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CBRAC Monthly Leadership Update

Update

BRAC at a Glance

The CBRAC Monthly Leadership Update provides news and information on the progress of the Clinical BRAC Program. The **financial**, **design and construction**, and **transition** status for the National Capital Region (NCR), San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) and Medical Command Headquarters Collocation (Business Plan 198) components are depicted in the tables below:

| Finance Status | | Design/Construction Status | | Transition Status | |
|--|--------|--|--------|--|--------|
| Market | Status | Market | Status | Market | Status |
| National Capital Region | | National Capital Region | | National Capital Region | |
| San Antonio | | San Antonio | | San Antonio | |
| Medical Command Headquarters Collocation | | Medical Command Headquarters Collocation | | Medical Command Headquarters Collocation | |

On track
 Program performance at risk for potential negative impact
 Program performance negatively impacted

Finance: As of Sep 08, both the House and the Senate passed the FY09 Appropriations Bill. This bill is currently awaiting Presidential approval. **The budget justification materials were submitted to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) on 2 Sep 08.** As a result of the Initial Outfitting & Transition (IO&T) meeting on 18 Aug 08, TMA is developing funding strategies for potential IO&T shortfalls. In addition, TMA is working with the Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical Command (JTF CapMed) and the San Antonio Medical BRAC Integration Office (SAMBIO) to determine market execution rates of the IO&T requirements in FY10 and develop statements for OSD assessing the impact to the markets if the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) is not fully funded. The General Services Administration (GSA) awarded the Program of Requirements (POR) contract, for Business Plan 198, to RTKL Associates, in Aug 08.

Design/Construction: At Bethesda, the 100% Package Foundations Design and the 100% Package Superstructure Design for Buildings A & B were submitted on 10 Sep 08. **Also at Bethesda, the 100% Renovations Package for the relocated emergency department was submitted on 22 Sep 08. In San Antonio, Satterfield & Pontikes received verbal notification to proceed with the construction activities at the Fort Sam Houston (FSH) Health Clinic on 8 Sep 08.** Also during the month of Sep, meetings with Clark/Hunt, the SAT staff and RTKL continued in order to develop/finalize construction, transition and phasing schedules.

