

**Minutes of
DoD Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Committee (STDPC)
Meeting of 8 June 99**

Attending

CDR (sel) Linnea M. Axman, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
Bill Calvert, Navy Environmental Health Center, Co-Chairman
Major Ron Hale, Wilford Hall, Lackland Air Force Base, Co-Chairman
Kim W. Hamlett, Department of Veterans Affairs
Donna Ruscavage, Henry M. Jackson Foundation
Terry Trobaugh, NNMC Bethesda

1. Bill Calvert convened the meeting at 0930 at the National Naval Medical Center Bethesda. Major Ron Hale joined the meeting via telephone.
2. The minutes of the 18 May 99 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Bill Calvert and Ron Hale updated the STDPC regarding the brief given to General Roadman, AF Surgeon General and Chairman of the Prevention, Safety and Health Promotion Council (PSHPC), on June 2nd at Bolling AF Base. The brief was well received with only one modification requested. That modification was to delete baseline random screening from the Gantt chart. Bill Calvert will brief the entire PSHPC on July 9th.
4. The STDPC's Action Plan and Charter have been submitted to the PSHPC by Lt. Col. Wayne Talcott in General Roadman's office. The PSHPC members will review these documents and provide comments and recommendations through feedback from the respective Service Secretariats by 30 June 99. The plan is to send recommended changes to Committee Chairs and then re-staff through Secretariats and DoD offices for final approval.

There has been some clarification regarding our Action Plan. Over the last several meetings, various suggestions to modify the STDPC Action Plan have arisen. The STDPC agreed not to make any changes pending full staffing by the committee. The Action Plan, being submitted to the PSHPC, cannot be modified by us at this time or considered for review when the committee is fully staffed. Once the plan is approved through the Secretariats and DoD offices it will be considered final.

It was agreed that any STDPC member wishing to make changes to the Action Plan should speak with someone in their service who may be the one who reviews the plan, and have them suggest changes. These suggested changes will then come back to the STDPC to incorporate into the plan.

The STDPC members were encouraged to identify individuals to serve on the STDPC. While the Charter is being reviewed, existing STDPC members should try

to informally contact representatives to obtain the broader representation specified in the Charter. While more formal ties to committee membership may occur later, after the Charter is approved, identifying and obtaining representation on the committee is needed now. The committee was hopeful that members identified will become the official representative for that specific area. As STDPC members identify new members, they may want to share the draft Charter of the committee with them.

5. Donna Ruscavage updated the group regarding:

The World Institute for Leadership and Learning (WILL), has produced an interactive video which may be of interest to the committee. Ms. Ruscavage will try to arrange a meeting with WILL during the afternoon following our next STDPC meeting for those that can attend. Confirmation will be sent via e-mail.

The HIV needs assessment mail out survey is progressing. Only the Navy's Surgeon General has submitted a letter of support for this assessment. Ms. Ruscavage can only wait a little longer to obtain letters of support from the Air Force and Army Surgeons General.

The Henry M. Jackson Foundation (HJF) is working with the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and will be meeting at Lackland AFB on 22-23 July.

HJF and Johns Hopkins University will conduct 3 focus groups regarding and HIV training program they are developing at Norfolk NAS on August 24-25. They will also conduct focus groups at Camp Lejeune and Ft. Benning. By fall, they anticipate modifying their intervention based on the focus group and pilot the modified intervention in the Spring 2000.

The UN HIV curriculum, developed by HJF for the Civil-Military Alliance to Combat AIDS, a Peace Keeping operation, will be distributed in July. The material will be made available to anyone. Donna will provide further details as they progress.

6. Kim Hamlett reminded the group that June 27 is the fourth annual National HIV Testing Day, which is co-sponsored by the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Association of People With AIDS. During the day, national AIDS leaders will speak out about the need for Americans at risk for HIV to be tested. Dr. Helene Gayle, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, noted that almost 1 million people in the United States are estimated to have HIV, although one-third are not aware of their infection until they become sick. The National HIV Testing Day could be an opportunity for military components to discuss HIV and testing policies with their constituents.
7. Bill Calvert noted that he will be attending the CDC Task Force on Community Preventive Services in Atlanta June 23-24. The Task Force is developing a Guide to Community Preventive Services. The Guide will summarize what is known about

the effectiveness of population-based interventions for prevention and control. Where data exist, the Guide will also summarize information on the cost-effectiveness of these interventions. Based on available evidence, the Guide will provide recommendations on these population-based interventions and methods for their delivery. The Task Force will use important gaps identified in the evidence to develop a prevention research agenda. The STDPC noted that a representative from this Task Force, or CDC support personnel, would be a valuable resource to the STDPC.

8. Terry Trobaugh will be on leave until August 16th.
9. Meeting Dates: The committee set the **next two** meeting dates for July 13th and August 10th at 0930. The meetings will be held at BUMED, 2300 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20372-5300. CDR (sel) Linnea Axman will provide location and phone-in information in the near future.

Minutes taken by:
Bill Calvert
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