

Response Systems Panel
Role of the Commander Subcommittee
Minutes of April 21, 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 21, 2014, to discuss and deliberate on drafts of Parts VI, VII, and VIII of the Subcommittee's final report to the RSP entitled, respectively, Perspectives on the Military Justice Authority of Commanders, Assessing Climate Within Commands for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, and Assessing Policy and Methods for Ensuring Commander Accountability. The teleconference began at 2:04 p.m. and concluded at 4:02 p.m. at the RSP office at 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, VA 22203.

Participating RoC Subcommittee Members:

The Honorable Barbara Jones, Chair
Ms. Joye Frost
The Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman
Major General (ret.) John Altenburg
General (ret.) Carter Ham
Brigadier General (sel.) Lisa Turner

Other Participants:

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

After Lieutenant Colonel Hunstiger opened the meeting, the Subcommittee proceeded to discuss and debate the draft of Part VI of the Subcommittee's final report. Potential Findings 1, 2, and 3 were discussed and it was determined that language in Finding 3 needed to be changed. Turning to the remaining Potential Findings, the Subcommittee's discussion focused on the wording of the Findings and the evidence supporting them. Additionally, the Subcommittee determined that some of the Findings should be moved to other Parts of the report.

The Subcommittee then proceeded to the Potential Recommendations in Part VI. No textual changes were suggested. Because one of the Recommendations was a repeat from another Part of the report, the Subcommittee agreed to delete the Recommendation. The

Subcommittee then discussed written comments previously submitted by Members concerning the body of Part VI, and it was determined that this part of the report needed to be fleshed out.

Next, the Subcommittee discussed Part VII of the final report. It was determined that no changes were needed to Findings 1, 2, or 4 and that the wording of Finding 3 needed tweaking. During discussion of Finding 5 of Part VII, concerns were addressed and it was determined that this Finding needed to be clarified. After a brief discussion of Findings 6 and 7, the Members proceeded without offering any suggested change.

Next, the Subcommittee discussed the first two Potential Recommendations in Part VII. Concerns were raised and addressed as to the wording and the basis for Recommendation 1. No changes were suggested for Recommendation 2. Turning to Recommendation 3, Subcommittee Members discussed its wording, the evidence supporting it, and whether it should be split into two separate recommendations. It was determined that no changes to Recommendations 4, 5, and 6 were necessary. Finally, the Subcommittee discussed various suggested revisions to Recommendation 7.

For the remainder of the meeting, the Members deliberated on the Potential Findings and Recommendations set forth in the draft of Part VIII of the Subcommittee's report. There were no changes suggested to any of the Potential Findings except minor rewording. Additionally, the Subcommittee discussed a new recommendation submitted by a Subcommittee Member.

Thereafter, the Subcommittee was advised that the Staff would incorporate the Members' revisions and circulate a revised version of the final report the next day. The Members were reminded of the Subcommittee deliberations meeting scheduled for the following Friday and encouraged them to send feedback on the revised draft before then. Lieutenant Colonel Hunstiger closed the meeting at 4:02 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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