



Minutes of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Committee (STDPC) Meeting of 12 October 00

Permanent Membership Attendance

[X]= Present [P] = Phone In [R] = Representative Sent [] = Absent

Chairperson

[X] Mr. Bill Calvert, Chairman

OSD Force Management Policy

[] VACANT

Manpower and Reserve

[] VACANT, USA

[] VACANT, USN

[] VACANT, USAF

[] VACANT, USMC

Department of Personnel

[X] LTC Jerry Swanner, USA

[] LT JR Beckham, USN

[] VACANT, USAF

Medical (SG Representative)

[] VACANT, USA

[] VACANT, USN

[] Lt.Col. Vic MacIntosh, USAF

[] VACANT, USMC

Health Promotion

[X] LTC Dave Peterson, USA

[X] Mr. Steve Heaston, USN

[] Lt.Col Fred Kelsey, USAF

[] Ms. Cathy Ficadenti, USMC

Education and Training

[] VACANT, OSD

[] VACANT, USA

[P] Barry Hoag, USN

[] VACANT, USAF

[] VACANT, USMC

Research (WRAIR, NHRC)

[P] Dr. Joel Gaydos, WRAIR

[X] Dr. Phil Renzullo, WRAIR/HMJF

[] Donna Ruscavage, WRAIR/HMJF

[] COL Kelly McKee, USAMRIID

[] CDR Rick Shaffer, NHRC

Coast Guard Health and Safety

[X] CDR Sharon Ludwig, USPHS

[X] Ms. Vicki Brannan, Health Promotion

Women's Health Representative

[X] CDR Josephine Brumit, BUMED

J4 Representative

[X] Lt.Col. Christine Bader, J4

AD HOC and Other Member Attendance

Dr. Linda Alexander, American Social Health Association

Dr. Kim Hamlett, Department of Veteran Affairs

Lt.Col. Steven Vieira, Health Promotion Manager, Department of Defense Pentagon

CDR Bonnie Holder, Guest Speaker

1. Bill Calvert convened the meeting at 0940 at American Social Health Association's (ASHA) Office, 1275 K Street, NW, Washington, DC.
2. The minutes of the 14 September 00 meeting were reviewed, corrected, and approved.
3. Recording Attendance/Absences

Bill Calvert will devise a new way of recording attendance for all permanent members of the STDPC pursuant to the August STDPC meeting. It will be reflected in the minutes of this meeting, 12 October 00.

4. PSHPC Update

Bill Calvert updated the committee on the status of the PSHPC and the STDPC report he provided. The PSHPC met on 11 October 00. Lt. Gen. Carlton, AF Surgeon General and Chairman of the PSHPC, convened the meeting. A recap and committee status is as follows:

Prior to the PSHPC meeting, Mr. Calvert submitted his brief for dissemination to the PSHPC members. In the brief, it was noted that staffing the STDPC was a problem. Additionally, three areas of representation were recommended to change from "Permanent" status to "Ad Hoc". (Note, this recommendation was made by the STDPC during the September meeting.) Prior to the PSHPC meeting, Mr. Calvert was contacted by a representative of the two areas affected by this recommendation. In short, the recommendation to change these three areas was eliminated with the agreement that representatives will be identified to serve on the STDPC.

To further address staffing issues prior to his presentation, Bill Calvert has been sending letters requesting representatives to Permanent Member areas where no representative had been sent. Mr. Calvert will continue to contact individuals to fill the vacant positions on the STDPC committee. Initial contacts are proving to be positive. Potential members are interested in attending the meetings. The STDPC membership will be growing with representatives to meet the requirements of the STDPC Charter.

- Following Mr. Calvert's presentation to the PSHPC, considerable discussion ensued. Dr. John Mazzuchi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (CPP), emphasized the importance of a standardized data collection process so that line commander can be properly apprised of the percentage of individuals involved and the subsequent impact on readiness. RDML Arthur, representative for the Navy Surgeon General, concurred that this was indeed a line responsibility. Dr. Claypool inquired about Reserve community involvement in the review process, as potentially their concerns would be targeted more toward deployments. COL Bob DeFraithe, Chairman of the Injury/Occupational Illness Prevention Committee (IOIPC), indicated that data

collection systems are in place through the ambulatory data system (ADS) mechanism.

