

**Minutes of
DoD Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Committee (STDPC)
Meeting of 17 February, 00**

Attending

LT J.R. Beckham, BUPERS
Vickie Brannan, USCG, Health Promotion
LCDR Josephine Brumit, BUMED
Bill Calvert, NEHC, Chairman
Kim Hamlett, Ph.D., Veteran Affairs
Steve Heaston, NEHC
Maj. Steve Niehoff, AFMOA/SGOP
LCDR Sharon Ludwig, USPHS/USCG
MAJ David D. Peterson, USACHPPM
Donna Ruscavage, Henry M. Jackson Foundation
Maj. Steve Vieira, AFMOA/SGOP

Attending by Phone

Capt. Mark Gilday, HQ Marine Corps
Bob MacDonald, NEHC
Lynn Pahland, OASD-HA

1. Bill Calvert convened the meeting at 0945 at the Department of the Navy, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) in Washington, DC. Mr. Calvert welcomed a new representative, Ms. Vickie Brannon, Health Promotion Division Chief from the US Coast Guard.
2. The minutes of the 11 January 00 were reviewed and approved.
3. Lynn Pahland updated the committee on the status of the PSHPC, beginning with a historical overview. The PSHPC has evolved into an oversight body providing strategic thinking and goal setting. Looking at the STDPC, our basic tenets are to promote commonality across the services, change DoD culture, and share best practices. The PSHPC has a high level of health expertise with membership and attendance by Dr. Mazzuchi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Dr. Bailey, Health Affairs, and the Services' Surgeon Generals.

The STDPC Charter and Action Plan are at Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs who is seeking reviews from the comptroller, legislative affairs, and legal.

The PHSPC is preparing a memorandum to clarify the role of the PSHPC in terms of the DoD system-wide prevention implementation framework. Draft copies were made available to those present. An issue addressed by this memorandum was to endorse appointment letters for committee chairs and members through their chain

of command. Funding support for participation, including travel, was raised by members of the STDPC. This was suggested as an addition to the current draft, to at least specify that commands should provide necessary funds for participation, if there were to be no direct funding from the PSHPC. Appointment and resource issues are being discussed. Participation on a committee should be considered by the participant's chain of command as part of the person's position duties.

A question was asked whether the PSHPC had representation from the US Coast Guard. Ms. Pahland suggested ADM Johnson (USCG) contact General Carlton to discuss this. LCDR Ludwig may broach this issue with ADM Johnson.

Ms. Pahland stated her view that the STDPC expertise and recommendations come from the committee collectively. The chairman of the STDPC, therefore, has a larger administrative role to support the collective work of the committee. Membership on the STDPC (how many people and areas represented on the committee) should be in accordance with the stated needs of the STDPC. Since the ground work has been done by the existing STDPC we should begin to examine policy, best practices and provide a recommendation report to the PSHPC.

Ms Pahland stated that the DoD Health Promotion Directive will be revised consistent with the Department of Health and Human Service's Healthy People 2010 Goals and Objectives. The STDPC should be able to recommend target goals which exceed the Healthy People 2010 goals to the PSHPC.

Issues concerning disease surveillance were raised noting that it would be difficult to do comparative analysis across services because each service defines and measures outcomes differently. LCDR Ludwig, who is on the JPMPG, is looking into these difficulties. Additionally, Ms. Pahland is considering obtaining an update from the "metric folks" at the Tri-Care Management Activity (TMA). She noted, we should only have a few corporate metrics.

4. A follow item from the previous STDPC meeting was to obtain additional information on General Claypool's (USA ret) appointment to the PSHPC as the Military and Veterans Health Coordinating Board (MVHCB) representative. The Board was created from Presidential Review Directive-5 (refer to minutes January 11, 2000). A PowerPoint presentation and a short brief, provided by CAPT Murphy, Executive Assistant to the PSHPC Chairman, were disseminated to the STDPC members.
5. Bill Calvert announced that the presentation, "Developing a Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) Prevention and Control Program of the US Department of Defense (DoD)" was accepted for presentation at the Prevention 2000 Conference in Atlanta. The conference will be held on March 23-26, 2000, with the presentation scheduled on March 25th. The conference is sponsored by the American College of Preventive Medicine and the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine. The presentations was co-authored by Mr. Calvert, Dr. Gaydos, and Col. McKee. Mr. Calvert will be presenting. Lynn Pahland asked for a short summary of the

presentation for Health Affairs. The STDPC asked that the presentation be given at the next STDPC meeting.

6. Mr. Calvert provided an update from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding input and comment on their draft HIV Counseling, Testing and Referral Guidelines. Mr. Calvert received a response from CDC addressing the statement about the military in the introduction (See Minutes January 11, 2000). The CDC expressed appreciation for the input and noted our correction. No specific statement was provided as to how they would address or correct the incorrect statement in their draft Guidelines.
7. Mr. Calvert attended the Institute of Medicine (IOM), National Academy of Sciences, meeting, on January 24, 2000, as member of the IOM liaison panel of the Committee on HIV Prevention Strategies. This committee will propose a visionary framework for future national HIV prevention activities and suggest institutional roles for federal, public, and private sector agencies in the context of an overall HIV prevention strategy. Mr. Calvert is participating only as the Sexual Health and Responsibility Program, Program Manager at the Navy Environmental Health Center and does not represent the DoD or US Navy. His participation has been relayed to Lynn Pahland at Health Affairs as well as CAPT Murphy, Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the PSHPC. Kim Hamlett is also on the panel for Veterans Affairs.
8. Donna Ruscavage provided the STDPC members with the following hard copy reports:
 - Tri-Service Study of HIV Education and Prevention Needs in the U.S. Military: January 28, 2000 prepared by the Center For Health Policy Studies, Columbia Maryland.
 - A Pilot Study of a Brief, Interactive HIV Prevention Intervention in the United States Army: Final Report, December 1999, prepared by Dr. Dooley Worth for the U.S. Military HIV Research Program, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine.
9. Continue action items: Reports from the two active STDPC Subcommittees.
 - Epidemiology/surveillance
The Surveillance Subcommittee is continuing to work on identifying various surveillance systems in the different service branches. LCDR Ludwig has presented the issue to the JPMPG for their help in identifying the systems. The JPMPG is also working on possible solutions to the problem of standardization/quality of surveillance data.
 - Health Promotion/education
Members discussed the various directives for HIV education. A matrix was provided to assist members in gathering information on key items. Discussion was begun, to be continued at the next meeting. Barry Hoag provided the group with a "Report on STD Education Through A-School."

10. The STDPC confirmed the next meeting date and location (March 9th) at WRAIR, hosted by Dr. Joel Gaydos. The STDPC set the April meeting date to April 11th tentatively at the USCG Headquarters. LCDR Sharon Ludwig may be hosting this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1230. Following a brief break, the Epidemiology/Surveillance and Health Promotion/Education subcommittees would convene.

Minutes taken by: Bill Calvert, Chairman, STDPC