

Department of Defense Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care

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Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care
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Overview

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Purpose

- Update the Defense Health Board on the status of DoD Future of Military Health Care Task Force efforts as of 19 September 2007



Congressional Charge to Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care

- FY07 National Defense Authorization Act, §711 (c)(1)
 - Submit final report to the SECDEF by December 2007
 - Make assessments of, and recommendations for, sustaining the military health care services being provided to members of Armed Forces, retirees, and their families
 - Statute listed 10 elements for study
 - Provide interim report to SECDEF, SASC and HASC by 31 May 2007
 - To describe activities of Task Force
 - Interim findings and recommendations on beneficiary and Government cost-sharing structure, particularly under pharmacy benefits program



Members of Task Force

- Gen John D. W. Corley, USAF (co-chair) Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U. S. Air Force
- MG Nancy Adams, USA (Retired) Former Commander Tripler Army Medical Center and Former Acting Director, TRICARE Regional Office, North
- RADM John Mateczun, USN Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy
- Lt Gen James Roudebush, USAF Surgeon General of the Air Force
- RADM David Smith, USN, the Joint Staff Surgeon
- Shay Assad, Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Office of the Undersecretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics
- Gen Richard B. Myers, USAF (Retired) Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



Members of Task Force – cont.

- Dr. Gail Wilensky (co-chair), Senior Fellow at Project Hope; elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies and its governing council
 - Robert J. Henke, Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Dr. Carolyn Clancy, Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services
 - Robert F. Hale, Senior Fellow at the Logistics Management Institute and member of the Defense Business Board; formerly Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller
 - MG Robert Smith, USAR (Retired), Past President of the Reserve Officers Association and former Global Controller, Ford Motor Company
 - Larry Lewin, Founder of the Lewin Group and currently Executive Consultant on Clinical and Technology Effectiveness, Health Promotion
 - Dr. Robert Galvin, Director of Global Healthcare, General Electric
- Advisor/Consultants
- Maj Gen Joseph Kelley, USAF (Retired), Consultant



Activities of the Task Force

- Gather Information
 - Task Force meetings and sub-committee meetings
 - Direct and written testimony
 - Subject matter expert briefings
 - Review of reports and studies
- Consultant - RAND
- Draft and Submit Final Report



Activities of the Task Force

- Public Meetings Held
 - 18, 25 Apr 07
 - 22 May 07
 - 11, 25 Jul 07
 - 5, 19 Sep 07



18 Apr 07 Public Meeting

- Discussion of efficiencies of the military healthcare system; outreach programs and mail order pharmacy issues
- Informational briefings
 - GAO – Mr. Walker
 - Pharmaceutical Industry – MEDCO, Express Scripts
 - United Mine Workers of America Health and Retirement Funds



25 Apr 07 Public Meeting

- Discussion of Budget and Finance Issues in the Military Health System
- Information briefings
 - ASD Comptroller
 - PA&E
 - HA
 - TMA



22 May 07 Public Meeting

- Discussion topic of Disease Management Issues in the Military Health System
- Informational briefings
 - Military managed care plan
 - US Family Health Plan Alliance
 - Civilian managed care plans
 - Johns Hopkins Healthcare
 - Healthways
 - CIGNA



11 Jul 07 Public Meeting

- Discussion topic of Health and Wellness Issues in the Military Health System
- Informational Briefings
 - Army
 - TMA
 - Air Force
 - Navy



25 Jul 07 Public Meeting

- Discussion topic of Acquisition and Procurement Issues in the Military Health System
- Information Briefings
 - TMA
 - Army
 - Navy
 - Air Force



5 Sep 07 Public Meeting

- Discussion topic of Command and Control in the Military Health System
- Informational briefings
 - RAND
 - Center for Naval Analyses
 - Health Affairs
 - Medical Education and Training Campus
 - San Antonio and NCR BRAC



19 Sep 07 Public Meeting – Norfolk, VA

- Key Issues in the Military Health System
- Elicit military health care benefits feedback from spouses, junior enlisted, junior officer, Guard and Reserve, network providers, and retirees under age 65
 - Panel formats



Subgroups

- Cost Sharing
- Best Business and Health Practices
- Pharmacy
- Acquisition
- Reserve/Guard



Subgroups – Cont.

- All have met various times and consist of Task Force members and research analysts
- Review relevant specific material and present it to the Task Force
 - Task Force analyzes/discusses and establishes findings and recommendations



Upcoming Milestones

- Outbrief to Defense Health Board
 - Second week of December
- Final Report
 - Final Report due to SECDEF 20 Dec 2007



QUESTIONS

