

DHSS DoD VHA Joint Incentive Fund Proposal Approved To Establish Joint National Biosurveillance Collaboration

The Health Executive Council approved the ESSENCE medical surveillance team's proposal for a Joint Incentive Fund initiative between Department of Defense and Veterans Health Administration biosurveillance programs.

The two-year project, funded at over \$4.8 million, will link DoD and VHA biosurveillance programs to collaborate on analysis of surveillance data, improve information sharing and increase situational awareness of national disease outbreaks, accidental environmental exposures, and acts of terrorism. Both will have access to joint de-identified datasets for analysis which is expected to strengthen the predictive capabilities of the nation's biosurveillance systems. This project also satisfies a portion of the National Biosurveillance Integration System initiative,



Pandemic Flu Act of 2007, and Homeland Security Presidential Directive-21 requiring linkage of federal agency biosurveillance capabilities.

The project will be delivered in three phases over the next two years. Phase I will exchange current data streams DoD and VHA provide to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's BioSense system. Phase II will evaluate the improved performance of ESSENCE for public health purposes using these expanded data sets. Finally, Phase III will develop a DoD/VHA biosurveillance backup data repository so DoD/VHA can serve as disaster recovery sites for each other.

Deputy CIO

Visits New Defense Medical Logistics Center

Frederick, Md. — Military Health System Deputy Chief Information Officer Mary Ann Rockey visited the new Defense Medical Logistics Center at Fort Detrick on Aug. 18.

Leaders presented a high-level orientation on the business processes and governance structures used to support the Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support applications. DMLC is home to the Army, Navy, and Air Force medical materiel commands, the Defense Medical Standardization Board, the Defense Medical Materiel Program Office, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia Fort Detrick Cell, the 6th Medical Logistics Management Center, and the DHSS Joint Medical Logistics Functional Development Center.



Joining Ms. Rockey at the briefing were (from left) COL Chris Harrington, DHSS Deputy Program Manager Medical Logistics; John Lapham, Deputy Commander for Support, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency; Nancy Richardson, Team Lead, DSCP Ft. Detrick Cell; COL Mike Ryan, Commander, 6th MLMC; Ms. Rockey; CAPT J.B. Poindexter, Executive Officer, Navy Medical Logistics Command; Lt Col Don Faust, U.S. Air Force Medical Logistics Chief; COL Kent Maneval, Deputy Staff Director, DMSB; Dr. Dan Magee, DHSS Program Manager; Dave Williams, Director for Materiel, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

DHSS Exhibits Products

at 12th Annual Force Health Protection Conference

Six Defense Health Services Systems products — Clinical Data Mart, ESSENCE medical surveillance, Defense Occupational and Environmental Health Readiness System-Industrial Hygiene, DOEHRS-Hearing Conservation, Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support and Patient Movement Items Tracking System— were exhibited during the Force Health Protection Conference in Albuquerque, N.M. Aug. 18-19. Epidemiologists, public health officers, social workers, and other medical professionals from throughout the world attend this annual conference.

Jennifer Tisch, Joint Medical Asset Repository Project Controller, demonstrated the Chemical Biological Radiation and Nuclear dashboard on Aug. 20. This dashboard monitors CBRN inventories at all DoD medical facilities and distribution centers and delivers graphic visibility on the availability and shelf life status of medicines and vaccines.

DHSS Wins

Government Computer News Award for PMITS

Government Computer News selected the Patient Movement Items Tracking System as one of 10 government agency information technology projects to receive its 2009 Outstanding Information Technology Initiative Award. Defense Health Services Systems' PMITS team will be featured in the Oct. 12 issue of GCN and will receive the award during GCN's 22nd Annual Awards Gala on Oct. 22 at the Hilton Washington in Washington, D.C.

"The annual GCN Awards honor agencies for their outstanding achievements in the application of information technology to advance their work and the services they provide" said GCN Editor-in-Chief Wyatt Kash. "The 2009 agency winners are now part of a tradition of innovation, excellence, and service. We congratulate them for their extraordinary work and their continued dedication to better serving the public sector."

DHSS nominated PMITS in recognition of its use in accurately reporting on global inventories of mobile medical equipment vital to successful aeromedical evacuations. PMITS electronically tracks and guarantees worldwide timely recycle of over 27,000 different items of mobile medical equipment used in medical airlifts. Department of Defense developed PMITS for use in wartime and in peacetime to safely airlift wounded warriors or people injured in national disasters. Today's technological advances allow battlefield military medical practitioners to only do what's necessary to stabilize patients before quickly airlifting them to hospitals outside a battlefield's danger zones.

PMITS reports the location and operating condition of critical equipment available for aeromedical evacuations. Its combination of basic inventory tracking with just-in-time logistics guarantees critical equipment is in the right place at the right time. The result: when a patient needs specialized medical equipment in an airlift, those life-saving instruments are at the fingertips of any nurse or doctor providing care.



Staff prepare for a flight (left); members of the 455th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation flight at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, load patients onto a Mississippi Air National Guard C-17 III Globemaster (center), and a flight crew member checks on a patient during an evacuation (right). (Photos courtesy of Goldsboro News-Argus and DefenseLink)

DHSS Director Air Force Col Troy Molnar Wins

2009 Paul F. Truran, Jr., Medical Materiel and Logistics Management Award



The Association of Military Surgeons of the United States selected Air Force Col. Troy Molnar for the Paul F. Truran, Jr., Medical Materiel and Logistics Management Award. Molnar served as the Director of the Department of Defense Joint Medical Logistics Functional Development Center at Fort Detrick, Md., until June, 2009. He will receive the award during the 115th Annual Meeting of AMSUS in St. Louis, Mo. on Nov. 18.

Established in 1992, the award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in the field of medical logistics and the advancement of medical materiel management of DoD. DHSS nominated Molnar in recognition of his professional leadership and technical expertise at JMLFDC supporting the Defense Medical Logistics enterprise and laying the foundation for a fully integrated and Net-centric services oriented architecture. As JMLFDC Director, Molnar led a team of 230 information technology professionals in providing development and sustainment support for the Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support system, a standard suite of applications supporting peacetime, war time, and contingency medical logistics needs. The suite includes: DMLSS 3.1.0, DMLSS Customer Assistance Module, Common User Database, Joint Medical Asset Repository and the Shipboard Automated Medical System. These systems:

- Process over 59,000 materiel requisitions per day
- Receive \$19 million dollars in materiel daily
- Manage \$20 billion dollars in real property
- Track 976,000 pieces of biomedical equipment valued at \$3.3 billion dollars
- Handle 1,126 point of use supply cabinets and
- Provide visibility of medical logistics and blood data joint assets across the enterprise

The DMLSS systems impact over 190 medical treatment facilities and over 20,000 registered users. These systems are responsible for over \$3.98 billion dollars worth of costs savings from 2002 – 2012.

DCAM Featured in Military Logistics Forum Magazine

The use of the Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support Customer Assistance Module by the 173rd Airborne Brigade combat team is featured in Volume 3, Issue 6 of Military Logistics Forum magazine.

The article, which can be found here, <http://www.kmmediagroup.com/mlf-archives.html> describes the use of DCAM to automate class VIII supply management in the field.



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