

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2003 MEETING OF THE MEDICAL JOINT CROSS SERVICE GROUP (MJCSG)

ROOM: 1E801#5, 1500-1630 hrs

Attending: LG Taylor - Chair, MG Farmer, Army Deputy Surgeon General, RADM Martin - Navy Deputy Surgeon General, RADL Mateczun - J4-MRD, RADL Hufstader, USMC - Surgeon General, Mr Ford - ASD(HA), Ms Bayert - USD(AT&L), MAJ Tuttle, SAIE-IA

Decisions:

- Minutes from the March 28, 2003 meeting adopted without change
- VA participation limited to providing information and options as requested by the MJCSG or its chartered working groups
- Workgroup rules of engagement would be vetted through the MJSCG.
- Schedule next MJCSG meeting in two weeks.

Action Items:

- The Chair will provide the MJCSG members with deadlines and milestones for each of the workgroups to meet
- MG Farmer will provide a description of Class VIII medical logistical requirements for the Supply/Storage Joint Cross Service Group Chair to ensure that an understanding of medical supply issues.

Meeting Overview:

- Review of the Infrastructure Steering Meeting on the Joint Cross Service Group reports indicated that the MJSCG report was accepted with two exceptions. The exceptions include:
 - The Science and Technology group assumed oversight for the Medical/Dental Aspects of Human Research, asking that the MJSCG provide support for this effort.
 - The Supply/Storage Group assumed oversight for the Medical Logistics Management issues for Class VIII supplies, asking that the MJSCG provide support for this effort.
- MJSCG discussed that the Science and Technology Groups assumption of Medical/Dental aspects of human system research included only a subset of the entire Research, Development, Testing and Acquisition area that the MJSCG would review for the BRAC 2005 process. That being the case the S&T Groups oversight area was reasonable. The MJSCG voiced concern about the assumption of Class VIII supplies into their process, especially Class VIII B (blood). The discussion highlighted the fact that management of medical logistics was different in both content and level of supply. In point, supply levels below 98%, which is above standard in the line system, results in failure of the medical system. The MJCSG discuss the need to speak to the Chair of the Supply/Storage JCSG

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(SSJCSG), making him aware of these concerns and exploring options for addressing them during the BRAC 2005 process. DGN: 11349

- The discussion of the structure of the MJCSG workgroups centered on the need to develop a fair and open process within the MJCSG and the workgroups. To this end, the MJCSG discussed the need for the Chair to establish a set of timelines and milestones in the TMA terminology to guide the workgroups activities. The MJCSG members also outlined the Rules of Engagement for the Workgroups. The importance of vetting the workgroups membership and the decision-making processes was emphasized. A MJCSG member provided a draft manpower requirement for the Joint Medical/Dental Infrastructure Workgroup as a template for the other Workgroups.

- The MJCSG discussed a motion to consider adding the Veteran's Administration (VA) to the MJCSG membership. Legal counsel advised that the BRAC statute sets forth an extensive process for arriving at the Secretary of Defense's recommendations for the closure or realignment of military installations. In that statute, where Congress wanted the involvement of non-DoD entities (e.g., Congress, GAO, or the general public), it specifically provided for their involvement. According to counsel, involving the VA or any other non-DoD organization in this internal deliberative process would be inconsistent with the BRAC statute. Following the advice of legal counsel, the MJCSG decided against the motion to add the VA to the group. The MJCSG did note, and legal counsel agreed, that the VA could be asked to provide information, analytical frameworks, and other data to the MJCSG. However, the deliberations of the MJCSG should remain closed to all non-DoD entities.



GEORGE P. TAYLOR, JR.
Lieutenant General, USAF, MC, CFS
Chair

Attachment:

1. Agenda

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**AGENDA FOR THE MEDICAL JCSG
14 Apr 03**

Date and Time: 14 Apr 03, 1500

Location: 1E801 #5

Topics:

1. Roll Call (Lt Gen Taylor)
2. Open Action Items: Approval of minutes
3. Report on the ISG Proceedings (Mr Potochney)
4. Service BRAC Concerns/Issues (Service Representative Present, if any)
5. Legal Issues (Ms Bayert)
5. Sub-committee Reports Focused on Membership and Workflow:
 - a. Healthcare Education and Training (VADM Cowan)
 - b. Medical and Dental Market Requirements (Mr. Ford)
 - c. Deployment Force Sizing (RDML Matescun)
 - d. Medical and Dental Research, Development and Acquisition (MG Farmer)
 - e. Joint Medical and Dental Infrastructure (RDML Hofstader)
6. Review of Action Items (Col Hamilton)