

Response Systems Panel
Victim Services Subcommittee
Minutes of March 20, 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) by teleconference on March 20, 2014. The purpose of the subcommittee meeting was to continue deliberations on the Victim Services Subcommittee report. The subcommittee meeting began at 2:30 p.m. and concluded at 4:37 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
BG (Ret.) Colleen McGuire
Dean Michelle Anderson
Ms. Meg Garvin
Mr. William Cassara

Participating RSP Staff Members:

Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director
Ms. Terri Saunders, RSP Deputy Staff Director
Commander Sherry King, VSS Branch Chief

Others Present:

Maria Fried, Designated Federal Official

After the meeting was opened, Ms. Fernandez asked Subcommittee Member Meg Garvin to begin the discussion of the victim rights section of the draft report. Members discussed and deliberated on the draft report section as well as the draft findings and recommendations for the victim rights section of the report.

Meg Garvin agreed to provide a 50 state chart describing laws from jurisdictions in the United States regarding a victim's right to make an unsworn statement at sentencing.

The members then discussed the schedule for future meetings and closed the meeting. The meeting ended at 4:37 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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Attachments:

50 State Survey Memorandum

50 State Survey Victim Cross Examination