



# **Psychological Health External Advisory Subcommittee**

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# Today

- **Status**
- **Long-term considerations**
- **Themes**
- **Questions Tasked to the Subcommittee**
- **Questions and Advice from the Board and Public**



# Status

- **Organizational Meeting on October 27, 2008**
- **Subcommittee Preparatory Work:**
  - **Assemble material as a basis for discussion at the next meeting**
  - **Draft an agenda for the next meeting**
  - **Review background information**
- **Next meeting is in late January or early February 2009**



# Long-Term Considerations

- **Understand the landscape of psychological health in the military system**
  - **Guiding philosophy and policies**
  - **Range of clinical services and systems provided**
  - **Protocol for accessing services**
  - **Range of promotional, preventive, and growth services provided**
  - **Basic aggregate demographic and epidemiologic data**
  - **Relationship to other (e.g. VA) systems**

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# Long-Term Considerations

- **Review the range of relevant research**
  - **Current**
  - **Planned**
  - **Completed**
- **Determine relationship with other specific DoD elements**
  - **Defense Center of Excellence**
  - **Traumatic Brain Injury Subcommittee**
  - **Health Care Delivery Subcommittee**
  - **Clinical care leaders in the Services**
  - **Psychological Health leaders in the Services**
- **Establish own priorities and interests, including possibly:**
  - **Defining and promoting Psychological Health in the defense context**
  - **Leadership development in military psychological health**



# Already-Emerging Themes

- **Ensure that both clinical care and health promotion/prevention are always considered in concert with one another**
- **Equal importance of both basic and clinical research data**
- **Attention to areas of possible redundancy and overlap**



# Questions Tasked to the Psychological Health Subcommittee

- **Request by Dr. Kelley, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for Health Affairs and Clinical & Program Policy to review the scientific evidence surrounding Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and provide comments on the following:**
  - Treatment intensity and duration
  - Short-term and long-term effects associated with ABA
  - Alternative treatments for autism that may provide comparable benefit to ABA therapy
- **Request by Ms. Embrey, the DASD for Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs to review the Automated Neurocognitive Assessment Matrices (ANAM), which is a Pre-Deployment Neurocognitive Assessment Testing tool**
  - Provide recommendations on use
  - Determine added value of sections on language, memory, attention, executive function, and cognition
  - Examine inclusion of symptoms and patient history, mood, and sleepiness scales, as well as, measures of response inhibition and effort





**Questions?**

**Other Considerations?**

**Offers of Advice and Assistance?**