

**Minutes of
DoD Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Committee (STDPC)
Meeting of 13 July 99**

Attending

CDR (sel) Linnea M. Axman, BUMED
Bill Calvert, NEHC, Co-Chairman
LT Eleanor M. Fernandez, BUMED
Steve Heaston, NEHC
Barry Hoag, C-NET
LCDR Sharon Ludwig, USCG
Donna Ruscavage, Henry M. Jackson Foundation
Linda Wright-De Agüero, CDC

1. Bill Calvert convened the meeting at 0945 at the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED).
2. The minutes of the 8 June 99 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Bill Calvert updated the STDPC regarding the brief given to the Prevention, Safety and Health Promotion Council (PSHPC), on July 9th at the Pentagon. Mr. Calvert presented the overview of the committee's work. Mr. Tate, ASN (M&RA) questioned whether alternatives to irresponsible sexual activity were being developed. RADM Fisher indicated that the Navy was developing and creating alternatives in the deployed environment. Dr. Mazzuchi, ASD (CPP), indicated that research activities were clearly needed in this area and that he will be addressing the Armed Services Biomedical Research Evaluation and Management Committee (ASBREM) to gain support for research initiatives that address binge drinking and risky sexual behavior.

Mr. Calvert was tasked to present the STDPC metrics of their action plan at the next meeting.

4. As part of the STDPC Action Plan, Mr. Calvert addressed staffing the committee. Until our Charter is approved, current members of the committee must individually reach out to their respective service for representation as specified in the Charter. Because there is building momentum in the PSHPC and work taskings being assigned, all STDPC members should diligently seek addition members for this committee. Mr. Calvert will assist anyone needing help obtaining staffing from their service. It is suggested that members request staffing from the department needing to attend, and forward copies of the PSHPC Charter and the STDPC Charter and Action Plan to them. The high level membership on the PSHPC usually gets serious attention.

Further, the STDPC will need to establish sub-committees to address the components of the STDPC Action Plan. Members are encourage to begin thinking about potential sub-committee structure for our next meeting. Examples may be, information and education sub-committee, epidemiology and surveillance sub-committee, etc. These sub-committees will attack the STDPC Action Plan components in detail.

5. Linda Wright-De Agüero, Ph.D., M.P.H., a Research Sociologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Community Preventive Services Guide Development Activity discussed the happenings at the Task Force on Community Preventive Services and the Sexual Behavior Chapter she is coordinator of. A PowerPoint handout was provided and will be made available to all electronically. Dr. Wright-De Agüero will continue her participation on the STDPC.

6. Donna Ruscavage updated the STDPC on U.S. Military HIV Research Program activities:

The HIV education and prevention needs assessment is progressing well. They are almost at their quota of 1175 for the Navy. Marine Corps has submitted about 650 surveys; Air Force 500; and Army about 100 (Army just went out). Now they have sent out mailings to all four services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps) and HIV education within each of the services.

The HIV prevention curriculum developed for the Civil-Military Alliance to Combat HIV and AIDS and the United Nations Department of Peace-keeping Operations is under final review. They expect to have a final copy ready for distribution later this summer.

They are preparing to begin work on a new study to modify an STD/HIV prevention curriculum developed by the National Institute of Mental Health called Project Light, for use with military personnel in their next level of training after basic training. They will be conducting focus groups with personnel under the age of 25 in each of the services to obtain feedback on selected portions of Project Light. They will be starting this process at Lackland Air Force Base 22 + 23 July. Then they will be going to Fort Benning Army Base 18 + 19 August and to the Norfolk Naval Base 24 + 25 August. For the Marine Corps, they will be going to Camp LeJeune in September (date TBA).

7. The World Institute For Leadership and Learning (WILL) demonstrated their Interactive video we have discussed over the last several meetings. For those who missed this or have any questions, they may contact Sharon Sloane, President, at (301) 527-8801 or e-mail her at sharon@thewillway.com.
8. The next meeting will be held at BUMED, 2300 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20372-5300 on August 10th.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1315.

Minutes taken by:
Bill Calvert
Co-Chairman, STDPC