
- MENG recently hired 3 Prevention Specialists and is looking to add 2 more to the team
- Currently, the MENG does annual, mandatory SAPR training which involves a preventative portion which talks about the continuum of harm, defines consent, and shows best practices on bystander intervention





Review and Questions?

