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December 10, 2001

Dear Colleague:

Welcome to the second annual Military and Veterans Health Coordinating Board (MVHCB) Plenary Session. The primary purpose of our Plenary is to inform the members of our three Working Groups of issues that relate to the consequences of deployment upon the health of our service personnel and veterans. For the most part, the selected presentations will directly address progress made on Presidential Review Directive 5 (PRD-5) recommendations and on DoD Force Health Protection Program requirements. But, conference planners have also woven into the agenda several presentations on topics unique to the aftermath of the September 11th incident. The current ‘war’ we are fighting is not only taking place upon an uncustomary battlefield but also has seen the emergence of an unanticipated class of combatants in the form of postal workers, flight attendants, firemen and epidemiologists. Who would have thought that an ordinary letter would become the equivalent of an artillery shell or that a deployed environment would become an urban high-rise office building? Our Working Groups will be challenged to interpolate new concepts of the health consequences of ‘deployment’ with traditional ones as they formulate their 2002 action plans.

The secondary purpose of the Plenary is to allow others besides working group members who are interested in these topics to become more knowledgeable regarding this important work as well as to facilitate direct collaboration among members of the Services and the different agencies on these topics. Please note that the PRD-5 and the DoD Force Health Protection Program Capstone Document can be accessed on the MVHCB website (www.mvhcb.gov).

We have an ambitious program laid out for you over the next two and a half days that will provide you with a status update on a number of important topics pertaining to Research as well as to Force Health Protection and Deployment Health. The research will focus on both Gulf War illnesses as well as research for solutions to better protection of our military, veterans, and their families during and after future deployments. These initiatives will be focused in the following areas: Developing and Maintaining a Fit and Healthy Force Through a Continuum of Care; Functional Approaches to Collecting and Managing Data on Personnel and Exposures; Systemic Approaches to Evaluating and Managing Battle and Non-Battle-Related Risks; DoD/VA Life Cycle Health Surveillance System Capabilities; and the Development of Health Risk Communication Strategies and Skills.

If there is anything we can do to make this Plenary more enjoyable or beneficial for you, please let us know. I sincerely hope you enjoy our Plenary; we are glad you are here!

Respectfully,

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Second Annual Plenary
Department of Health and Human Services
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Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 10, 2001
7:00 AM  Registration-Chesapeake Room
Continental Breakfast

7:50 AM  Introduction
Dr. Robert Claypool, MVHCB Executive Director

Opening Remarks-Health and Human Services
CAPT Mary Lambert for RADM Arthur Lawrence,
USPHS, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant
Secretary for Health

Opening Remarks-Veterans Affairs
Dr. Frances Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary for
Health for Veterans Affairs

Opening Remarks-Department of Defense
CAPT Jack Smith, MC, USN, Acting Deputy
Assistant Secretary of Defense/Health Affairs/
Clinical and Program Policy

Administrative Remarks
Col Craig Postlewaite, MVHCB Staff Director

Session: Gulf War Illness Research
Moderator: Dr. Kelley Brix

8:50 AM  A Randomized, Multi-Center, Controlled Trial of Multi-Modal Therapy
in Veterans with GW Illnesses (EBT)
Dr. Sam Dona

9:10 AM  Antibiotic Treatment Trial of GW Veteran's Illnesses (ABT)
Dr. Sam Dona

9:30 AM  An Epidemiological Investigation into the Occurrence of Amyotrophic
Lateral Sclerosis Among Gulf War Veterans
Dr. Ron Horner

9:50 AM  BREAK

PANEL: Longitudinal GW Illness Studies-Boston, Iowa, UK and
New Jersey

10:10 AM  The Ft. Devens Cohort: Results from 10 Years of Study
Dr. Roberta White
Dr. Susan Proctor

10:30 AM  Follow-up Studies of the Iowa Gulf War Cohort
Dr. Brad Doebbeling
Dr. Paul Peloso

10:50 AM  Clinical, Psychiatric and Immunological Studies from the UK Gulf
War Cohort
Dr. Simon Wessely
Dr. Mark Peakman

11:10 AM  Longitudinal Examination of Symptom Patterns
Among Gulf War Registry Veterans
Dr. Howard Kipen
11:30 AM  VA National Survey of Gulf War Veterans-Phase III  Dr. Han Kang
11:50 AM  LUNCH BREAK

Session: Force Health Protection Research  Moderator: LTC Karl Friedl

1:00 PM  Research Priorities on Health Effects of Low Level Exposure to Chemical Agents  LTC Keith Vesley
1:20 PM  VA/DoD Longitudinal Surveillance of DU-Exposed Veterans  Dr. Melissa McDiarmid

**PANEL: Presentation of Joint VA-DoD Research Studies**

1:40 PM  Early Intervention of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Women Service Members  LTC Charles Engel

2:00 PM  Millennium Cohort Study  CDR Margaret Ryan
2:20 PM  Combined Analysis of VA/DoD Gulf War Registries: A Study of Clinical Findings from Systematic Medical Examinations of 100,000 U.S. Gulf War Veterans  Dr. Craig Hyams

2:40 PM  Successes and Challenges in Integration of DoD/VA Health Databases for Use in Epidemiological Research and Improved Health Surveillance  CDR Margaret Ryan
2:40 PM  BREAK  Dr. Ron Horner
2:40 PM  BREAK  Dr. Ed Boyko

**PANEL: Military Use of Vaccines**

3:20 PM  Overview of DoD-Sponsored Research on the Efficacy and Safety of the Anthrax Vaccine  LTC Robert Borowski
3:40 PM  Overview of CDC-Sponsored Research on the Efficacy and Safety of the Anthrax Vaccine  Dr. Mike McNeil

4:00 PM  DoD-wide Medical Surveillance for Hospitalizations Associated with Anthrax Immunizations in Active Duty Service Members  Dr. Paul Sato
4:20 PM  George Washington University/AVIP Research Studies of Effective Risk Communication on Anthrax Vaccine  Dr. Rebecca Parkin

4:40 PM  ADMINISTRATIVE WRAP-UP
4:45 PM  ADJOURN
5:00 PM  PLENARY RECEPTION
Tuesday, December 11, 2001

7:00 AM  Registration-Chesapeake Room
Continental Breakfast

7:30 AM  Keynote Address: Perspectives on Exercise "Dark Winter"  GEN John Tilelli (USA, Ret.)

