

The seal of the Defense Health Board is a circular emblem. It features a central globe with a microscope superimposed over it. The globe is light blue and green, while the microscope is dark grey. Above the globe is a large, golden, multi-pointed starburst. The entire central design is enclosed within 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 small white stars are positioned on the left and right sides of the border.

Deployment Health Centers Review

Defense Health Board

August 9, 2016



Overview

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Membership

There are four DHB members participating in the review.



Background and Current Tasking

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2002: The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB) should “serve as a public health advisory body and provide a forum for program review of ongoing research and clinical efforts” for the Deployment Health Centers (DHCs).

- Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Memorandum dated September 17, 2002

2003-2010: The AFEB, and later the DHB, conducted several rounds of reviews.

2011-2012: The Board conducted a review of the DHCs and submitted recommendations to the Department.



Background and Current Tasking

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2013: The Board should “revisit the DHCC [Deployment Health Clinical Center] in 2013, to assess progress and perform a follow-up review” and “conduct reviews of the DHCC, Deployment Health Research Center, and Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center [AFHSC] every 3 years, for the next 6 years.”

- Acting Undersecretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Memorandum dated January 22, 2013

2013: The Board conducted a follow-up review of the DHCC and submitted recommendations to the Department.

2016: Board initiated review of DHCs in accordance with the January 22, 2013 memo.



Background and Current Tasking

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This DHC review includes:

- **DHCC**
 - A component of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury
 - Realigned under the Defense Health Agency (DHA) in February 2016
 - Mission: To improve the lives of our nation's service members, veterans and families by advancing excellence in psychological health care and prevention of psychological health disorders.

- **Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch, formerly AFHSC**
 - Realigned under DHA in August 2015
 - Vision: To be the central, integrated, customer-focused epidemiologic and global health surveillance proponent for the U.S. Armed Forces.

- **Naval Health Research Center**
 - Designated as the DoD Deployment Health Research Center in 1999 to conduct epidemiologic studies investigating longitudinal health experience of previously deployed personnel.



Meetings

- **July 26, 2016 - Kick-off Teleconference**
 - Reviewed tasking and history
 - Discussed next steps



Way Forward

- Finalize timeline for site visits
- Meet with DHA and Navy leadership and conduct site visits
- Information gathering through winter 2017
- Develop and refine findings and recommendations in spring 2017
- Present draft report at June 2017 DHB meeting



Questions?