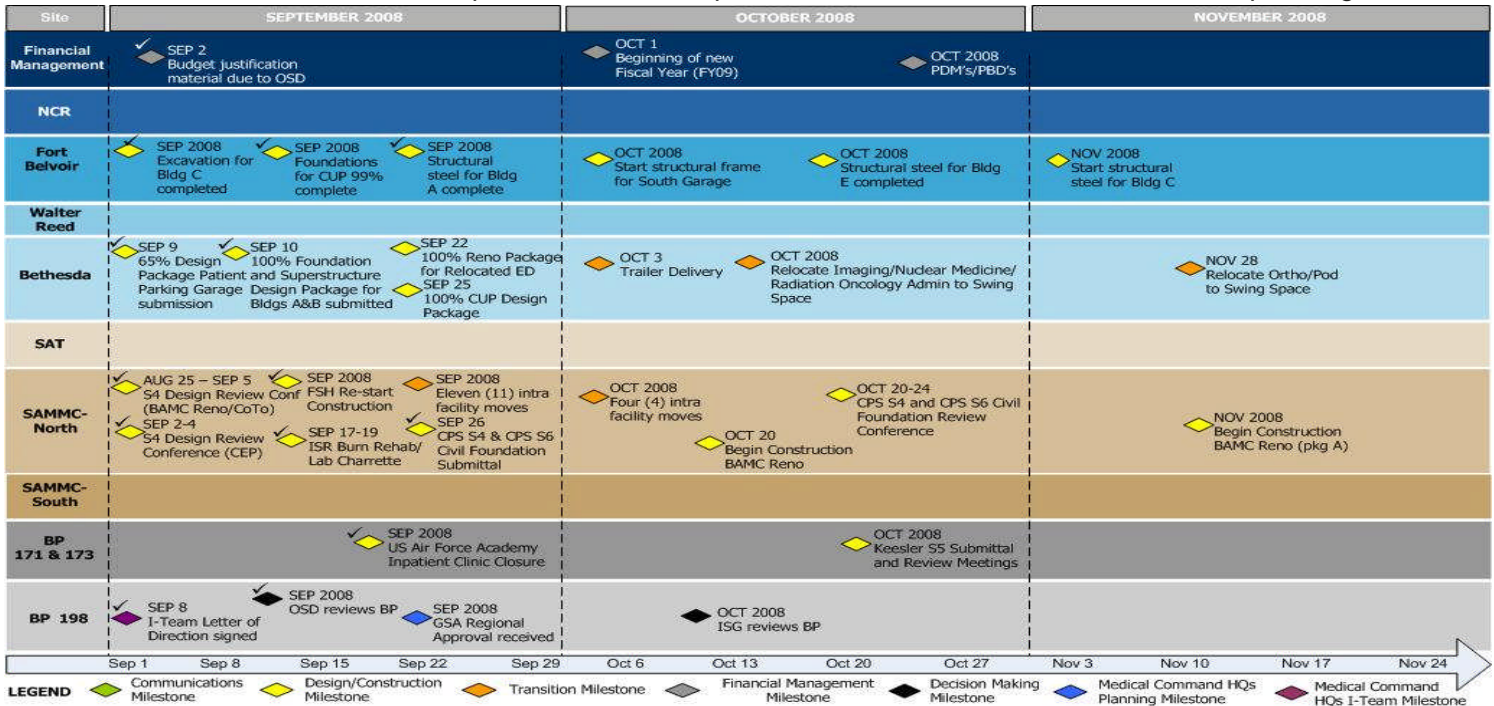
Transition: As of Sep 08, **six of the ten semi-permanent buildings have been occupied in San Antonio.** The four remaining semi-permanent buildings are scheduled to be occupied in Oct-Nov 08. There were 11 intra-facility transition moves that occurred at the SAMMC-N campus in Sep 08. SAMBIO and the Joint Medical Facilities Office (JMFO) participated in a meeting with Clark/Hunt on 10 Sep 08, to determine the transition plan approach at SAMMC-N. **Also in Sep 08, Bethesda prepared for the trailer delivery,** beginning the first week in Oct 08, to provide temporary, uninterrupted medical space during construction/transition activities.



MILESTONES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CBRAC Milestones and Accomplishments

The CBRAC milestones and accomplishments chart depicts additional events for the current and upcoming months.



NCR:

- At Bethesda, the 65% Design Package for the Patient Parking Garage was submitted on 9 Sep 08.
- Also at Bethesda, the 100% Central Utility Plant (CUP) Design Package was submitted on 25 Sep 08.
- At Fort Belvoir, the structural steel frame for the Central Utility Plant (CUP) is scheduled to begin in Sep 08 (see picture) and the excavation for Building C is scheduled to be completed in Sep 08.
- On 19 Sep 08, Senior Military Leaders tossed their command's official coin into the foundation of the future Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (see picture).

SAT:

- The S4 Design Review Conference (CEP) at SAMMC-N occurred from 2-4 Sep 08.
- The ISR Burn Rehabilitation and Laboratory Charrette, for SAMMC-N, was received on 17-19 Sep 08.
- The S4 and S6 Civil Foundation for the SAMMC-N Consolidated Parking Structure (CPS) was received on 26 Sep 08 (see picture).

Medical Command Headquarters Collocation:

- The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) has reviewed the Business Plan. OSD is scheduled to finalize and submit the Business Plan to the Infrastructure Steering Group (ISG) in Sep 08.
- In Sep 08, MG Granger, Deputy Director of TMA, was appointed as the BP 198 Implementation Team (I-Team) chair. A draft charter is currently in review with the Services.



Ft. Belvoir CUP Foundation



WRNMMC Coin Toss Ceremony



SAMMC-N Consolidated Parking Structure



Spotlight: SAMBIO Co-Directors

This month's spotlight features the Co-Directors of the San Antonio Medical BRAC Integration Office (SAMBIO), Dr. Suzanne Cuda and Colonel Charles "Chuck" Hardin. The SAMBIO is responsible for the execution of \$800 million dollars in new medical construction and transition/initial outfitting funding authorized by BRAC law. In addition to determining design requirements, the co-directors oversee the integration of over 140 clinical services, 13 support services and the integration of 9,000 employees. The Clinical BRAC initiative will combine two of the largest Department of Defense (DoD) facilities (Wilford Hall Medical Center and Brooke Army Medical Center) into the San Antonio Military Medical Center, with a North and South Campus (SAMMC-N and SAMMC-S).



