

Response Systems Panel  
Victim Services Subcommittee  
Minutes of April 3, 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 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mai Fernandez".

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Mai Fernandez  
Chair, Victim Services Subcommittee  
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