

Response Systems Panel
Minutes of May 16, 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 16, 2014, to deliberate on the findings and recommendations of the subcommittees. The meeting began at 9:35 a.m. and concluded at 1:35 p.m. in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Ceremonial Courtroom 20, 6th Floor, 333 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The transcript of the May 16, 2014 public meeting is incorporated herein by reference.

Participating RSP Members:

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

Victim Services Subcommittee Members

Judge Christel Marquardt (by telephone)
Ms. Meg Garvin

RSP Staff Participants:

Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director
Commander Sherry King, Victim Services Subcommittee, Branch Chief
Lieutenant Colonel Kyle Green, Role of the Commander Subcommittee, Branch Chief
Lieutenant Colonel Kelly McGovern, Comparative Systems Subcommittee, Branch Chief

Other Participants:

Ms. Maria Fried, Designated Federal Official

Public Comment

Ms. Jen McClendon

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

Continuation of the Presentation of the Role of the Commander (RoC) Subcommittee Findings and Recommendations

Judge Jones continued the presentation of the finding and recommendations of the subcommittee. The remaining recommendations were deliberated on by the Panel and most were accepted unanimously except for those relating to the issue of the convening authority which were accepted by seven of the nine Panel members.

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

Ms. Meg Garvin reviewed the previous discussion on recommendation 5 regarding creating a means for expedited transfer of victims who file restricted reports, which had not been fully discussed at the previous meeting. Ms. Garvin also continued the presentation regarding the subcommittee's findings, and recommendation 31 (victim right to convey concerns or preferences regarding case disposition), recommendations 32, 32a, 32b (victim right to be heard regarding a plea agreement), recommendation 37 (unsworn victim impact statement), and recommendation 38 (standing). There was further deliberation on the recommendations, and the Panel accepted recommendations 5, 31, 32, 32a, 32b, and 38. Further deliberation on recommendation 37 will take place at the Panel's May 29-30, 2014 meeting. The Panel will deliberate on recommendation 37, in addition to recommendations 2a, 18, 29 and 34 which were previously deferred, in conjunction with related Comparative Systems Subcommittee Recommendations.

Public Comment

Ms. Jen McClendon, founder of a collaborative think tank, and a Navy veteran, spoke of the problem of anti-training which she described as mid-level NCOs who make comments which undermine the training provided to Service members.

Judge Jones thanked Ms. McClendon and Ms. Fried closed the meeting at 1:35 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. Agenda
2. Written statement of Ms. Jen McClendon
3. FY15 NDAA HASC Passed Mark
4. Spread sheet reflecting Status of Subcommittee Recommendations
5. Victim Services Subcommittee Recommendations for RSP Consideration
6. Role of the Commander Subcommittee Recommendations for RSP Consideration