Prior to her current position, Dr. Cuda held many leadership positions for numerous departments at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) and in the San Antonio Multi-Service Market. As the Chief of the Department of Health Care Operations at BAMC, she painstakingly developed and oversaw the coordination of care for all returning service members from OIF and OEF. As Director of the Multi-Service Market she established the structure and function of the Market. Dr Cuda retired from the US Army Medical Corps in February 2008 after 26 years of exemplary service. She holds a Doctorate in Medicine from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and is a practicing Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine specialist.

In his career, Col Hardin has served in multiple command positions. Previously he served as Commander of the 59th Surgical Operations Group at Wilford Hall Medical Center (WHMC). The 1,475 member Group encompassed four squadrons providing inpatient surgical wards, critical and intensive care units, 21 surgical suites, medical and surgical sub-specialty clinics, cardiac catheterization facilities and the Air Force's only Level I Trauma Center. Dr. Hardin is a specialist in the treatment of congenital malformations of the skull and face and has participated in 18 humanitarian missions to Central and South America where he performed over 1,000 surgical procedures.

These two accomplished individuals are focused on the execution of an integrated platform. This integration and the development of SAMMC will provide an exceptional level of wartime readiness support while delivering first-rate care for all service men and women, DoD beneficiaries and others in the San Antonio area.

Defense Center of Excellence Update

This month's major event features the **Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) for Psychological Health (PH) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**. The DCoE was created in response to recommendations from blue ribbon commissions and panels created in 2007, and directives in the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act. Standing up initial operations in November 2007, the DCoE incorporates six component Centers: the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC); the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP); the Deployment Health Clinical Center (DHCC); the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress (CSTS); and the Telehealth and Technology (T2) Center. **The National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) will become the sixth DCoE Center upon its opening in October 2009.**

Under the leadership of Brigadier General Loree K. Sutton, special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), the **DCoE leads a collaborative effort toward optimizing psychological health and traumatic brain injury treatment for the DoD.** The DCoE establishes quality standards for clinical care, education, training and prevention, as well as family and community outreach. The DCoE serves as a hub for Federal, national and international efforts to identify and share programs and best practices that benefit those affected by psychological health problems and TBI.

The DCoE, led by an experienced team of senior executive leaders and eight specialized Directorates, will utilize a vast network of resources, subject matter experts, and both military and civilian personnel to ensure Warriors and their families living with psychological health issues or traumatic brain injury receive the best possible care and subsequent reintegration into their community.

To find out more about DCoE, please visit their website: www.dcoe.health.mil.



DEFENSE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

For Psychological Health & Traumatic Brain Injury



BRAC *In The News*

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- **Gazette.Net:** [Communities Eager For Growth From BRAC](#), 3 Sep 08
 - "Maryland communities eager for the economic growth from the Defense Department's base realignment share Bethesda's frustration with the lack of federal money available for new roads and services that will accommodate thousands of new jobs."
- **TheHill.com:** [Murtha Ready For Battle Over Walter Reed](#), 9 Sep 08
 - "Rep. John Murtha (D-Pa.) has tucked language into the defense-spending bill that would delay closing Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The powerful chairman of the Appropriations Defense panel has made it known that he doesn't want to see the historic military facility shutter its doors as part of a congressionally mandated plan to realign and close military bases around the country."
- **TheHill.com:** [Pentagon Opposes Murtha's Request](#), 18 Sep 08
 - "The Pentagon has asked lawmakers to remove a provision requested by Rep. John Murtha (D-Pa.) from the defense authorization bill that would delay construction of facilities expected to replace Walter Reed Army Medical Center."
- **Washington Business Journal:** [Army Picks Mark Center for 6,400 Jobs Moving From Arlington](#), 30 Sep 08
 - "The Army's Washington Headquarters Service and its 6,400 jobs will relocate to Mark Center in Alexandria, officials announced Monday night. The decision marks the end of a year-long, politically charged process to relocate the jobs as part of the Base Realignment and Closure recommendations, which required government-owned facilities in more secure spots."

