Exceptional Family Member Evaluation Timeline

Below is my proposed timeline for the evaluation I will be conducting, any changes that will be made will be to deconflict any scheduling issues at the agency.

October 27, 2017 – Call EFMP admin to set up an appointment time to start the evaluation. I am looking to schedule it for November 1st since there is a Halloween event going on and the agency will be very busy before the date I have chosen.

November 1st, 2017 – Arrive at the EFMP office to start my evaluation with two of the caseworkers. I will meet with Lauren Anderson and Chu Trani to discuss what their case load is like and the types of diagnosis that she handles, and what type of education they are giving by the agency on working with families with these types of diagnosis.

November 2nd, 2017 – Meet with Hope Bustos the Training, outreach and education specialist with the EFMP to discuss how she works with families with mental health diagnosis and medical diagnosis. I will also ask about what type of resources she provides and how she chooses the resources that the EFMP uses. I am going to get a list of resources from Her and do some basic research about each one to understand what type of resources/support services they are giving families. My intent is to determine if there is a professional outreach with these programs or if they are lists complied from googling local services. This will also give me a better understanding of the types and amounts of resources available for the two different categories of diagnosis.

November 6th, 2017 – Conduct 6 interviews with EFMP families, 5 of these will be with EFM (exceptional family members) who have a mental health diagnosis and 1 with a medical diagnosis. I will compare the level of interaction with the EFMP, help/support that the caseworkers give and resources. During this time, I will gain a better understanding of the availability of resources/support given for the two categories, and help me form a picture of the whether there is a need for more mental health support services.

November 7th,-10th 2017 – I will begin writing my evaluation report and if any discrepancies arise, I will have the time to contact the EFMP caseworkers to clear up any questions I come across. During this time, I will also pull some statistical information for the Marine Corps EFMP as a while to confirm or deny the need for mental health resources/support throughout the entire program. Based on the research I have done so far, mental health diagnosis have become a bulk of the EFM registrations, which wasn’t the case 10 years ago. I think the research will show that the EFMP needs more services and education for the growing numbers of EFMs with mental health diagnosis.