

The seal of the Defense Health Board is a circular emblem. It features a central figure of a caduceus (a staff with two snakes entwined around it and wings at the top) superimposed on a map of the United States. The map is light blue and green, representing land and water. The caduceus is in a darker blue. The entire emblem is enclosed in a purple circular border. The word "DEFENSE" is written in white, uppercase letters along the top arc of the border, and "HEALTH BOARD" is written along the bottom arc. Two white stars are positioned on the left and right sides of the border.

Medical Ethics Subcommittee

Dual Loyalties of Medical Providers

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Defense Health Board
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Overview

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Membership

Medical Ethics Subcommittee

- Col (Ret) Robert Certain, Ph.D.
- Suzanne Collins, Ph.D., J.D., M.P.H., B.S.N.
- Gen (Ret) Richard Myers
- Adil Shamoo, Ph.D., Chair



Tasking

- How can military medical professionals most appropriately balance their obligations to their patients against their obligations as military officers to help commanders maintain military readiness?
- How much latitude should military medical professionals be given to refuse participation in medical procedures or request excusal from military operations with which they have ethical reservations or disagreement?

-Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum dated January 20, 2013



Meetings

■ August 20, 2013

- In-Person meeting in Annapolis, MD in conjunction with August DHB meeting
 - Reviewed progress from 2010 meetings
 - Reviewed concept map
 - Discussed tasking and way forward

■ November 7, 2013

- In-person meeting
 - Held roundtable discussions with subject matter experts
 - Discussed way forward



Areas of Interest

- Current ethics training in the military
 - Ethics within medical education
 - Accession
 - Professional military education
- Experiences of health care providers
- Available evidence regarding ethical conflicts



Way Forward

- December 2013
 - Teleconference
- Potential site visits
 - Meet with health care providers
- Obtain information from Uniformed Services University regarding ethics education and training



Questions?