Appendix C: Focus Group Questions (Soldiers and Providers)

FOCUS GROUP/INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Interviewer: _____ Notes taken by: _____

Date: XX XXXX XX Location: CAMP XXXXXXXX Unit: XXXX XXXXX XXXXX

Number in group: X Ranks:____ E1-E4; _____ E5-E6; _____ E7-E9

Gender: ____ Male _____ Female

1. Was there anything not covered in the survey that is important for us to know about your experiences during this deployment?
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2. What has been the most positive aspect of this deployment?
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3. What has been the most negative aspect of this deployment?
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4. What has been the most stressful/challenging aspect of the deployment?
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5. How available are mental health services if you need them?
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6. What was the most difficult time during this deployment in terms of your morale (first 30 days, first three months, mid-tour, last half, post R&R, event related)?
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7. **Reserve/NG Only**: Was there anything not covered on the survey that is important for us to know about your experiences as a Reservist or National Guard Member?
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FOCUS GROUP/INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Multiple Deployments

Interviewer: _____ Notes taken by: _____

Date: XX XXXX XX Location: CAMP XXXXXXXX Unit: XXXX XXXXX XXXXX

Number in group: X Ranks:____ E1-E4; _____ E5-E6; _____ E7-E9

Gender: ____ Male _____ Female

1. Some basic background information:
    - Number of previous combat deployments
    - Length of previous deployment
    - Length of time between deployment
2. How is this deployment better from your previous deployment to OIF?
    - Unit's preparation
    - Your preparation
    - Family preparation
3. How is this deployment worse than your previous deployment to OIF?
    - Unit's preparation
    - Your preparation
    - Family preparation
4. What are the effects of the multiple deployments?
    - On yourself (made you a better/worse Soldier/adult/nature/Burn out?)
    - On your family (better prepared, tired, change in family dynamic)
5. When was the most difficult time of the deployment in terms of your morale (first 30 days, first 3 montsh, mid-tour, last-half, post-R&R, event related)
    - This deployment
    - Previous deployment
    - Non consensus

FOCUS GROUP/INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Behavioral Health Interviews

Interviewer: _____ Notes taken by: _____

Date: XX XXXX XX Location: CAMP XXXXXXXX Unit: XXXX XXXXX XXXXX

1. What can you tell us about your experience that we didn't ask on the survey?

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2. What challenges have you faced during this deployment?

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3. What additional training would you benefit form prior to deployment, if any?

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4. Did you have any formal COSC training?

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5. Do you believe there are too few or too many behavioral assets in your area of operations? Please explain why you feel this way.

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6. What barriers prevent you from conducting outreach to Soldiers?

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