Psychological Health External Advisory Subcommittee

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Today

- Status
- Long-term considerations
- Themes
- Questions Tasked to the Subcommittee
- Questions and Advice from the Board and Public
Status

• Organizational Meeting on October 27, 2008
• Subcommittee Preparatory Work:
  – Assemble material as a basis for discussion at the next meeting
  – Draft an agenda for the next meeting
  – Review background information
• Next meeting is in late January or early February 2009
Long-Term Considerations

• Understand the landscape of psychological health in the military system
  – Guiding philosophy and policies
  – Range of clinical services and systems provided
  – Protocol for accessing services
  – Range of promotional, preventive, and growth services provided
  – Basic aggregate demographic and epidemiologic data
  – Relationship to other (e.g. VA) systems

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Long-Term Considerations

• Review the range of relevant research
  – Current
  – Planned
  – Completed
• Determine relationship with other specific DoD elements
  – Defense Center of Excellence
  – Traumatic Brain Injury Subcommittee
  – Health Care Delivery Subcommittee
  – Clinical care leaders in the Services
  – Psychological Health leaders in the Services
• Establish own priorities and interests, including possibly:
  – Defining and promoting Psychological Health in the defense context
  – Leadership development in military psychological health
Already-Emerging Themes

• Ensure that both clinical care and health promotion/prevention are always considered in concert with one another
• Equal importance of both basic and clinical research data
• Attention to areas of possible redundancy and overlap
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
Questions?

Other Considerations?

Offers of Advice and Assistance?