The STDPC discussed comments from PSHPC members and agree the STDPC should focus their attention on identifying and/or developing a common data set to do this. There was some discussion, among the STDPC members, to look at unintended pregnancies, infertility and fertility complications with respect to STDs. The STDPC further discussed the major criticisms regarding surveillance of STDs. One of the major criticisms was that the Services have different ways of collecting data. The solution is to make the surveillance system the same for all the Services. Each Service believes they have an effective surveillance system in place. Some of the other discussed criticisms include clinics treating symptomatically without actual lab test results, and inconsistent reporting. The STDPC agreed that the Surveillance and Research Subcommittees would address Dr. Mazzuchi's comments, to make this a priority, and perhaps develop a formal report to address this matter.

- Other news from the PSHPC meeting concerned the DoD Instruction for PPIP, has been held up for months. PSHPC is looking into this.
5. Bill Calvert informed the STDPC of the National STD Prevention Conference being held on December 4-7, 2000. The conference is being hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Social Health Association (ASHA). An informational brochure was available to review. There is also information available at www.stdconference.org.
 6. CDR Sharon Ludwig gave a progress report on the Surveillance Subcommittee. The subcommittee postponed the last meeting so there was no update. CDR Ludwig clarified the two goals the subcommittee is working on. The two major goals are: (1) Describe military sexually transmitted disease burden (incidences and prevalences) to provide evidence-based guidance and evaluation for public health interventions and research strategies and (2) Describe incidence and prevalence of military STD sequelae.

The subcommittee will focus on incidences and prevalences among all Services. They will evaluate all the Services' processes with regard to STD surveillance. The strategy is to have accurate and standardized STD data for the military. The end result of the surveillance subcommittee is a central joint Service plan for STD incidences and prevalences.

Bill Calvert requested a formal report from the Surveillance Subcommittee as a result of Dr. Mazzuchi's comments during the PSHPC meeting. CDR Josephine Brumit has data for the Navy with regard to unintended pregnancies which she will provide to the STDPC.

7. Mr. Steve Heaston gave a progress report on the Education Subcommittee. The subcommittee has three goals and appointed a champion for each goal. LTC

Peterson is the champion for goal one, Ms. Brannan is the champion for goal two, and Ms. Ficadente is the champion for goal three. They will meet again following conclusion of today's STDPC to continue work on the goals.

8. Mr. Barry Hoag reported on his progress as Goal Champion for the Action Area for Prevention Products. He requested a point of contact for the Coast Guard resale exchange. CDR Ludwig offered to provide him with the information.

Mr. Hoag is experimenting with a local barracks in Pensacola, FL. He is trying to convince the local exchanges to place a condom machine in five barracks.

9. Dr. Joel Gaydos reported on the progress of the Research Subcommittee. He is still forming the subcommittee and the Action Plan implementation matrix. So far COL McKee has volunteered. He believes a member of each subcommittee should be on the Research Subcommittee. The subcommittee will look at available funds to conduct studies. Mr. Calvert noted that the STDPC identified the membership of the Research Subcommittee as follows:

CORE MEMBERSHIP

- NHRC (CDR Rick Shaffer)
- HMJF (Donna Ruscavage/ Phil Renzullo)
- WRAIR (Dr. Joel Gaydos)
- Air Force Research representative (TBA)

AD HOC

- COL Kelly McKee
- Other interested

10. CDR Bonnie Holder provided a casual presentation and round table discussion about the Put Prevention Into Practice Program (PPIP). Discussion included
 - Difficulties associated with implementation since it is viewed as a stand alone program
 - Navy's program will be clinic based
 - No agreement yet between Services on tracking or metrics
 - Clinical Preventive Services Task Force recommendations are endorsed but not specifically required
 - HEAR 2.1 is still not fielded
 - PPIP will most likely be incorporated into the Population Health Plan but a transition time of two years is anticipated.
11. Bill Calvert discussed the DoD Health Promotion Conference scheduled for 14-18 May 00 in San Diego, CA. Mr. Calvert solicited for names and numbers of possible presenters. Dr. Gaydos recommended the STDPC provide an overview of the STDPC. Dr. Alexander expressed an interest in speaking. The Navy is considering providing their Fundamentals of HIV/STD Prevention Counseling Course, which is

based upon CDC's Project Respect. Mr. Calvert asked STDPC members to forward any suggested speakers to him within one week.

12. The **STDPC set the January STDPC meeting for 11 Jan 00, at American Social Health Association in Washington, DC, and confirmed the November meeting for 30 Nov 00 to be held at BUMED.** Information regarding location address will be distributed later through an e-mail announcement.

13. The meeting adjourned at 1305.

Minutes taken by Vicki Brannan.