



DEFENSE HEALTH BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 27-28, 2012
Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel
2800 South Potomac Ave
Salon 1-3
Arlington, Virginia 22202

- 1. ATTENDEES – ATTACHMENT ONE**
- 2. NEW BUSINESS**

November 27, 2012--Administrative Session

Dr. Dickey welcomed the members to the meeting, noting COL Hachey's return from deployment. Members discussed Defense Health Board (DHB) appointments and 2013 meeting dates and locations. Ms. Bader described the process by which the Board is tasked questions and described the new Department of Defense (DoD) meeting and conference guidance. She noted that as a Federal Advisory Committee, the new guidance does not affect the Board. Dr. Anderson described implications of the guidance on continuing health education and provided a summary of the meeting that he and Dr. Higginbotham recently had with CAPT Hammer regarding the Board's review of DoD Deployment Health Centers.

Action/POC: None

November 27, 2012, 2012--Public Session

a. Administrative/Opening Remarks

Dr. Dickey welcomed the members and attendees, and held a moment of silence to honor fallen Service members, including the late Dr. Ward Casscells. As the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order. Following introductions by Board members and public attendees, Ms. Bader provided administrative remarks.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Dr. Woodson gave opening remarks, thanking the Board for their work. He emphasized that as the Department becomes leaner, it remains essential to focus on the health of the Force, which is the heart of the mission. Mr. Pat Tamburrino, Chief of Staff, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (USD(P&R)), also provided remarks, acknowledging the bureaucratic challenges which the Board has faced and assuring the Board that these would be resolved.

Action/POC: None.

b. Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Update

CAPT Hammer provided a status update on the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE), summarizing the background and mission, vision and values of DCoE. He shared key accomplishments and developing collaborations at DCoE. CAPT Hammer concluded his presentation by describing the realignment of DCoE under the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (MRMC). Following the presentation members discussed the role of rehabilitation in DCoE's mission in addition to the strategies being used to promote the mission. CAPT Hammer stated that in the future, the Board may be able to provide guidance on how DCoE fits within the new Military Health System governance structure.

Dr. Woodson acknowledged CAPT Hammer's contributions to DCoE, noting that this is a transformative time for DCoE given the ongoing wars and fiscal cuts. He stated that the realignment under MRMC should help DCoE to achieve its mission.

Action/POC: None.

c. Department of Defense Suicide Prevention Office

In 2010, under the DHB a Task Force was convened to address the issue of military suicides. The first recommendation of the group was the development of a DoD Suicide Prevention Policy Office. Ms. Garrick provided the Board with an update on the activities of the Suicide Prevention Office (SPO), highlighting the office's evolution, mission, and vision. She also summarized the office's implementation plan and accomplishments to date. Ms. Garrick detailed upcoming initiatives, emphasizing the coordination with other DoD offices. She highlighted several potential suicide prevention strategies including companion dogs and third location decompression after deployment. Board members inquired about the availability of non-traditional mental health providers. Ms. Garrick explained that the SPO is working with chaplains and peer support groups in addition to working with other research institutions to address broader suicide related issues.

Action/POC: None.

d. Update on DoD Mental Health Policies and Programs

Dr. Smith reviewed current and draft DoD mental health policies (including Directives, Instructions, and Memoranda). He cited specific policies directed at the shortage of mental health professionals in the U.S. which integrate behavioral health services into the primary care environment. Additionally, he provided a short summary of interagency and integrating workgroups. Dr. Smith explained that in addition to DoD initiatives, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Health and Human Services are reaching out to Service members to help them receive care.

Dr. Woodson noted that the Department is developing a strategy to integrate behavioral health services into primary care, ensuring that primary health care providers are trained to provide appropriate support. Enabling primary care providers to screen for behavioral health conditions will help to ensure that patients in need of mental health support receive adequate care.

Action/POC: None.

e. Obesity Update

Dr. Higginbotham provided an update on behalf of the subset of Board members addressing the obesity issue. The members met twice since the last Board meeting, receiving briefings from each of the Services' recruiting commands and subject matter experts in weight maintenance and overweight/obesity prevention. Dr. Higginbotham highlighted the public calls to action from Mission: Readiness, noting that the group has produced a number of reports on the issue of childhood obesity. Dr. Dickey echoed this sentiment, stating that the Board appreciates the work of Gen (Ret) Myers, who is a member of Mission: Readiness. The DHB subset will likely present their preliminary findings at the next Board meeting.

