

**Response Systems Panel
Comparative Systems Subcommittee
Minutes of April 11, 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 Comparative Systems Subcommittee (CSS) held a meeting on April 11, 2014, to receive information on the statistical analysis of the incidence and prevalence of sexual assault and to deliberate on statistical and legislative issues. The meeting began at 8:40 a.m. and concluded at 3:30 p.m. at the RSP office at 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, VA 22203. The transcript of the April 11, 2014 meeting is incorporated herein by reference.

Participating CSS Members:

Dean Elizabeth Hillman, Chair
Judge Barbara Jones (by phone)
Colonel (ret.) Dawn Scholz
Colonel (ret.) Stephen Henley
Mr. Harvey Bryant
Ms. Rhonni Jaus

Other Participants:

Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director
Ms. Terri Saunders, RSP Deputy Staff Director
Lieutenant Colonel Kelly McGovern, Branch Chief
Lieutenant Colonel Candace Hunstiger, Designated Federal Official
Ms. Joanne Gordon, RSP Staff Attorney
Ms. Janice Chayt, RSP Staff Investigator
Ms. Shannon Green, Legislative Analyst

Presenters:

Dr. Jim Lynch, Former Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics; Professor and Chair,
Department of Criminal Justice, University of Maryland
Dr. Bill Sabol, Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics
Mr. Allen Beck, Senior Statistical Advisor, Bureau of Justice Statistics

After LTC Hunstiger opened the meeting, Dean Hillman thanked everyone for attending and explaining that today's meeting was to learn about the analysis of statistical information regarding the incidence and prevalence of sexual assault, and deliberation on statistics and legislative issues.

Crime Victim Surveys and Survey Methodologies:

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Dr. Lynch provided an overview of the difficulties in measuring the incidence of rape and sexual assault in a self-report survey. He discussed what would make an optimum design for a survey instrument and explained that there has been little research and development done in this field.

Surveying Sexual Assault-The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) and Other Measures of Sexual Assault Incidence and Prevalence

Dr. Sabol and Mr. Beck provided an overview of the design differences between the NCVS, the Centers for Disease Control's National Intimate Partner Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS), and the DoD's Workplace and Gender Relations Survey. They discussed the difference in the purpose of the surveys, explaining that the NVCS is a criminal justice survey while the NISVS is a public health survey. The WGRS is primarily a public health survey.

Deliberations:

The Subcommittee members briefed, discussed, and deliberated the prepared lists of issues, findings and recommendations. LTC McGovern reviewed the list of statistics and survey issues previously raised. The subcommittee agreed that the information currently available needs to be reviewed to see what was already known. Further, that research and development should be done in consult with leading experts in the field to include BJS. The legislation recently passed and pending was reviewed and commented on.

Other discussions: The staff will continue to write segments of the draft report which will be forwarded to the subcommittee members for comment and discussion via telephone conferences.

At 3:30 PM LTC Hunstiger adjourned the meeting.

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, the trip report is accurate and complete.



Elizabeth Hillman
Chair
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Attachments:

Agenda for meeting

DoD Materials for Victim Surveys to estimate incidence/prevalence:

Testimony to the RSP, Dtd June 27, 2013 - MG Patton & Dr. Galbreth

DoD SAPR Powerpoint presentation

Summary: DoD Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military FY12

2012 Workplace and Gender Relations Survey

DOD SAPRO Testimony to RSP, dtd Oct. 23, 2013

DoD SAPR Overview, dtd Oct. 23, 2013

2012 Results from DOD WGRS (Annex A of FY12 DoD SAPRO Report)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Violence Among Active Duty Women and Wives of Active Duty Men – Comparisons with Women in U.S. General Population, 2010- Technical Report, dtd. March 2013 (also contained in Annex D of FY12 DOD SAPRO Report)

Articles or Testimony Commenting on DoD Victim Surveys

Lisa M. Schenck, Informing the Debate about Sexual Assault in the Military Services: Is the DoD Its own Worst Enemy?

Testimony to the Response Systems Panel, Dr. Lynn Addington, June 27, 2013

Overview of Sexual Assault Victimization Data, Dr. Lynn Addington, June 27, 2013

Excerpts from Minutes of the Aug. 6, 2013 Prep Session with presentations Dr. Jim Lynch

WahsingtonTimes.com, Doubts on Military's Sex Assault Stats as Numbers Far Exceed Those for the US, by Rowan Scarborough, dtd April 6, 2014

Lindsay Rodman, "The Pentagon's Bad Math on Sexual Assault," The Wall Street Journal, dtd May 19, 2013

Articles or Testimony about Civilian Victimization Surveys

National Academies Press: Estimating the Incidence of Rape and Sexual Assault, dtd Apr. 2014

Measuring Rape Against Women: The Significance of Survey Questions, dtd 2004, Dr. Bonnie Fisher

The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, Intimate Partner Violence in the US - 2010

US DOJ Bureau of Statistics, Crime Victimization - 2012 by Truman, Langton and Planty

The Campus Sexual Assault Study, dtd Dec. 2007, by Krebs, Lindquist, Warner, Fisher and Martin

BJS Special Report: Female Victims of Violence, 1994-2010, dated March 2013

Articles, Testimony, or Information about Actual Number of Reports, Cases, Prosecution and Conviction Rates

Police and Prosecutorial Decision Making in Sexual Assault Cases: Lessons from LA, dtd Aug. 6, 2013

Testimony to the RSP, dtd Dec. 12, 2013, Dr. Cassia Spohn

Statistical Analysis of Waterfall Slides - Dr. Cassia Spohn

Excerpts from Minutes of the Aug. 6, 2013 Prep Session with presentations Dr. Cassia Spohn

Army Waterfall Slides Statement - COL Mulligan

RFI Responses

Provided by Presenters

Measuring Rape and Sexual Assault: In self-report surveys, Dr. Lynch

Appearance before the Comparative Systems Subcommittee, Dr. Sabol & Mr. Beck, April 11, 2014