

Response Systems Panel
Role of the Commander Subcommittee
Minutes of April 25, 2014 Meeting via Teleconference

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 Subcommittee of the RSP held a meeting via teleconference on April 25, 2014, to discuss and deliberate on a final revised version of the Subcommittee's final report to the RSP. The teleconference began at 2:43 p.m. and concluded at 3:57 p.m. at the RSP office at 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, VA 22203.

Participating RoC Subcommittee Members:

The Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman, Acting Chair
Major General (ret.) John Altenburg
Ms. Joye Frost
Professor Elizabeth L. Hillman
General (ret.) Carter Ham

Other Participants:

Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director
Lieutenant Colonel Kyle Green, RSP Senior Attorney
Lieutenant Colonel Candace Hunstiger, Designated Federal Official

Lieutenant Colonel Hunstiger opened the meeting. The Subcommittee Members first discussed the draft of the Executive Summary of the final report, focusing on its tone and tenor. After the discussion, the Subcommittee approved changes to the Summary.

For the remainder of the meeting, the Members focused on the revised Findings and Recommendations set forth throughout the revised report, beginning with those in Part III. The Subcommittee discussed the language of the Recommendations in Part III and agreed to changes thereto.

The Subcommittee then discussed and debated the Findings and Recommendations set forth in Part IV. The Members agreed to changes to Recommendation 11 and approved all other Findings and Recommendations in Part IV.

The Subcommittee then discussed and debated Part V. It was agreed to change the wording of Recommendation 12.

Next, the Subcommittee considered the Findings and Recommendations set forth in Part VI. The Members approved Recommendations 13 and 14 and the related Findings without any change. It was agreed that the language of Recommendation 15 and 16 needed revision.

The Subcommittee then discussed Recommendation 17 and its related Findings in Part VII. The Subcommittee decided to remove Finding 17-3. Recommendation 17 and its related Findings were otherwise approved.

The Subcommittee proceeded to consider the Findings and Recommendations set forth in Part VIII. With the exception of correcting a typographical error in Recommendation 19 and making one minor clarification to Recommendation 23, the Members approved Recommendations 18 through 24 and their related Findings as drafted.

Next, the Subcommittee discussed and debated the Findings and Recommendations in Part IX. The Subcommittee approved Recommendations 25, 26, 27, and 29 as drafted. The wording of Recommendation 28 was revised.

Finally, the Subcommittee considered several potential additional Recommendations and Findings included in the revised report. The Subcommittee also decided to issue a broad, overarching recommendation for outside oversight by an external organization that would serve as an advisory panel to DoD. In addition, the Members decided to include a finding, reflecting the Subcommittee's Interim Report, that there is no inherent conflict of interest in senior commanders serving as convening authorities.

Before the meeting was closed, the Members briefly discussed how best to brief the Panel on the Subcommittee's report at the Panel's upcoming Public Meeting. Lieutenant Colonel Hunstiger closed the meeting at 3:57 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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