

Response Systems Panel
Minutes of May 5, 2014 Public Meeting

The Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel (RSP) is a federal advisory committee within the Department of Defense (DoD) operating pursuant to Section 576(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in Sunshine Act of 1976, and governing federal regulations. The RSP held a public meeting on May 5, 2014, to hear from the Director of DoD SAPRO and to deliberate on the findings and recommendations of the subcommittees. The meeting began at 8:49 a.m. and concluded at 5:13 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room of George Washington University Law School at 716 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC. The transcript of the May 5, 2014 public meeting is incorporated herein by reference.

Participating RSP Members:

The Honorable Barbara S. Jones, Chair
Vice Admiral (Retired) James Houck
The Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman
Brigadier General (Retired) Colleen McGuire
Brigadier General (Retired) Malinda Dunn
Colonel (Retired) Holly Cook
Professor Elizabeth L. Hillman
Mr. Harvey Bryant
Ms. Mai Fernandez

Presenters:

Major General Jeffrey J. Snow, Director, DoD SAPRO

Comparative Systems Subcommittee

BG (R) John Cooke
COL (R) Stephen Henley
COL (R) Larry Morris
COL(R) Dawn Scholz
Mr. Russell Strand

Victim Services Subcommittee

Dean Michelle Anderson
Judge Christel Marquardt
Mr. Bill Cassara

RSP Staff Participants:

Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director

Lieutenant Colonel Kelly McGovern, Comparative Systems Subcommittee, Branch Chief
Commander Sherry King, Victim Services Subcommittee, Branch Chief

Other Participants:

Ms. Maria Fried, Designated Federal Official

After the Designated Federal Officer opened the meeting, Judge Jones gave opening remarks thanking the subcommittees for their hard work.

Major General Jeffrey J. Snow, Director, DoD SAPRO

Major General Snow presented the latest data and information on current direction and efforts of DoD SAPRO.

MG Snow provided an overview of the current initiatives underway in DoD SAPRO and the progress that has been made in responding to report recommendations and legislative mandates. MG Snow discussed the work his office is doing to further improve services available to victims of sexual assault, and discussed how they are working with RAND to improve the next Workplace Gender Relations Survey. MG Snow added that his office has been consulting with the White House Task Force on Sexual Assault on College Campuses. MG Snow stated that his office feels programs have been successful as shown by the marked increase in the number of reported offenses, which they believe does not reflect an increase in crime, but an increase in the Service Member's confidence in the system.

Presentation of the Comparative Systems Subcommittee (CSS) Interim Findings and Recommendations

Professor Hillman provided an overview of the interim findings and recommendations of CSS. BG (R) John Cooke, COL (R) Stephen Henley, COL (R) Larry Morris, and Mr. Russell Strand provided clarification and background information on the topics.

Presentation of the Victim Services Subcommittee (VSS) Findings and Recommendations

Ms. Mai Fernandez led a presentation of the VSS findings and recommendations with the assistance of Dean Michelle Anderson, Judge Christel Marquardt, Mr. Bill Cassara, and comments from the subcommittee members who serve on the full panel, BG (R) McGuire, and the Hon Elizabeth Holtzman.

The panel deliberated on the recommendations as they were presented. Several recommendations were discussed and found to relate to recommendations from other

subcommittees and they will be reviewed for possible consolidation, and were accepted with a cross reference. Dean Anderson read her separate statement calling for a stronger recommendation that commanders not prosecute collateral misconduct.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.



Barbara S. Jones

Chair

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Materials Provided to Members:

1. DoD SAPRO Update 20140505
2. FY13 DoD SAPRO Annual Report
3. DoD SAPRO FY13 Annual report Disciplinary Action Summary
4. Comparative Systems Subcommittee Interim Findings and Recommendations
5. Comparative Systems Subcommittee Presentation to the RSP
6. Victim Services Subcommittee Report to the RSP
7. Victim Services Subcommittee Presentation to the RSP
8. Role of the Commander Subcommittee Report to the RSP
9. Role of the Commander Subcommittee Presentation to the RSP
10. HR 4435 HASC MP Markup
11. Fair Military Act of 2014
12. First Report of the White House Task Force to protect Students from Sexual Assault
13. CDC Paper on Evidence Based Strategies for the Prevention of Sexual Violence