



Minutes of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Committee (STDPC) Meeting of 1 March 01

Permanent Membership Attendance

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

Chairperson

[X] Mr. Bill Calvert, Chairman

OSD Force Management Policy

[A] Brad Loo

Manpower and Reserve

[A] COL Craig Urbauer, USA

[A] LCDR Gillian Jaeger, USN

[A] Ms. Carol Thompson, USAF

Department of Personnel

[X] LTC Jerry Swanner, USA

[A] LT JR Beckham, USN

[A] Maj. James Whitworth, USAF

Medical (SG Representative)

[X] LTC Lois Borsay, USA

[A] LCDR Mark Malakotti, USN

[X] Lt.Col. Fred Kelsey, USAF

[A] Lt.Col. Vic MacIntosh, USAF

[X] Ms. Cathy Ficadenti, USMC

Health Promotion

[X] LTC Dave Peterson, USA

[X] Mr. Steve Heaston, USN

[A] Maj. Lisa Schmidt, USAF

[X] Ms. Cathy Ficadenti, USMC

Education and Training

[A] VACANT, OSD

[X] COL Elliot Rosner, USA

[A] Barry Hoag, USN

[A] Maj. Ron Hale, USAF

[A] LCDR Bleau, USMC

Research (WRAIR, NHRC)

[P] Dr. Joel Gaydos, WRAIR

[A] Dr. Phil Renzullo, WRAIR/HMJF

[A] COL Kelly McKee, USAMRIID

[A] CDR Rick Shaffer, NHRC

Coast Guard Health and Safety

[A] Ms. Vicki Brannan, Health Promotion

Women's Health Representative

[X] CDR Josephine Brumit, BUMED

J4 Representative

[A] Lt.Col. Christine Bader, J4

AD HOC and Other Member Attendance

Hilda Sheppard, CDC – by phone

Candice Nowicki, CDC – by phone

1. Bill Calvert convened the meeting at 1015 at Bolling Air Force Base, 3rd floor conference room of the R.V. Maisey Building.
2. The minutes of the 5 January 01 meeting were reviewed, corrected, and approved.
3. Mr. Calvert provided General Business/Announcements:
 - Meeting with CDC STD Division
Mr. Calvert met with CDC Staff from the Division of STD prevention during a recent trip to Atlanta. The purpose was to meet senior staff from the Division to share information regarding DoD STDPC activities and discuss opportunities for collaboration. Mr. Calvert met with staff from the Epidemiology Services Branch, Health Services Research and Evaluation Branch, Training and Health Communications Branch, Health Communications Section, Syphilis Elimination Program, as well as the Director and Deputy of the Division.

Hilda Sheppard, CDC Communication's section, provided comments on CDC activities. Her remarks focused on CDC's role to:

- increase national visibility of STDs
- serve as a programmatic resource
- encourage new testing
- support health care provider to increase their:
 - awareness to screen/test for STDs
 - ability to provide services
 - ability to encourage reporting

Other comments by Ms. Sheppard included that CDC's Communication's Section is focusing their efforts on syphilis, chlamydia, and HPV. Additionally, CDC's STD Treatment Guidelines have been updated and will be released in the future.

- The CDC Task Force on Community Preventive Services met on February 7-8, 2001 in Atlanta Georgia. During this meeting attended by Mr. Calvert, there was an update on the Sexual Behavior Chapter. This chapter is expected to be completed by Fall 2001 with 5-7 intervention categories. Further, there was an update on the Task Force on *Clinical* Preventive Services which was updating recommendations regarding chlamydia and bacterial vaginosis in pregnancy. Additionally, the latter Task Force is considering addressing counseling to prevent unintended pregnancy in its upcoming revision.
- An Army/Navy/Air Force Times Article was published on March 5th promoting the efforts of the STDPC. A copy of the article entitled, "DoD Focuses on Treating and Preventing STDs", was distributed.

- The Institute of Medicine's report, "No Time to Lose, Getting More from HIV Prevention" has been released in hard copy. Ordering information was shared.
 - Mr. Calvert reminded everyone of the upcoming DoD Health Promotion Conference to be held in San Diego May 14-18, 2001. Working with Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, there are STD related courses available throughout the conference. Dr. Linda Alexander, President of ASHA, will be providing a sponsored luncheon and presentation, "STD Updates, Issues, and Challenges". Additionally, Mr. Calvert will present a 20 minute session on the activities on the STDPC.
 - The Injury and Occupational Illness Committee (a PSHPC Committee) developed a report to guide the selection of "Best Practices". A copy of this report was shared.
 - Staff participation on the STDPC remains difficult for many participants. Mr. Calvert reminded everyone that we are under time lines to complete our taskings. Since the 'hard work' is being conducted offline (via e-mail, phone conferencing, etc) members are being heavily relied upon to complete their taskings. If one person falls behind, we risk slowing the entire process. Many thanks are given to everyone's efforts.
4. Dr. Joel Gaydos reported that the Research Subcommittee remains on hold pending priority work occurring on the Surveillance Subcommittee. Dr. Gaydos provided the Surveillance Subcommittee report for Lt.Col. Vic MacIntosh who was unable to attend due to a family emergency. The Surveillance Subcommittee continues to work towards preparing a comprehensive report on STD surveillance activities and recommendations for improvement. Report content and organization was reviewed. Services surveillance systems were reviewed according to reportable events surveillance system characteristics, compared and contrasted. A "matrix" for this was discussed, refined and will become a section of the report when complete.

Updated copies of Action Plan to be available on the STDPC Home Page.

5. Mr. Steve Heaston gave a progress report on the Education Subcommittee. The Subcommittee had a very productive meeting the morning. The Subcommittee has 3 large action areas:
- Ensure targeted education
 - Define and Implement a process to train instructors and ensure quality education
 - Integrate HIV and STD prevention education into existing Health Promotion Programs

Their work is ongoing. The latest copy of the working action plan was distributed and will be available on the STDPC Home Page.

6. The Prevention Product Availability Goal has no Goal Champion. Mr. Calvert will attempt to work this goal. Anyone interested in assisting should let Mr. Calvert know.
7. The STDPC confirmed the next meeting to be held on May 24, 2001, at USMC Quantico. Room location and details will be sent to everyone by e-mail.
8. The meeting adjourned at 1200.

Minutes taken by Bill Calvert