

Topic:  
Department of Defense  
Mental Health Task Force

Activities May through August 2006

# Key Issues

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- Organization
- Activities to date
- Planned activities

# Reason for this Presentation

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- Sharing information

# Background Information

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- Shelley M. MacDermid is the elected non-DoD co-chair of the task force
- Task force has 14 members, 7 DoD and 7 non-DoD
- Representatives from each of the armed services and military families, as well as members with experience with the VA, mental health services, and other fields

# Data Presentation

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- Organizational structure
- Activities to date
  - Meetings
  - Discussions
  - Information-gathering
  - Planning
- Planned activities
  - Site visits
  - Open meetings
  - Closed meetings

# Organizational Structure

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- The elements defined for the task force by Congress have been divided into four groups:
  - Active Duty
  - Continuity of Care
  - Evaluation
  - Family

# Organizational Structure

DoD Mental  
Health Task  
Force

WORKING  
GROUPS

## Active Duty

**Dr. Richard McCormick**  
**LtCol Rick Campise**  
Dr. Dan Blazer  
CAPT Warren Klam  
Dr. Layton McCurdy  
COL David Orman  
COL Angela Pereira  
LCDR Aaron Werbel

## Continuity of Care

**Dr. Antonette Zeiss**  
**COL Angela Pereira**  
LtCol Campise  
Ms. Deborah Fryar  
Dr. Richard McCormick  
Ms. Kathryn Power

## Evaluation

**COL David Orman**  
**Dr. Layton McCurdy**  
Dr. Dan Blazer  
CAPT Warren Klam  
CAPT Margaret McKeathern  
Dr. Antonette Zeiss

## Family

**Ms. Deborah Fryar**  
**LCDR Aaron Werbel**  
Dr. Shelley MacDermid  
CAPT Margaret McKeathern  
Ms. Kathryn Power

# Activities to Date

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## ■ Meetings

### ■ Full Task Force

- Closed meeting: July 15-16, 2006
- Open meeting: September 18-20, 2006

### ■ Working Groups

- Each group meets by teleconference approximately every week

## ■ Discussions

- Support requirement updates and discussions:  
Weekly 2-hour teleconferences

# Activities to Date

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- Information-Gathering

- Requesting briefings and written statements
- Questions for the military services
- Site visit protocols

- Planning

- Preliminary discussions about report format, definitional issues, future procedures

# Planned Activities

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- Site visits
  - Small groups of task force members will be on-site at military installations almost every week for the next six months.
  - Visits to Fort Drum and Fort Hood have been completed; a team leaves for Hawaii and Asia later this week
- Task Force Meeting
  - Washington: December 18-20, 2006

Questions?

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