Session: Developing and Maintaining a Fit and Healthy Force Through a Continuum of Care  Moderator: CAPT Steve Matthews

8:00 AM  Reserve Component Dental Health Readiness  Col Kathleen Woody

8:20 AM  Recruit Assessment Program: Investigation of a Baseline Medical Database to Evaluate the Health of Military Forces and Veterans  CDR Margaret Ryan

8:40 AM  Predictors of Career and Family Dysfunction in Those Enlisting in the U.S. Navy  CDR Margaret Ryan

9:00 AM  Exercise and Deployment Accident Prevention  Mr. Craig Schilder

9:20 AM  Family Support for 11 September Pentagon Response  Col Vern Schueler

9:40 AM  BREAK

10:00 AM  VA Centers for the Study of War-Related Illnesses  Dr. Mark Brown

10:20 AM  Post Deployment Clinical Practice Guidelines  LTC Charles Engel

10:40 AM  VA Disability Determinations  Mr. Tom Pamperin

11:00 AM  DoD Vaccine Need and Development  Dr. Joel Gaydos

Session: Functional Approaches to Collecting and Managing Data on Personnel and Exposures  Moderator: Col Craig Postlewaite

11:20 AM  Theater Medical Information Program (TMIP) - Joint  Major David Ray

11:40 AM  TMIP-Army/Medical Communications for Combat Casually Care (MC4)  LTC James Crowther

12:00 PM  LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM  TMIP-AF/ Global Expeditionary Medical System (GEMS)  Lt Col Greg Johnson

1:20 PM  TMIP- Maritime/Shipboard Automated Medical System (SAMS)  LCDR Andrew Spencer

1:40 PM  Overview of DoD Medical Surveillance  Major Jeff Gillen
Session: Systematic Approaches to Evaluating and Managing Battle and NonBattle Related Risks

Moderator: Surgeon CAPT David Brown

2:00 PM Novel Development of Health Risk Assessment Methodologies
Ms. Veronique Hauschild

2:20 PM Operational Stress and Military Resiliency: Mental Health Response to the September 11th Pentagon Bombing
LTC Cameron Ritchie
COL William Huleatt

2:40 PM Report on the Consensus Workshop on Mass Violence and Early Intervention
LTC Cameron Ritchie

3:00 PM BREAK

3:30 PM AF Studies of Human Health Effects of Exposure to JP-8
LtCol Roger Gibson

3:50 PM Depleted Uranium: When Science is not Enough
Dr. Michael Kilpatrick
COL Eric Daxon

4:20 PM ADMINISTRATIVE WRAP UP

4:30 PM ADJOURN

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

7:00 AM Registration-Chesapeake Room
Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM Opening Remarks
Mr. Gary Christopherson, CIO
Veterans Health Administration

Session: Panel on DoD/VA Life Cycle Health Surveillance System Capabilities

Moderator: Col Ken Hoffman

8:10 AM CHCS II: Assuring Health Information Flow across DoD
CDR Wyatt Smith

8:30 AM Personnel Tracking: JPAV and DMDC to DIMHRS
Mr. Allen Tidwell

8:50 AM GCPR: Assuring Health Information Flow across Agencies
Dr. Robert Kolodner
Mr. Greg Donham

9:10 AM Using Data for Early Detection of Health Risks
Dr. Ted Senator

9:30 AM BREAK

Session: Development of Health Risk Communication Strategies and Skills

Moderator: CDR Sally Brown

9:50 AM CDC Funded Studies on Effective Health Risk Communication Methods for Active Duty Service Personnel and Veterans
Dr. Drue Barrett
10:10 AM  Atsugi Shinkempo Incinerator Risk Communication  
Ms. Yvonne Walker

10:30 AM  Fallon, Nevada Leukemia Risk Communication  
CAPT Paul Gillooly

10:50 AM  Health Risk Communication Initiatives at DoD Installations  
Ms. Jan Larkin

11:10 AM  Analysis of the Effectiveness of VA Newsletters to Veterans  
Dr. Mark Brown

11:30 AM  Army Health Information Operations for Emerging Health Concerns  
Mr. Kevin Delaney

11:50 PM  Gulf War Illnesses Virtual Library  
Ms. Debrah Feil

12:10 PM  LUNCH BREAK

12:15 PM  Executive Working Group Steering Committee Meeting  
Dr. Claypool, MVHCB Staff  
Working Lunch  
Working Group Chairs, and Staff

1:10 PM  Research Working Group Action Plan  
Dr. Robert Claypool

1:25 PM  Deployment Health Working Group Action Plan  
Dr. John Feussner

1:40 PM  Risk Communication Working Group Action Plan  
RADM John Mateczun

1:55 PM  Concluding Remarks  
BG (P) Lester Martinez

2:00 PM  BREAK

Closed Sessions

Working Group Meetings

2:20 PM  Working Group Breakout Sessions  
Conference Room C  
Research Working Group

Conference Room B  
Deployment Health Working Group

Potomac Room  
Health Risk Communication Working Group

5:00 PM  Working Groups ADJOURN