



## DEFENSE HEALTH BOARD MEETING

JUNE 26, 2017

Gatehouse

Room 252 A/B

8111 Gatehouse Road

Falls Church, VA 22042

### 1. ATTENDEES—ATTACHMENT ONE

### 2. OPEN SESSION

#### a. Administrative & Opening Remarks

Dr. Dickey opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. Ms. Camille Gaviola, the Defense Health Board (DHB) Alternate Designated Federal Officer opened the meeting on behalf of CAPT Juliann Althoff, the DHB Designated Federal Officer; CAPT Althoff joined the group approximately 30 minutes into the meeting. Following a moment of silence to honor Service members, meeting attendees introduced themselves.

#### b. Decision Brief: Improving Defense Health Program Medical Research Processes

Dr. H. Clifford Lane, Chair of the Public Health Subcommittee, briefed the report to the Board for deliberation. This was the second time the report was presented; the first was at the February 9 DHB meeting, during which the Board invited members of the public to submit comments on the pre-decisional draft. These comments were considered as the Public Health Subcommittee completed their edits and revisions. At this briefing, the Board discussed the revised report at length, focusing primarily on the findings and recommendations. Board members and guests held a robust discussion on topics related to medical research in the Department of Defense (DoD), including:

- recruitment of civilian and active duty medical researchers;
- research funding restrictions; and
- challenges and opportunities related to human subjects research in DoD, including clinical investigations and Institutional Review Boards.

After deliberation, this report was approved as final by the Board with the addition of “on the genuine needs of the warfighter” after “the impact of the research” to Recommendation 2b.

#### c. Decision Brief: Deployment Health Centers, 2016-2017

Dr. George Anderson presented the report on behalf of the Subset Chair, Dr. Eve Higginbotham. The Board discussed the report at length, focusing in on the findings and recommendations. The group also discussed:

- the terminology used in the report related to the Deployment Health Clinical Center’s (DHCC’s) functions (e.g., using the term psychological health versus behavioral health);
- the lack of a standardized definition for psychological and behavioral health terminology within the Military Health System (MHS);
- the transition of clinical care services out of the DHCC in the 2012 timeframe;

- the pending name change of the DHCC under the DHA Operations Directorate (J-3); and
- the importance of multi-disciplinary assessments and registries for deployment-related medical illnesses.

The group also deliberated the recommendation that the DHB conduct future reviews every three years versus annually and agreed the three-year interval was adequate for now, as more frequent reviews could be requested as necessary. After deliberation, the report was approved as final; no changes were made to the findings or recommendations.

#### **d. Tasking Update: Pediatric Health Care Services**

Dr. Anderson, Health Care Delivery (HCD) Subcommittee Chair, and Dr. Jeremy Lazarus, Neurological/Behavioral Health (NBH) Subcommittee Chair, reviewed the subcommittees' efforts on the Pediatric Health Care Services tasking. Dr. Anderson and Dr. Lazarus reviewed areas of interest related to pediatric health care services, which may provide the foundation for future findings and recommendations, including:

- patient and family experience;
- data collection and reporting;
- standardization of care; and
- care coordination.

Board members and guests also discussed the challenges associated with nationwide shortages of certain pediatric specialists, services for medically complex pediatric patients, the Exceptional Family Member Program, TRICARE's Extended Care Health Option (ECHO), and the long waitlists for state Medicaid waiver programs, which varies state to state. This report is scheduled to be briefed out at the August 2017 meeting.

Prior to the meeting, the Board also received written statements from the public pertinent to this work, including:

- a white paper from Mr. Jeremy Hilton, which provided additional information and recommendations regarding the ECHO benefit as it relates to the DHB's tasking;
- a letter from Ms. Lisa Freeman on the long waitlists for state Medicaid waiver programs;
- a letter from Dr. Lori Hensic of The American Military Family Partner Association on the top three health care needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender military families; and
- comments from Ms. Kara Tollett Oakley, Chair of TRICARE for Kids Coalition, regarding challenges related to policy and practice with regard to access, coverage, and accountability for pediatric health care services.

These written statements were also provided to the HCD and NBH subcommittees for their consideration in this tasking.

### **3. NEXT MEETING**

The next DHB meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2017 in Falls Church, Virginia.

