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Membership

There are four DHB members participating in the review.
2002: The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB) should “serve as a public health advisory body and provide a forum for program review of ongoing research and clinical efforts” for the Deployment Health Centers (DHCs).
- Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Memorandum dated September 17, 2002

2003-2010: The AFEB, and later the DHB, conducted several rounds of reviews.

2011-2012: The Board conducted a review of the DHCs and submitted recommendations to the Department.
2013: The Board should “revisit the DHCC [Deployment Health Clinical Center] in 2013, to assess progress and perform a follow-up review” and “conduct reviews of the DHCC, Deployment Health Research Center, and Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center [AFHSC] every 3 years, for the next 6 years.”


2013: The Board conducted a follow-up review of the DHCC and submitted recommendations to the Department.

2016: Board initiated review of DHCs in accordance with the January 22, 2013 memo.
This DHC review includes:

• **DHCC**
  - A component of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury
  - Realigned under the Defense Health Agency (DHA) in February 2016
  - Mission: To improve the lives of our nation's service members, veterans and families by advancing excellence in psychological health care and prevention of psychological health disorders.

• **Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch, formerly AFHSC**
  - Realigned under DHA in August 2015
  - Vision: To be the central, integrated, customer-focused epidemiologic and global health surveillance proponent for the U.S. Armed Forces.

• **Naval Health Research Center**
  - Designated as the DoD Deployment Health Research Center in 1999 to conduct epidemiologic studies investigating longitudinal health experience of previously deployed personnel.
Meetings

- **July 26, 2016 - Kick-off Teleconference**
  - Reviewed tasking and history
  - Discussed next steps
Way Forward

- Finalize timeline for site visits
- Meet with DHA and Navy leadership and conduct site visits
- Information gathering through winter 2017
- Develop and refine findings and recommendations in spring 2017
- Present draft report at June 2017 DHB meeting
Questions?