

**Minutes of  
DoD Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Committee (STDPC)  
Meeting of 16 November 99**

**Attending**

LT J.R. Beckham, BUPERS  
PN2 David Brewer, BUPERS  
LCDR Josephine Brumit, BUMED  
Bill Calvert, NEHC, Chairman  
Joel Gaydos, MD, WRAIR  
Kim Hamlett, Ph.D., Veteran Affairs  
Barry Hoag, CNET  
COL Kelly McKee, USAMRIID  
Maj. Steve Niehoff, USAF/SG office  
LCDR Sharon Ludwig, USPHS/USCG  
MAJ David D. Peterson, USACHPPM  
Philip Renzullo, Ph.D., Henry M. Jackson Foundation  
Donna Ruscavage, Henry M. Jackson Foundation

**Attending by Phone**

Bob MacDonald, NEHC  
Steve Heaston, NEHC  
Capt Mark Gilday, USMC  
CDR Richard Shaffer, Naval Health Research Center (NHRC)

1. Bill Calvert convened the meeting at 0930 at the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). Mr. Calvert welcomed new representatives, LT J.R. Beckham, BUPERS, PN2 David Brewer, BUPERS, Maj. Steve Niehoff, USAF/SG office, and MAJ David D. Peterson, USACHPPM.
2. The minutes of the 7 October 99 meeting were reviewed, corrected, and approved.
3. Bill Calvert updated the committee on the status of the STDPC and the PSHPC. There are some changes in the STDPC Action Plan resulting from coordination with CAPT Robert Murphy, Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the PSHPC. The STDPC members received an updated copy via e-mail prior to the meeting. Mr. Calvert stated that the STDPC Action Plan and Charter are still in review with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy) [OASD(FMP)]. Mr. Calvert has responded to comments/concerns provided by Mr. Rick Struss [OASD(FMP)] and the two of them will resolve any issues remaining in the STDPC Action Plan. Pending OASD(FMP) approval, CAPT Murphy indicated via previous phone conversations with Mr. Calvert, that he will send the STDPC Action Plan and Charter to OASD(HA) to the attention of Ms. Lynn Pahland, who will develop a position paper for Dr. Sue Bailey recommending Secretary DeLeon's

approval of the Action Plan and Charter. CAPT Murphy is hopeful that formal signature will be forthcoming in mid to late January, 2000.

4. Bill Calvert updated the STDPC regarding formal appointment of current representatives to the STDPC (reference STDPC Minutes 7 October, 99). Mr. Calvert has had discussions and e-mail correspondences with CAPT Robert Murphy, Executive Assistant to General Carlton, PSHCP Chairman. General Carlton was recently confirmed as the Air Force Surgeon General and subsequently Chairman of the PSHPC. Accordingly, there have been no new meetings of the PSHPC. Therefore, these concerns have not been addressed by the PSHPC nor with General Carlton.

If the STDPC's Action Plan and Charter are approved (and this may happen in January, 2000), appointments will be forthcoming anyway. Under these circumstances, little can be done, at this time, to address the concerns of the STDPC. CAPT Murphy, however, will attempt to address appointment issues with the Executive Council and/or General Carlton, as soon as the opportunity arises.

5. Bill Calvert updated the STDPC on the status of other PSHPC committees. The Alcohol Abuse Tobacco Use Reduction Committee's and the Injury/Occupational Injury Prevention Committee's Action Plans and Charters have been approved by Dr. Bailey and Secretary DeLeon. When finalized copies are released, Mr. Calvert will forward them to the STDPC.
6. Bill Calvert stated that implementation of the STDPC internet home page has slowed, resulting from staff changes at NEHC. He is hopeful it will be up soon. The STDPC home page will contain documents and material of interest (minutes, plan, charter, meeting dates and locations, PSHPC documents, etc.) which will benefit interested parties and new representatives. When the page is up, he will inform the group.
7. Continue action item progressed with discussion for STDPC Subcommittees. The STDPC agreed that there should be five groups, one to mirror each of the STDPC Action Plan broad goals. They are:
  - Epidemiology/surveillance
  - Health Promotion/education
  - Clinical Preventive Services/Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP)
  - Retail/product availability-accessibility
  - Research and evaluation
8. The group, in deciding to choose which subcommittees to begin action on, and noting that there were many new attendees, provided individual reports of their background and area of expertise. A roundtable ensued. The Chairman requested each member provide a paragraph biographical summary for inclusion in the minutes. These follow:

### **LT J.R. Beckham, BUPERS Lieutenant**

Deputy Chief Of Naval Operations (Manpower and Personnel) (N130G1); Head, Medical Programs Section, DCNO (M&P) Retiree TRICARE Liaison; Navy Human Immunodeficiency Virus Program Manager and Medical Department Special Pays. The LT is experienced as a Preventive Medicine Technician and has Sexually Transmitted Disease experience including providing STD training to active duty and civilian personnel, managing command STD programs, and was certified as American Red HIV instructor.