**4. CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**

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

*Nancy W. Dickey MD*

08/10/2017

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Nancy W. Dickey, MD  
President, Defense Health Board

Date

**ATTACHMENT ONE: MEETING ATTENDEES**

<b>BOARD &amp; SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>			
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Dr.	George	Anderson	<i>Defense Health Board (DHB) Second Vice President</i> Former Executive Director, The Society of Federal Health Professionals (AMSUS)
Dr.	Craig	Blakely	Professor and Dean, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, University of Louisville
Ms.	Bonnie	Carroll*	National Director, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc.
Dr.	Nancy	Dickey	<i>DHB President</i> Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Texas A&M University
GEN (Ret.)	Frederick	Franks	Commanding General, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (1991-1994); Chairman, American Battle Monuments Commission (2005-2009)
Dr.	Steven	Gordon	Chairman, Department of Infectious Diseases, Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Dr.	Lenworth	Jacobs	Chief Academic Officer and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Hartford Hospital
Dr.	H. Clifford	Lane	Director, Division of Clinical Research, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, National Institutes of Health
Dr.	Jeremy	Lazarus	Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine
RADM (Ret.)	Kathleen	Martin	Chief Executive Officer, Vinson Hall Retirement Community - Vinson Hall LLC; Executive Director, Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation
Gen (Ret.)	Richard	Myers	<i>DHB First Vice President</i> RMyers & Associates LLC/ President, Kansas State University
Dr.	Gregory	Poland	Director, Mayo Vaccine Research Group; Director for Strategy, Center for Innovation, Mayo Clinic and Foundation
Dr.	Joseph	Silva, Jr.	Professor of Internal Medicine, Dean Emeritus, UC Davis, School of Medicine
<b>DHB STAFF</b>			
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
CAPT	Juliann	Althoff	DHB Executive Director (Acting)/Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
Ms.	Katharine	Austin	DHB Analyst, Grant Thornton LLP
Ms.	Lisa	Austin	DHB Task Lead, Grant Thornton LLP
Ms.	Kendal	Brown	DHB Management Analyst, Information Innovators, Inc.
Ms.	Camille	Gaviola	DHB Deputy Director/Alternate DFO
Ms.	Sara	Higgins	DHB Analyst, Grant Thornton LLP
Ms.	Lindsay	Perlman	DHB Analyst, Grant Thornton LLP
Ms.	Margaret	Welsh	DHB Management Analyst, Grant Thornton LLP
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b>			
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Dr.	Terry	Adirim	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Services Policy and Oversight
Dr.	Sean	Biggerstaff	Acting Director, Defense Health Agency (DHA) Research and Development Directorate (J-9)
Mr.	Daniel	Blum	Blum Consulting
Lt Col	Ruth	Brenner	Air Force Medical Support Agency, Public Health Branch
Dr.	Kelley	Brix	Division Director, DHA J-9

CDR	Kimberly	Broom	Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Headquarters Marine Corps, Health Services
Mr.	Kenneth	Canestrini	Chief Operating Officer, TRICARE North
Mr.	Dan	Casterline	Merck
COL	Melinda	Cavicchia	Preventive Medicine Physician/Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Health/Army Office of the Surgeon General
Brig Gen	Sean	Collins	Assistant for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
Ms.	Rachel	Conley	Ombudsman, U.S. Coast Guard
Dr.	Bruce	Doll	Assistant Vice President, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)
VADM	Forrest	Faison	U.S. Navy Surgeon General
LCDR	Dwight	Hampton	Flag Aide to VADM Faison
Ms.	Theresa	Hart	Nurse Consultant, DHA Operations Directorate
Ms.	Peggy	Haun	Military Special Needs Network
Col	Mark	Holland	Deputy Director, Medical Operations and Research
Mx.	K. Casey	Johnson	
LTC	Shuichi	Kawano	Japanese Service Liaison, Office of the Army Surgeon General
CAPT	Carrie	Kennedy	Director, Deployment Health Clinical Center (DHCC)
COL	Molly	Klote	Director, Army Human Research Protections Office
CDR	Alan	Lam	Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, M3B7 Public Health, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Dr.	Kate	McGraw	Deputy Director, DHCC
RADM	Terry	Moulton	U.S. Navy Deputy Surgeon General
Ms.	Jean	Poland	
Mr.	Christopher	Priest	Chief of Staff, DHA Operations Directorate (J-3)
Dr.	Terry	Rauch	Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Readiness Policy and Oversight
Lt Col	Brandi	Ritter	Chief, Air Force Medical Evaluation Support Activity
Dr.	Douglas	Robb	Scholar-in-Residence, USUHS
LCDR	Amy	Rogers	Flight Surgeon, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
Col	Douglas	Rouse	Medical Logistics, USAMRMC
Ms.	Jessica	Ruble	Battelle Memorial Institute
Ms.	Karen	Ruedisueli	Government Relations Deputy Director, National Military Family Association
RADM	Erica	Schwartz	Chief Medical Officer, U.S. Coast Guard
Dr.	Nereyda	Sevilla	Chief, Air Force Clinical Investigation Program
Dr.	David	Smith	Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
CDR	Shane	Steiner	Preventive Medicine & Epidemiology, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Operational Medicine and Medical Readiness Division
Dr.	Richard	Stoltz	Director, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury
Mr.	Peter	Sullivan	Founder & Director, Sergeant Sullivan Circle
CDR	Ian	Torrie	DHB Service Liaison Officer, Canadian Embassy
Dr.	Keith	Vesely	Deputy, Defense Health Program (Research, Development, Test and Evaluation), U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
Mr.	Edward	Wright	Senior Scientific Advisor, Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine

\*Participated via teleconference