

From: Alice Alvarado
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Rob Coleman
Subject: RE: Tracy Norris - Executive Correspondence attachment

As suspected – there is a disconnect at TMD.

Per Danette:

I just heard back from the HR Director at TMD. According to the information they have, the last orders they have for 1LT Hohmann were from February, and those were paid in March. They have reached out to the Army side to see if he is on a payroll roster that has yet to be provided to TMD for processing, and will let me know as soon as they hear back.

Until they can determine where the ball was dropped, we are on hold – for this particular issue.

Thanks,
Alice

From: Alice Alvarado
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:21 AM
To: Rob Coleman <Rob.Coleman@cpa.texas.gov>
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The latest:

Danette looked up 1LT Ward's payment records and he does not have a current payment processed. The last payment processed for him was on March 5, 2021. He is not included on any of the payrolls that failed Friday night due to the Outbound being run twice.

I have asked Danette to contact TMD – inquire specifically about this person and let them know, there appear to be 280 in total missing their payments.

There appears to be an internal disconnect at TMD. We will keep digging.

Thanks,
Alice

From: Alice Alvarado
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:15 AM
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The world is against us – what I know thus far:

1. It appears the EFT server managed by IT has been down since possibly Friday. It appears that it was CPA's server – not TMD's server that prevented the file transmission. We have submitted a ticket with CPA IT. Ivan and Mario (IT EFT analyst) are in a meeting right now trying to solve that issue.
2. TMD and their turnover is causing more complications. They have twice now – processed the SPRS outbound twice. When that happens, the second submission negates the first. So basically, they stop the processing. They apparently did this last Thursday and our staff met with them and explained. And then they did it again Friday.
3. I have provided the specific EmpID provided so the team (Danette) can verify that:
TMD actually submitted that particular person's information;
And assuming they did, was it on a failed payroll run either day.

More to come,
Alice

From: Rob Coleman <Rob.Coleman@cpa.texas.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 7:31 PM
To: Alice Alvarado <Alice.Alvarado@cpa.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Tracy Norris - Executive Correspondence attachment

When you talk to TMD, can you check on this too?

Thanks,
Rob

From: Glenn Hegar [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 9:34:24 PM
To: Rob Coleman <Rob.Coleman@cpa.texas.gov>
Cc: Phillip Ashley <Phillip.Ashley@cpa.texas.gov>; Tom Currah <Tom.Currah@cpa.texas.gov>; Lisa Craven <Lisa.Craven@cpa.texas.gov>
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Rep Capriglione texted me this evening about some national guardsmen not getting paid and said that about 280 have not been paid so fyi and more clarity as to why they sent us a letter. They have a bigger issue than admitting it seems in putting data into CAPPs so their folks can get paid.

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From: Rob Coleman <Rob.Coleman@cpa.texas.gov>
Date: Friday, October 22, 2021 at 9:40 AM
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I spoke with Shelia Taylor, Director of State Administration at the Military Department, this morning and provided my contact information for any issues or concerns that may arise getting in these state active duty personnel loaded into CAPPS and subsequently paid. She provide me with her contact information as well.

Ms. Taylor noted the turnover experienced by the agency and the volume of state active duty personnel to be deployed as concerns of the agency. They anticipate adding about 500 personnel each week for the foreseeable future, with staff rolling off as needed. They also want to process bi-monthly payments to these personnel. She mentioned the manual processes needed to add individuals into CAPPS. I will talk to my staff to see if we can offer assistance in this area.

Additionally, my staff is aware of the situation, but I'll let them know to continue to monitor the agency and provide immediate assistance as we can.

Ms. Taylor was complimentary of the CAPPS staff and appreciated us reaching out on their current concern.

If any questions, please let me know.
Thanks,
Rob

From: Rob Coleman
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 5:30 PM
To: Glenn Hegar [REDACTED]
Cc: Phillip Ashley <Phillip.Ashley@cpa.texas.gov>; Tom Currah <Tom.Currah@cpa.texas.gov>
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I will reach out to them tomorrow AM to hopefully soothe their concerns.

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Thanks and so what is the point of the letter?

They even called Kim to make sure I got the letter through her as well so we may need to give them a call so they take deep breath.

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From: Rob Coleman <Rob.Coleman@cpa.texas.gov>
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Glenn,
According to staff, we are aware that the agency has experienced turnover in some senior staff, but we are prepared to assist as needed.

As state active duty staff are deployed, the agency sends us a file to load those individuals into CAPPS so we can produce the payments. This is somewhat routine, and we should not have an issue with the volume.

If we run into significant problems, I'll certainly let you know.
Thanks,
Rob

-----Original Message-----

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I have asked staff if there are any concerns and will let you know of any feedback.
Thanks,
Rob

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From: Glenn Hegar [REDACTED]
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To: Rob Coleman <Rob.Coleman@cpa.texas.gov>
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Is there any issue processing payments? Understand that OOG wants to increase deployment from 5000 personnel to 10,000 yet that is not something that is going to happen in the coming weeks.

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On 10/20/21, 4:47 PM, "Glenn Hegar" <Glenn.Hegar@cpa.texas.gov> wrote:

-----Original Message-----

From: ECSM@cpa.texas.gov <ECSM@cpa.texas.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 4:45 PM

To: Rob Coleman <Rob.Coleman@cpa.texas.gov>; Kyle Baxter <Kyle.Baxter@cpa.texas.gov>; Regina Luna <Regina.Luna@cpa.texas.gov>

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Please view the instruction field of the attached Executive Correspondence to see what, if any, action needs to be taken.

Questions? Please respond to ECSM at ECSM@cpa.texas.gov 512-475-0932.

Thanks, ECSM