



# **Psychological Health External Advisory Subcommittee**

**Charles J. Fogelman, Ph.D.  
Chair**



# Overview

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# Subcommittee Membership

- **Dr. Charles Fogelman**
- **Dr. Robert Anders**
- **Dr. Richardean Benjamin**
- **Dr. Robert Certain**
- **Dr. Christopher Colenda**
- **RADM Peter Delany**
- **Dr. Thomas Detre**
- **Dr. John Fairbank**
- **Dr. Jesse Fann**
- **Dr. Kurt Kroenke**
- **Dr. John Krystal**
- **Dr. David Kupfer**
- **Dr. Brett Litz**
- **Dr. Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth**
- **Dr. James Campbell Quick**
- **Dr. Patricia Resick**
- **Dr. Martin Seligman**
- **Dr. Thomas Uhde**



# March 23-24, 2009 Meeting Agenda & Briefers

**Meeting took place at DCoE Facility in Silver Spring, MD**

- **Psychological Fitness Skill-Building Peak Performance Center Pilot—Dr. John Davison**
- **Discussion with some DCoE Senior Staff Members—Dr. Mark Reger, Dr. Mark Bates, Lt Col Jay Stone, Lt Col Chris Robinson**
- **NCAT Policy/Overview—COL Nancy Fortuin**
- **NCAT Ongoing Evaluation Efforts—Dr. Karen Schwab**
- **Combined TBI/Psychological Health Screening—Dr. James Kelly**
- **Metrics within the Military Health System—Dr. Michael Dinneen**



# March 23-24, 2009 Meeting Completed Actions

- **Selection of permanent Chair, Dr. Charles Fogelman**
- **Deferred presentation of autism question to teleconference**
  - Teleconference scheduled May 19, 2009 2-4pm EDT
- **Established ad hoc ANAM task force in cooperation with Traumatic Brain Injury External Advisory Subcommittee**
- **Developed draft document detailing proposed relationship with DCoE**
  - Currently under review by Subcommittee Members
- **Tentatively established priorities for action beyond specific questions tasked to the Subcommittee**



# Future Meetings

- **Scheduled as follows:**
  - **June 29-30, 2009**
  - **October 19-20, 2009**
  - **December 3-4, 2009**
  - **All tentatively scheduled in the National Capital Region**
- **Future meetings will follow agenda template**



**Questions?**

**Other Considerations?**

**Offers of Advice and Assistance?**



# Supplemental Slides



# Questions Tasked to the Psychological Health Subcommittee

- **Request by Dr. Kelley, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for Health Affairs and Clinical & Program Policy to review the scientific evidence surrounding Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and provide comments on the following:**
  - Treatment intensity and duration
  - Short-term and long-term effects associated with ABA
  - Alternative treatments for autism that may provide comparable benefit to ABA therapy
- **Request by Ms. Embrey, the DASD for Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs to review the Automated Neurocognitive Assessment Matrices (ANAM), which is a Pre-Deployment Neurocognitive Assessment Testing tool**
  - Provide recommendations on use
  - Determine added value of sections on language, memory, attention, executive function, and cognition
  - Examine inclusion of symptoms and patient history, mood, and sleepiness scales, as well as, measures of response inhibition and effort



# Agenda Template

- **Administrative issues**
- **Review of questions tasked to Subcommittee**
- **Review of questions raised by Subcommittee**
- **Briefing on new issue/program**
- **Status or recent data regarding:**
  - **Treatment**
  - **Resilience**
  - **Descriptive analytical data**
- **Monitoring, guidance, and advice**
- **Feedback**