

Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health

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Purpose

- Update the Defense Health Board on the status of DoD Mental Health Task Force efforts during the period September to December 2006
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Activities of the Task Force

- Information gathering
 - Task Force meetings and site visits
 - Direct testimony
 - Subject matter expert briefings
 - Literature review

 - Executive Sessions
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Information Gathering

□ Full Task Force Meetings

- Fort Hood, TX September 20-21, 2006
 - Naval Medical Center San Diego
October 19-20, 2006
 - National Center for PTSD, Palo Alto, CA
and San Francisco VA Hospital, San
Francisco, CA November 20-21, 2006
 - Washington, DC December 18-20, 2006
 - Fort Lewis, WA January 22-23, 2007
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Information Gathering

Site visits

- Fort Drum, NY September 6-7, 2006
 - Fort Hood, TX September 18-19, 2006
 - Hawaii September 28-29, 2006
 - Tripler Army Medical Center
 - MCB Kaneohe Bay
 - Hickam AFB
 - NH Pearl Harbor
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Information Gathering

Site visits

- Okinawa October 2-3, 2006
 - MCB Camp Hansen
 - NH Okinawa
 - Korea October 5-6, 2006
 - 121st Army Hospital
 - Osan AFB
 - MCB Camp Pendleton October 16-18, 2006
 - MCAS Miramar CA October 23, 2006
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Information Gathering

□ Site visits

- Fort Bragg, NC

October 30 – November 1, 2006

- Pope AFB, NC November 1-3, 2006

- Nellis AFB, NV November 16-18, 2006

- Travis AFB, CA October 23, 2006

- Maxwell AFB, AL November 29-30, 2006

- Naval Station Gulfport, MS

December 4-5, 2006

Information Gathering

□ Future site visits

- Naval Station Norfolk, VA
December 7–9, 2006
 - MCB Camp Lejeune, NC
December 11-13, 2006
 - MCAS Cherry Point, NC
December 14-16, 2006
 - MCB Twentynine Palms, CA
December 13 -15, 2006
 - Fort Lewis, WA January 18-19, 2006
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Information Gathering

Future site visits

- Sheppard AFB, TX January 3-5, 2007
 - Lackland AFB, TX January 8-10, 2007
 - Fort Riley, KS January 11-12, 2007
 - Fort Carson, CO January 25-26, 2007
 - Europe January 31-February 8, 2007
 - Landstuhl Regional Medical Center
 - Ramstein Air Base
 - Heidelberg
 - Geilenkirchen AB
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Information Gathering

□ Future site visits

- Fort Stewart, GA February 13-14, 2007
 - Warner Robbins AFB, GA February 15-17, 2007
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Information Gathering Methods

- Meetings and site visits
 - Direct Testimony
 - “Town Hall” format
 - Service members
 - Family members
 - Veteran and Military Service Organizations
 - Website for submission of written statements
 - <http://www.ha.osd.mil/DHB/mhtf/testimony.cfm>
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Information Gathering Methods

- Meetings and site visits
 - Informational briefings
 - TRICARE
 - Community mental health resources
 - Deployment related mental health issues
 - Veterans Affairs mental health program
 - National Guard and Reserve mental health support
 - Veteran and Military Support Organizations
 - Literature Review
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Executive Sessions

□ Definitions

- Defining “mental health”
 - Defining a vision for the military mental health system
 - Defining the scope of the military mental health system
 - Defining the scope of the report
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Executive Sessions

- Planned informational briefings
 - Telemedicine and advanced technologies
 - Post-deployment Health Assessment/Reassessment (PDHA/PDHRA)
 - Mental Health Advisory Team (MHAT)
 - Family mental health support
 - Child and adolescent mental health support
 - National Guard and Reserve mental health support
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Executive Sessions

Future meetings

- Washington, DC February 2007
- Washington, DC March 2007

Final Actions

- Analyze findings
 - Develop recommendations
 - Write the report
 - Brief the report
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Questions?
