

Response Systems Panel
Role of the Commander Subcommittee
Minutes of February 12, 2014 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 Role of the Commander (RoC) Subcommittee of the RSP held a meeting on February 12, 2014, to hear from researchers, representatives from DoD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO), commanders, and enlisted leaders on the commander's role in the prevention of sexual assault. The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. and concluded at 3:47 p.m. at the RSP offices at 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, VA 22203. The transcript of the February 12, 2014 meeting is incorporated herein by reference.

Participating RoC Subcommittee Members:

The Honorable Barbara S. Jones, Chair
General (ret.) Carter Ham
Professor Elizabeth L. Hillman*
Ms. Joye Frost
The Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman*
Colonel Lisa Turner
Major General (ret.) John Altenburg
Vice Admiral (ret.) James Houck*
* by telephone

Presenters:

Captain Steven Andersen, USCG
Victoria Banyard, Ph.D., University of New Hampshire
Kathleen Basile, Ph.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*
Sergeant Major Mark Allen Byrd, Sr., USMC
Sarah DeGue, Ph.D., CDC*
Benje M. Douglas, National Sexual Violence Resource Center
Colonel Trent H. Edwards, USAF
Nathan W. Galbreath, Ph.D., M.F.S., Senior Executive Advisor, DoD SAPRO
Colonel Karen Gibson, USA
Senior Master Sergeant Patricia Granan, USAF
Jackson Katz, Ph.D., Mentors in Violence Prevention Program*
Command Master Chief Marilyn Kennard, USN
Colonel David W. Maxwell, USMC

Colonel Alan R. Metzler, Deputy Director, DoD SAPRO
Captain Peter R. Nette, USN
Sharyn J. Potter, Ph.D., M.P.H., University of New Hampshire
Beth Reimels, CDC*
Andra Teten Tharp, Ph.D., CDC*
Command Sergeant Major Pamela Williams, USA
Colonel Litonya Williams, Chief of Prevention and Victim Assistance, DoD SAPRO
Kelly Ziemann, Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault
* by telephone

RSP Staff Participants:

Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director
Lieutenant Colonel Kyle Green, RoC Branch Chief

Other Participants:

Lieutenant Colonel Candace L. Hunstiger, Designated Federal Official
Major John Ruckauf, Chief Strategist, DoD SAPRO

After the meeting was opened, representatives from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), led by Dr. Andra Tharp, described the CDC's public-health approach to preventing the perpetration of sexual violence as well as its companion framework, the social ecological model.

A second set of presentations to the Subcommittee featured a discussion with other researchers and academics on how to implement effective sexual assault prevention strategies. First, Dr. Katz described the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program that he helped create and that, in 1997, began to be adapted to the Marine Corps. Before taking questions from the Subcommittee members, the remaining three presenters on the second panel, Ms. Ziemann, Mr. Douglas, and Dr. Banyard, each provided brief remarks identifying one or more keys to success in sexual prevention.

The Subcommittee next heard from representatives from DoD SAPRO. Dr. Galbreath began SAPRO's presentation with an overview of the Office's early prevention efforts, focusing on its 2008 Prevention Strategy. Colonel Metzler continued SAPRO's presentation, underscoring the importance of training and education in order to create the non-permissive environments necessary to impede the kinds of sexual harassment and sexist behaviors that lead to sexual assault. Colonel Wilson next described SAPRO's prevention efforts going forward.

After a brief break for lunch, the Subcommittee heard from a panel consisting of a commander from each of the Services who addressed prevention efforts in the context of his or her own background and installation.

The last panel consisted of senior enlisted advisors from each of the four DoD Services who offered enlisted perspectives on recent attempts to effect the prevention of sexual assault. The meeting ended at 3:47 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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Attachments:

1. Prevention -- Role of the Commander Subpanel (12 February 2014).ppt
2. Feb 12 briefing_CDC_cleared.pdf