Action/POC: Provide an interim report at the March 2013 meeting/Dr. Higginbotham.

f. Review of U.S. Army and Joint Mortuary Affairs Center Report "Categorizing Biological Agents into Postmortem Risk Groups"

Dr. Anderson presented the findings and proposed options for recommendations from the subset of Board members addressing the request for the Board to review the U.S. Army and Joint Mortuary Affairs report. The group found the report to be scientifically credible as a basis for guidance regarding transporting biologically contaminated human remains, but proposed that U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) review the report to ensure that the biological threat and information are up to date. The group also proposed rephrasing some of the statements in the report regarding personal protective equipment in order to use positive language regarding requirements as opposed to focusing on equipment that is not needed.

Dr. Dickey suggested that the Board consider each set of options and create recommendations based upon Board vote. Following deliberation of each issue, the members approved recommendations by vote; each of the recommendations was approved unanimously.

Action/POC: Finalize the recommendation report and forward to the Department/DHB Staff

g. Battlefield Medical Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Priorities

At the June 2012 Board meeting, the Trauma and Injury Subcommittee (T&I) proposed that the Board endorse a list of high priority RDT&E issues. The Board requested that the Subcommittee revisit the list and submit a revised, abbreviated list of the highest priorities to the Board. Dr.

Jenkins presented the T&I Subcommittee's recommended "Top Ten" RDT&E priorities. Subsequently the DHB members deliberated and unanimously approved the list. A report detailing these findings and recommendations will be submitted to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

Action/POC: Finalize the recommendation report and forward to the Department/DHB Staff

h. Theater Trauma Lessons Learned Question

Dr. McSwain and Dr. Jenkins provided an overview of the request from the former Acting USD(P&R) for the Board to summarize lessons learned in trauma care in Iraq and Afghanistan, and propose a strategy for preserving these lessons in future conflicts. Dr. McSwain presented his view of the importance of the Joint Trauma System and Dr. Jenkins discussed the Subcommittee's plan to develop a list of lessons learned and present findings to the Board in August 2013.

Action/POC: Provide proposed recommendations for the Board's consideration at the August 2013 meeting/Dr. Jenkins

i. Smart Defense: Transforming North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medical Capability

RADM Doll provided an overview of NATO medical capabilities, focusing on the Allied Command Transformation. He described the importance of collaboration as the war effort shifts to peacetime. Members highlighted differences in the medical techniques taught by each country and the evolution in these techniques that results from these countries working together in theater.

Action/POC: None.

j. The United Kingdom Military Health System: A System Built on Collaboration

Col Richardson provided an overview of the British Military Health System, highlighting the structure and evolution of the system and contrasting it with the U.S system. She emphasized that as the war efforts die down, the U.K. is interested in preserving and maintaining the collaborations forged with the U.S. military.

Action/POC: None.

k. Vertical Integration and the Canadian Forces Health Services Group

CDR Wilcox provided an overview of the Canadian Military Health System. He concluded his presentation with a brief comparison of the U.S. and Canadian Health Service capabilities and structure and Canadian approach to a number of issues common to both nations. Other topics discussed included obesity, gay Service members and military suicides.

Action/POC: None.

Following CDR Wilcox's presentation, Dr. Dickey thanked the members and guests for their participation. Ms. Bader thanked the speakers for their presentations and provided details on the site visit to the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) scheduled for the following day. Finally, as the alternate DFO, she adjourned the meeting.

3. November 28, 2012—Administrative Session

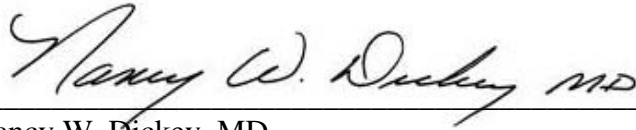
Defense Health Board (DHB) members and Service Liaisons participated in a tour of the NICoE in Bethesda, MD. In addition to touring the facility, members spoke with three former patients of the Center.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next DHB meeting will be held March 26-27, 2013 in Tampa, Florida.

5. CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing meeting records are accurate and complete.



Nancy W. Dickey, MD
President, Defense Health Board

December 20, 2012

Date

ATTACHMENT ONE: MEETING ATTENDEES
November 27, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS			
TITLE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGANIZATION
Dr.	Anderson	George	<i>Defense Health Board (DHB) Second Vice President</i>
Dr.	Clifton	Guy	Visiting Professor of Neurosurgery, University of Texas Medical School
Dr.	Dickey	Nancy	<i>DHB President</i> Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Texas A&M University
Dr.	Frank	Robert	President, University of New Mexico
GEN (Ret)	Franks	Frederick	Class 1966 Chair, Simon Center for Professional Military Ethics, United States Military Academy; Commander VII Corps, Desert Storm 1991, Commanding General TRADOC, 1991-1994
Dr.	Gandy*	John	Emergency Medicine Physician, Shenandoah Memorial Hospital
Dr.	Higginbotham	Eve	Visiting Scholar for Health Equity, Association of American Medical Colleges
Dr.	Hovda	David	Director, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Brain Injury Research Center
Dr.	Jenkins	Donald	Senior Associate Consultant, Division of Trauma Critical Care and General Surgery, Mayo Clinic
INVITED GUESTS & STAFF			
TITLE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGANIZATION
Ms.	Bader	Christine	<i>DHB Director</i>
Ms.	Brown	Kendal	DHB Management Analyst/Creative Computing Solutions Inc. (CCSi)
LTC	Carrillo	Jorge	Military Vaccine Agency
Mrs.	Coates	Marianne	DHB Media Consultant/CCSi
RADM	Doll	Bruce	Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Research and Development Command; Deputy Chief, M2, Navy Medicine Research and Development Deputy Chief, Navy Reserve Dental Corps
RADM	Dollymore	Maura	Coast Guard
Ms.	Garrick	Jackie	Acting Director for the Defense Suicide Prevention Office
Ms.	Gaviola	Camille	<i>DHB Deputy Director</i>
COL	Wayne	Hachey	<i>DHB Executive Secretary</i>
CAPT	Hammer	Paul	Director, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE)
Ms.	Klevenow	Jen	DHB Event Coordinator/CCSi
CAPT	Lipsitz	Robert	Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
Ms.	MacKenzie	Elizabeth	DHB Analyst/CCSi
Dr.	McSwain	Norman	Professor of Surgery, Tulane School of Medicine Trauma Director, Sprit of Charity Trauma Center, ILH Medical Director, Prehospital Trauma Life Support

Mr.	Middleton	Allen	<i>DHB Designated Federal Officer</i> Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Budgets and Financial Policy)
Gen (Ret)	Myers	Richard	<i>DHB First Vice-President</i> RMyers & Associates LLC
Dr.	O'Leary	Dennis	President Emeritus, The Joint Commission
CAPT	Padgett	William	<i>DHB Service Liaison Officer</i> U.S. Marine Corps
Ms.	Peabody	Hillary	DHB Analyst/Grant Thornton LLP (GT)
Brig Gen	Potter	Charles	Assistant Surgeon General, Health Care Operations and Chief of the Medical Service Corps, U.S. Air Force
COL	Richardson	Katherine	<i>DHB Service Liaison Officer</i> British Liaison Officer for Force Health Protection and Readiness Program
Maj Gen	Robb	Douglas	Joint Staff Surgeon, The Joint Staff/J-4 Joint Staff, Pentagon
CAPT	Schwartz	Erica	<i>DHB Service Liaison Officer</i> U.S. Coast Guard
Dr.	Smith	Jack	Director for Clinical Program Policy Integration in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA))
Mr.	Tamburrino	Pat	Chief of Staff for the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
CDR	Wilcox	David	<i>DHB Service Liaison Officer</i> Canadian Embassy
Dr.	Woodson	Jonathan	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)

MEDIA & PUBLIC ATTENDEES

TITLE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGANIZATION
Mr.	Blum	Daniel	Blum Consulting
Maj	Bryant	Chet	Joint Staff, J-4, Health Service Support Division
Mr.	Casey	Steve	GT
Mr.	Casterline	Dan	
Mr.	Chudasama	Nilesh	GT
Ms.	Determan	Ade	GT
Mr.	Dorr	Christopher	Defense Standardization Program Office (DSPO)
Ms.	Ellison	Annjanette	U.S. Army Public Health Command
Ms.	Funk	Debbie	Deputy Director TriWest, DC Office
Ms.	Gavin	Cynthia	Joint Mortuary Affairs Center (JMAC)/Battelle
Ms.	Green	Lee	JMAC
Ms.	Land	Beverly	Director of Operational Medicine, Force Health Protection and Readiness (FHP&R)
COL	McKenzie-Garner	Pearline	Office of the Surgeon General
Ms.	Neale	Virginia	Associate Director of Government Relations, Northwestern University

Dr.	Nassauer	Katharine	U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
COL	Gieslak	Ted	U.S. Army Medical Command
LT	Olson	Chris	Navy Research Labs
Col	Steel-Goodwin	Linda	OASD(HA) FHP&R
Mr.	Vickes	Bryan	Preclp, NCIRE
Mr.	Woodson	Dale	GlaskoSmithKline