



Minutes of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Committee (STDPC) Meeting of 24 May 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

[A] LTC Jerry Swanner, USA
[X] LT JR Beckham, USN
[A] Maj. James Whitworth, USAF

Medical (SG Representative)

[X] LTC Lois Borsay, USA
[A] LCDR Mark Malakotti, USN
[A] Lt.Col. Fred Kelsey, USAF
[X] 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
[A] COL Elliot Rosner, USA
[A] Mike Fitzpatrick
[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

[A] CDR Josephine Brumit, BUMED

J4 Representative

[X] Lt. Col. Christine Bader, J4

AD HOC and Other Member Attendance

Capt. Kent Quiner, USMC
CAPT Richard Thomas, USUHS -- Bethesda, Guest Speaker

1. Bill Calvert convened the meeting at 1010 at USMC Quantico.
2. The minutes of the 1 March 01 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Mr. Calvert provided General Business/Announcements:
 - DoD Health Promotion Conference
 - The first combined Health Promotion Conference held in San Diego, May 2001, was a success. There were many STD related speakers throughout the conference. In addition, there were briefs regarding the Prevention, Safety and Health Promotion Council (PSHPC), its Committees, including the STDPC.
 - Injury Occupational Illness Report
 - Mr. Calvert shared a copy of the above report to be reviewed as a potential guideline for any reports produced by the STDPC.
 - A PSHPC Report is being prepared by Ms. Jessica Powers, a White House Intern temporarily assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OSD(HA)). The purpose is to develop a comprehensive document regarding PSHPC activities from a historical perspective while including successes and continued plans of each Committee. Mr. Calvert provided input regarding the STDPC and will share the final document when he receives it.
 - The next scheduled PSHPC meeting is set for June 22nd. Mr. Calvert, while not sure if he is expected to report on the activities of the STDPC, expects to attend.
 - STDPC Home Page is continually updated with relevant documents, meeting information, including updates from STDPC Subcommittees and should be utilized by STDPC members and participants. Information which is disseminated at STDPC meetings will be posted here for individuals who are unable to attend meetings. The site is: <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/STDPC>.
 - Dr. Joel Gaydos provided general information regarding the US Medicine Institute for Health Care Studies. To examine and define the full extent of STDs today and evaluate our prevention and control efforts, the U.S. Medicine Institute for Health Studies and the Department of Defense Global Emerging Infections Surveillance and Response System (DoD-GEIS) are sponsoring a one-day forum on September 25 or 27, 2001, in Washington, D.C. Panels of experts will offer brief presentations, with each panel followed by spontaneous discussion and debate. Attendance will be limited to 100 top policymakers, researchers, educators, laboratorians, epidemiologists and academicians. All related topics will be on the table and open for discussion. Because so much attention has been given to HIV and AIDS, this condition will be addressed only as it relates to the other STDs. The product of the Forum will be a summary of the state of STDs, programs that are working and areas that need attention, and specific recommendations for policy, research and practice. Anyone having input regarding who should serve on the expert panel should forward their input and comments to Dr. Gaydos at: Joel.Gaydos@NA.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL.

4. Lt. Col. Victor MacIntosh reported that the Surveillance Subcommittee has met twice since the last STDPC meeting. They continue to work towards completion of a report to reflect the current status of incidence and prevalence estimates for STD rates in the military, the rates from available reportable events (RE) surveillance systems, characterization of those systems, and recommendations relevant to STD surveillance with some suggestions for improvement.

As discussed before, special studies are the source of our best available data for prevalence. RE systems have limitations, with considerable variability among service's systems. RE's, based on the Tri-Service List of RE's, do not capture all STD RE's for a variety of reasons. In our matrix, characterization of the Services' surveillance systems (part of the anticipated report), we will compare/contrast the RE systems. Rates derived from RE system data will be updated from 1997-2000 for STD RE's, updating the table previously developed and reported by STDPCSS members McKee and Gaydos for Prevention 1999. We will discuss limitations for using present RE systems data for incidence/prevalence estimates.

Drafts have been prepared for the report sections and are still being worked. At the last two meetings, the matrix (referred to above) and RE rates were the main topics. We anticipate the next meeting will be mainly for reworking and updating draft, and we re-look at the action plan for any problems or changes, based upon our experience so far.

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

5. Mr. Steve Heaston gave a progress report on the Education Subcommittee. During the March STDPC the Education Subcommittee met. Three items were of note. First, LTC Peterson informed the committee that he and the other service representatives have completed the worksheets to assess current HIV prevention education. He will furnish these to the members, along with a summary sheet. Overall, these workgroups found a lack of targeted education, there were no identified outcome objectives for these programs, there was a lack of consistency and standardization, and policies did not establish responsibility for providing subject matter expertise on HIV education. Second, a table was constructed which specifies the committees recommendations for learning objectives for each of the targeted groups. Third, Lynn Pahland was to be contacted regarding the status of the DOD HP and HIV Directives, which will impact greatly on Goals 2 and 3. This was done. Both Directives are still under formal coordination and review.

At the May meeting in Quantico, due to difficulty in establishing a phone-in connection, the Education Subcommittee did not meet as planned. The issue of subcommittee chairmanship was placed on the table since Mr. Heaston has been reassigned. LTC Peterson declined the job since he will PCS this fall. LTC Borsay (POPM) may be interested in taking over as chair, pending discussion with her boss. Other members not in attendance who want the job should speak up now. Mr. Heaston may remain in contact with many of you in his new population health role

and thanks you for your help and valuable input while he has chaired the subcommittee.

Their work is ongoing. The latest copy of the working action plan is available on the STDPC Home Page.

6. The Prevention Product Availability Goal still has no Goal Champion. Capt. Kent Quiner expressed an interest to work this issue with Mr. Calvert. They will follow up with each other prior to the next meeting. Anyone else interested in assisting should let Mr. Calvert know.
7. The Research Subcommittee remains inactive.
8. There was a special presentation by CAPT Richard Thomas, USUHS, regarding moving toward eradication of syphilis. A copy of his presentation will be placed on the STDPC home page for those not present.
9. The STDPC confirmed the next meeting to be held on July 12, 2001, in the metropolitan Washington DC area. If anyone is interested in hosting this meeting, please let Mr. Calvert know.
10. The meeting adjourned at 1205.

Minutes taken by Bill Calvert