

Response Systems Panel
Victim Services Subcommittee
Minutes of February 26, 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 Victim Services Subcommittee (VSS) of the RSP held a meeting at the RSP Office (875 N. Randolph, Arlington, VA) on February 26, 2014. The purpose of the subcommittee meeting was to continue deliberations on the Victim Services Subcommittee report. The subcommittee meeting began at 2:35 p.m. and concluded at 4:16 p.m. A copy of the transcript is hereby incorporated by reference.

Participating VSS Subcommittee Members:

Ms. Mai Fernandez, Chair
The Honorable Christel Marquardt
The Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman (by telephone)
Colleen McGuire, Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Ret.)
Dean Michelle Anderson
Dean Lisa Schenck
William Cassara
Meg Garvin (by telephone)

Participating RSP Staff Members:

Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director
Commander Sherry King, VSS Branch Chief
Ms. Julie Carson, Staff Attorney

Others Present:

William Sprance, Designated Federal Official (DFO)

After the DFO opened the meeting, Subcommittee Members deliberated and discussed issues relating to prevention and reporting sexual assault, victim rights, and the Special Victim Counsel Program.

During the afternoon session, Subcommittee members heard from medical experts from the DoD and Military Services about the availability of mental health services relating to treatment for sexual assault incidents. They also heard from experts from civilian agencies relating to providing mental health services to victims in civilian communities. The final group of speakers

for the meeting was representatives from the DoD and Service Family Advocacy Programs, who provided a discussion on support the Family Advocacy Program provides to victims of sexual assault.

The DFO closed the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

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



Mai Fernandez
Chair, Victim Services Subcommittee
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