

SUPPORTING STATEMENT USMC SUICIDE PREVENTION STAKEHOLDER
SURVEY – PART B

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

If the collection of information employs statistical methods, the following information should be provided in this Supporting Statement:

1. Description of the Activity

Marine and Reserve Affairs, Marine and Family Programs (MF) is evaluating its Suicide Prevention Capability (SPC). One component of this effort involves gathering information from various stakeholders who contribute directly or indirectly to suicide prevention efforts in the Marine Corps. Stakeholders will be asked about priorities in suicide prevention, job duties related to suicide prevention, communication with other stakeholders, perceived successes and perceived barriers in suicide prevention.

The results are primarily for use by MF Behavioral Programs (MFC) branch to better support staff and Marines. Findings will be used to identify gaps in the suicide prevention system, best practices for suicide prevention, challenges or barriers to executing suicide prevention efforts across the fleet, and the types of activities stakeholders engage in support of suicide prevention.

This data will be used to meet the need for regular and ongoing evaluation of behavioral health programs for the purpose of continuous quality improvement. Aggregated data and reports may be provided to MFC program managers in the fleet to help inform local program operations.

2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

Describe any of the following if they are used in the collection of information:

a. Statistical methodologies for stratification and sample selection;

The study team designed the sample size of data collection for this study to reach as many primary suicide prevention stakeholders as possible using purposive and snowball sampling. Given the breadth of stakeholders, the study team is confident the sample size is adequate to meet the aims of the study and provide robust data on the USMC MCCS Suicide Prevention System.

b. Estimation procedures;

Survey results will not be adjusted or weighted because it is not intended to be representative of a population. The results are primarily for internal consumption. The results of the survey will help MFC better support staff and Marines. Aggregated data and reports may be

provided to MFC program managers in the fleet to help inform local program operations. This survey is part of an effort toward continuous quality improvement.

c. Degree of accuracy needed for the Purpose discussed in the justification;

Study participants will be provided information about the study, including the risks and benefits of participation, confidentiality, and the voluntary nature of study participation. Beyond the presentation of this information the study team will not use any methods to further maximize response rates. There is currently no plan to conduct an analysis for non-response.

d. Unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures;

None

e. Use of periodic or cyclical data collections to reduce respondent burden;

This is a one-time information collection.

3. Maximization of Response Rates, Non-response, and Reliability

The study team will provide information directly to participants and commanders for snowball sampling. The study will be entirely volunteer and participants will receive an electronic consent brief prior to participating. Installation, Major Subordinate Command (MSC), and Marine Expeditionary (MEF) level Commanders will be notified via Department of Navy Task, Records, and Consolidated Knowledge Enterprise Repository (DONTRACKER) of the study and asked to pass along the invitation to participate via snowball sampling. Participants will also be recruited via e-mail invitation through coordination with appropriate points of contact at Headquarters Marine Corps, as permitted.

4. Tests of Procedures

Stakeholder Survey: In this survey, we would like to gain feedback from individuals who contribute in some way to the broader efforts toward suicide prevention in the Marine Corps. In order to understand the Marine Corps' system for suicide prevention, we wish to gain input from stakeholders across a wide range of billets and professional focus, including those who may not be directly tasked with suicide prevention. The results of this survey will help Headquarters Marine Corps better support staff, Marines, and Families in the suicide prevention mission. The survey is anonymous and participation is completely voluntary.

This information will be used by the study team to inform the development of recommendations for the USMC suicide prevention program. The results of the survey will help MFC better support staff, Marines, and Families. Aggregated data and reports may be provided to MFC program managers in the fleet to help inform local program operations. This survey is part of an effort toward continuous quality improvement. The results of the survey may be used to inform testimony, articles, and other reports.

Analysis may include the use of basic descriptive statistics such as measures of central tendency, shape, and spread. Inferential techniques may also be utilized to analyze the data that is collected. These include, but are not limited to, the use of various measures of correlation such as factor analysis, principal components analysis, regression analysis, and cross tabulation. Additionally, Open-ended responses will be reviewed and compiled with notation of any potential themes in the responses. Qualitative methodology will include, but is not limited, the use of content analysis, thematic analysis, and narrative analysis.

5. Statistical Consultation and Information Analysis

Provide name and organization of person(s) who will actually collect and analyze the collected information.

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