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The Coast Guard Working Group on Behavioral Health

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The Coast Guard Working Group on Behavioral Health, chartered in October 2020, is taking action to meet needs emerging among units throughout the country. They recognize that commands have limited access to psychological support resources while the personal and organizational costs of unaddressed problems can be catastrophic.

Members of the group are drawn from the offices of the Chief Medical Officer, HSWL Service Center, DCMS, FORCECOM CGIS, the Chaplain Corps, and various districts. Their primary aims are increasing the quality and accessibility of behavioral health services.

Behavioral Health resources were funded in the FY21 budget. CG-11 has hired six mental health professionals. Four more should be joining us in the coming months – out of 13 positions allocated. CG-11 is in the initial stage of recruiting a number of nurse case managers. These people will be deployed throughout the Coast Guard to aid in workforce readiness.

Any questions should be directed to the Working Group co-chairs, CAPT Jerry Mahlau-Heinert at Jerald.l.mahlau-heinert@uscg.mil or CDR Charlene Criss at Charlene.r.criss@uscg.mil.

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