### **PN2 David Brewer, BUPERS**

PN2 Brewer works with LT Beckham at BUPERS and is involved with the Navy's HIV policy issues.

### **LCDR Josephine Brumit, BUMED**

LCDR Josephine Brumit, NC, USN: Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist designed and implemented a comprehensive health promotion program at NACC Groton, CT and initiated the first base-wide Wellness Council at Naval Submarine Base New London, CT. LCDR Brumit is certified as a Health Promotion Director through the Cooper Institute and has earned the Additional Qualification Designation 62H, Health Promotion Coordinator. She has completed the Navy's Health Promotion at the Deckplates and Put Prevention Into Practice courses.

### **Bill Calvert, NEHC, Chairman**

Mr. Calvert serves as a Navy's Sexual Health and Responsibility Program (SHARP) Program Manager, providing technical advise and consultation for coordination and assistance to personnel concerned with Navy and Marine Corps Health Promotion programs worldwide. His work involves planning, conducting and evaluating health promotion and community health projects, developing and analyzing needs assessments; collecting and analyzing health data; planning and developing curricula for programs and training seminars; overseeing health promotion projects and health promotion activities; and performing other duties associated with planning and evaluating objectives and priorities for health promotion and community health program areas. His background has been in Public Health Policy and Management as well as Community Health Education. He has over 12 years of professional public health experience in HIV/AIDS/STDs.

### **Joel Gaydos, MD, WRAIR**

Dr. Gaydos has been employed by the Henry M. Jackson Foundation since 1997, working for the Department of Defense Global Emerging Infections Surveillance and Response System (DoD-GEIS, [www.geis.ha.osd.mil](http://www.geis.ha.osd.mil)). As Director of Public Health Practices for the DoD-GEIS, his work has focused on the surveillance, prevention and control of emerging infectious diseases in the Military Health System. Regarding sexually transmitted diseases, his efforts have been directed at improving surveillance, increasing awareness and training, doing cost-effectiveness analyses for interventions, and assessing potential problems like Human Papilloma Virus infections and antibiotic resistance. From 1968 to 1997 he was an Army physician and spent most of his career in Preventive Medicine working with infectious diseases.

### **Capt Mark Gilday, USMC**

Captain Gilday is the Health Promotion representative for the Marine Corps. He provides funding for the installations to build/create/manage their own H.P. programs. He stays in contact with the installations to gather information on the programs they come up with and he staffs these programs around HQMC to determine if any should become standardized throughout the Marine Corps. If so, he either provides additional funding to the installations, or mass produces copies and mails them.

### **Kim Hamlett, Ph.D., Veteran Affairs**

Dr. Hamlett is a clinical psychologist with research and clinical experience with chronic illness and primary care populations. As a clinician, most of her work has been in academic medical center settings. She also has policy experience in public health and HIV/AIDS policy. Currently, her position is at the

Department of Veterans Affairs as Associate Director for HIV Prevention: her expertise is in HIV prevention research and policy. She is also working in the area of how to best translate the prevention and adherence research literature findings into clinical practice in a wide variety of clinical settings.

### **Steve Heaston, NEHC**

Mr. Heaston, RN, MPH, Clinical Specialist in Community Health Nursing, is a Public Health Educator responsible for planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating programs, systems, and procedures pertaining to the goals and objectives of the Navy's Sexual Health and Responsibility Program (SHARP). Mr. Heaston has 18 years of experience assigned to Preventive Medicine Services as a health educator and clinician in communicable disease control. He conducted the initial HIV force surveillance screening and education within a major Army command in Europe in 1986 and supervised HIV and STD programs at numerous locations, including as consultant for U.S. Army Forces, Korea.

### **Barry Hoag, CNET**

Barry Hoag is a professional educator for the Navy and has been a professional educator in DoD for 28 years. Currently he is the CNET General Military Training (GMT) and Navy Military Training (NMT) Program Manager, devoting approximately 30% of his time to the health promotion area, and STD/HIV/AIDS education is a big part of that. Mr. Hoag has over 4 years experience in the STD/HIV/AIDS area.

