Psychological Health External Advisory Subcommittee

Charles J. Fogelman, Ph.D.
Chair
Overview

• Subcommittee Membership
• March Meeting Summary
  – Briefings Received
  – Completed Actions
• Future Meetings
  – Schedule
  – Agenda Template
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
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