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 April 3, 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
Colleen McGuire, Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Ret.)
Dean Michelle Anderson
Dean Lisa Schenck

Participating RSP Staff Members:
Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director
Ms. Terri Saunders, RSP Deputy Staff Director
Commander Sherry King, U.S. Navy, VSS Branch Chief
Ms. Julie Carson, Staff Attorney
Ms. Rachel Landsee, Staff Attorney
Ms. Kristin McGrory, Staff Attorney

Others Present:
William Sprance, Designated Federal Official (DFO)

After the DFO opened the meeting, Subcommittee Members deliberated on the final draft findings and recommendations for victim rights. Members also discussed the issue of “standing” for victims, and whether an explicit recommendation should be made. They concluded by having a brief discussion on issues surrounding the reporting sexual assault.

The Members concluded the meeting by agreeing to provide their availability for additional telephone meetings in addition to those previously scheduled.
The DFO closed the meeting at 4:16 P.M.

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

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Mai Fernandez
Chair, Victim Services Subcommittee
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