### **Bob MacDonald, NEHC**

Mr. MacDonald is a Public Health Educator for the Navy's Sexual Health and Responsibility Program (SHARP), and performs a variety of professional education duties related to the Navy and Marine Corps HIV Education and Prevention effort in accordance with DoD Directive 6485.1, SECNAV Notice 5300 and SECNAVINST 5300.30. The duties also pertain to the goals and objectives of the Sexual Health and Responsibility Program (SHARP). These duties include the selection, review, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the Sexual Health and Responsibility Program (SHARP) activities provided to all active duty and DoD Civilian employees. Additionally, Mr. MacDonald has over 20 years of experience in Public Health including duties in HIV/STD education. He is a Certified American Red Cross HIV Instructor.

### **COL Kelly McKee, USAMRIID**

Colonel McKee has spent the previous 8 years managing the STD program at Fort Bragg, NC, and in so doing has integrated a variety of behavioral, epidemiological, diagnostic, and therapeutic studies of STDs into clinic operations. His major area of expertise, however, rests in the realm of epidemiology and, to a somewhat lesser extent, diagnosis of disease.

### **Maj. Steve Niehoff, USAF/SG office**

Major Niehoff is a Public Health Fellow, Prevention Division, Air Force Medical Operations Agency Office of the Surgeon General. His area of interest is in epidemiology/surveillance.

### **LCDR Sharon Ludwig, USPHS/USCG**

Preventive Medicine/Epidemiology Consultant for the US Coast Guard with nine years in the Army and 1 year in the Public Health Service (Coast Guard) with experience in infectious disease epidemiology, DNBI surveillance, outbreak investigation and operational preventive medicine. She believes she would most appropriately fit into the epidemiology/disease surveillance group.

### **MAJ David D. Peterson, USACHPPM**

Major Peterson has been an RN for 17 years, and has worked in Preventive Medicine and Community Health Nursing for 13 years in the Army. He has a Masters Degree in Public Health from Tulane University. He has primarily been a Health Promotion Educator for the past 13 years. He has been a Certified Red Cross HIV/AIDS instructor since 1990, an ARC Instructor Trainer since 1997, and a certified HIV/STD counselor in the State of Alaska. He has case managed over 150 individuals who are HIV positive. He has also been the point of contact at each of his last four duty stations for HIV/STD case

management, treatment, epidemiology, reporting and education in the community. He helped develop the Army's Drill Sergeant's HIV/AIDS instructor trainer program in 1996. With the above mentioned experience he believes he would be the most help on the Education and Training Subcommittee.

### **Philip Renzullo, Ph.D., Henry M. Jackson Foundation**

Dr. Renzullo is a senior scientist/epidemiologist with the U.S. Military HIV Research Program/ Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine. His research interests are in the area of the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. In addition, he has experience in surveillance of infectious diseases and survey design. Currently, he participates in international collaborative studies of HIV epidemiology in preparation for HIV vaccine trials.

### **Donna Ruscavage, Henry M. Jackson Foundation**

Ms. Ruscavage directs the HIV prevention/intervention research for the U.S. Military HIV Research Program/Henry M. Jackson Foundation. She has a Masters in Social Work Administration and has been involved with HIV since the 1980's. She also has a background in substance abuse and women's health issues.

### **CDR Richard Shaffer, Naval Health Research Center (NHRC)**

CDR Shaffer is an epidemiologist currently assigned as the head of a research group at the Naval Health Research Center, San Diego. They have been tasked with to develop and evaluate large community intervention programs aimed at reducing risky health-related behaviors. The current program areas and on-going studies include reducing risky sexual behavior, alcohol abuse, and unintentional injury.

9. Following this presentation, the STDPC decided to begin work on Epidemiology/Surveillance and Health Promotion/Education subcommittees.
10. The STDPC changed the next date from January 14th to January 11th. The location also changed from San Antonio to Rockville Maryland at the Henry Jackson Foundation. The committee did not feel they would be able to travel without having received formal nomination on the STDPC.
11. The meeting adjourned at 1130. The Epidemiology/Surveillance and Health Promotion/Education subcommittees convened. Each committee will nominate a chairman/team leader and report their activities at the next STDPC meeting. These reports will be reflected in the minutes.

#### **SURVEILLANCE/EPIDEMIOLOGY**

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#### **HEALTH PROMOTION/EDUCATION**

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