

JPAT Members,

On 22 OCT 03, JPAT members from the Services held a special session meeting on Medical Costs. The meeting was attended by the following:

Frank Sosa	AF BRAC
John Desiderio	OSD BRAC
Art Levesque	R&K
Richard Snow	SAF / IEBC
David Clark	R&K
Jack Leather	Navy BRAC
Mark Sanders	NAVY - NAVFAC
Alex Yellin	OSD BRAC
Wayne Miller	AF / ILEP
CDR Chris Newton	OPNAV N46 / CNI
Maj Frank Freeman	AF / ILER
John Dovich	R&K
Thadd Buzan	R&K / OSD (I&E)
Paul Freund	SAF / IEBC
Larry Waggoner	AMSAA
Omer Alper	Navy BRAC

RESULTS:

1. **Issue #1 - Facilities Shutdown.** COBRA reduces sustainment based on a reduction in building square feet. In Screen Five - Base Information (Dynamic), the user will enter the total facilities shut down in units of thousands of square feet. The algorithm will then reduce sustainment based on either a shut down schedule or time phasing based on population reduction. If the installation closes, the COBRA will continue total sustainment at 15% until the end of the 2011. This will simulate the caretaking costs associated with a closed installation. This will allow us to remove the Caretaker Staff Changes lines in Screen Six - Base Information (Personnel).

2. **Issue #2 - Service Funding Rate.** - The sustainment requirements will be generated using the FSM method. The JPAT still needs to decide what the Service-funding rate will be. Thad Buzan was tasked with finding this information.

3. **Issue #3 - Conversion Factors.** - If a COBRA user wants to determine what the costs are to convert a building to another function, he should use the rehab function in Screen Seven - Base Information (Construction). The user should use the FAC for what the building is going to be converted to.

4. **Issue #4 - Recapitalization** - The majority of the meeting attendees wanted to include recapitalization as a cost and savings.

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- a. If an installation is closing, then the installation will record a recurring savings every year. Finding the installation Plant Replacement Value (PRV) and dividing it by 67 will determine the recurring savings. The DoD goal is recapitalization every 67 years. If COBRA uses the recapitalization algorithm, then COBRA will not record MILCON avoidance savings.
- b. At a gaining installation, a recurring cost will be entered based on the new MILCON. The PRV of the new MILCON will be determined and then divided by 67. This will become a recurring cost within COBRA.
- c. MAJ Smith was skeptical of this method, since historically it has not happened.

On 6 NOV 03, the entire JPAT will have a meeting on S/RM.

Dave