Health Care Delivery Subcommittee

Advancement and Sustainment of Amputee Care

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Health Care Delivery Subcommittee

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“Review the full spectrum of amputee care, and define a strategy for preserving and continuing these advancements, identifying the best possible care to our beneficiaries.”

- Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness memorandum dated January 20, 2013
Meetings since June 2014 Board meeting:

- **June 9-10 – Meeting at DHHQ**
  - Discussions with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, the Joint Staff Surgeon, and the Director of the Defense Health Agency
  - Briefings from subject matter experts
  - Discussion of draft findings and recommendations

- **June 30 – Teleconference**
  - Discussion with Trauma and Injury Subcommittee of parallels between the subcommittees’ two taskings
  - Discussion of draft findings and recommendations
Meetings since June 2014 Board meeting:

- July 21 – Teleconference
  - Discussion of draft findings and recommendations

Upcoming meetings:

- August 28, 2014 – Teleconference
- September 23-24, 2014 – Meeting at DHHQ
- October 8, 2014 – Teleconference
- October 30, 2014 – Teleconference
Areas of Interest
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- **Current Environment**
  - Current DoD amputee care infrastructure, functions and vision of approach to care, as well as international awareness

- **Collaboration**
  - Potential partnerships with VA, HHS, NIH, civilian partners, academic centers and others
Areas of Interest
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- Technology
  - Use of technology and simulation to maintain skills
- Research, Data and Surveillance
  - Current state and gaps in both clinical and technological areas
- Future Need
  - Necessary patient load to sustain expertise and capabilities
  - Current amputee population as they age
Way Forward

- Continue monthly teleconferences and meetings
- Additional information gathering to fill any gaps
- Further develop findings and recommendations
- Compose, edit, and review report language
- Estimated draft report for November 2014 DHB meeting
Questions?