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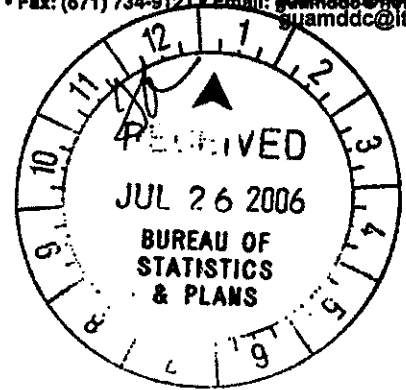
# **Developmental Disabilities Council**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** July 26, 2006  
**To:** Director, Bureau of Statistics and Plans  
**From:** Executive Director  
**Subject:** Comprehensive Integrated Master Plan on Increase in Military Presence



**Hafa Adai!**

Reference your letter dated July 20, 2006, subject: Comprehensive Integrated Master Plan on Increase in Military Presence, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to provide input in this pivotal time of change in Guam's history due to the increasing military presence because of current global threats of aggression, especially within our region. The Guam DD Council does not have a report to submit but does have the following areas of interest that will be very beneficial to Guam.

I would safely assume that within that multi-billion dollar base from which the DOD will operate to prepare Guam to receive the Marines relocating from Okinawa, there would be a little bit of funding available to bring on island, the much needed medical specialists and rehabilitation professionals, i.e., physical, occupational, speech, and recreational therapists, and their equipment to serve the Marine family members who are enrolled in the U.S. military's Exceptional Family Member Program. This will also open doors for more efficient and frequent access to rehabilitation by our Guam residents who have developmental disabilities (military and civilian).

That Marine Command should have an office for Community Affairs wherein employed are those individuals who will be working closely with the local public and private sectors on all matters concerning Guam and the new Marine population. It would be beneficial to include this issue in agendas of future coordination meetings with the Governor's Task Force.

Another positive impact that the Marines will have on Guam will be the tremendous increase in Guam's volunteer base from which a lot of valuable, quality help is rendered to various community activities or events, such as 5 or 10k runs, beach clean-ups, school facilities improvements, etc. Volunteers are often hard to find. It is also a very

cost effective way of making use of available resources at little to no cost for good citizen labor. This alternative will also enhance community relations.

Again, thank you for allowing my input in this important matter. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call my office at 735-9127.

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