

CHARTER
Senior Medical Advisory Committee for the Detainee Program

I. ESTABLISHMENT, PURPOSE, AND SCOPE

A. ESTABLISHMENT

The Senior Medical Advisory Committee for the Detainee Program (SMACDP) is established under the authority of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)) acting under the direction of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)). The SMACDP will be chaired by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Services Policy and Oversight (DASD(HSP&O)), and will function in accordance with this charter and Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 2310.08, “Medical Program Support for Detainee Operations.” This charter was prepared by the DASD(HSP&O) and submitted to the Principal Deputy ASD(HA) for approval, in accordance with paragraph 4.3.a. of DoDI 2310.08.

B. PURPOSE

The SMACDP serves in an advisory capacity to the DASD(HSP&O) to support Office of Secretary of Defense program-level oversight of medical activities required by the Department of Defense (DoD) Detainee Program. Areas of focus include, but are not limited to, potential acute and chronic medical problems that may arise in detainee populations over time; the adequacy of processes established for providing requested and anticipated medical capabilities at detention facilities; biomedical ethical issues; and policy shortfalls and inconsistencies related to medical program support to the DoD Detainee Program. The SMACDP may vote on, and make, recommendations for appropriate policy changes to the Chair.

C. SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The SMACDP will:

1. Assess the status of medical activities required by the DoD Detainee Program, with special attention to the adequacy of preventive services, emergency response, primary care, surgical support, care for chronic diseases, inpatient care, and behavioral health services.
2. Assess processes established to oversee quality of care and mechanisms for obtaining required medical specialty capabilities beyond those physically present at detention facilities.
3. Identify medical service demands and biomedical ethical issues that might arise from circumstances particular to ongoing detainee medical operations (e.g., deterioration of known chronic conditions or development of acute conditions). Recommend solutions for addressing policy issues and mobilizing appropriate resources to meet identified needs.
4. Coordinate, vote on, and present recommendations and proposed policy changes, through and at the request of the Chair, to ASD(HA), to assist Combatant Commanders in implementing relevant policy.
5. Periodically reassess whether its activities are effective to meet the purpose of the SMACDP.

II. PRODUCTS

The SMACDP will:

- A. Conduct periodic reviews of DoDI 2310.08 as required by DoDI 5025.01, “DoD Issuances Program.”
- B. Maintain a copy of this charter, as it may be amended, minutes of all classified and unclassified meetings, and other committee records.
- C. Conduct a periodic assessment and review of medical activities in support of detainee operations.
- D. Produce any other documents and records as directed by the Chair, DASD(HSP&O), ASD(HA), or USD(P&R).

III. ORGANIZATION

The SMACDP will be composed of the Chair, voting representatives and non-voting representatives, as follows:

- A. Chair.** The DASD(HSP&O) or designee will chair the SMACDP.
- B. Voting Representatives.** Each of the following individuals and organizations will appoint a voting representative to the SMACDP:
 - DASD(HSP&O) (whose representative will act as Chair in the absence of the DASD(HSP&O))
 - ASD(HA)
 - Secretary of the Army
 - Secretary of the Navy
 - Secretary of the Air Force
 - Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
 - Director, Defense Health Agency (DHA)
 - Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
 - Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence
 - Chief Medical Officer, U.S. Naval Station Guantánamo Bay, Cuba
 - U.S. Southern Command Surgeon
 - Other DoD organizations invited at the discretion of the Chair (e.g., representatives from Combatant Commands and Joint Task Forces)
 - Other Federal agencies invited at the discretion of the Chair (e.g., Department of Justice Bureau of Prisons)

- C. Non-Voting Representatives.** Each of the following non-voting individuals and organizations may appoint a non-voting representative to the SMACDP:

- General Counsel of the Department of Defense
- Director, DHA-Combat Support
- Director, DHA-Medical Affairs
- Director, Department of Defense Medical Ethics Center, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Chair. The Chair will:

1. Schedule meetings of the SMACDP at the lowest appropriate level of classification, establish meeting agendas, and preside over meetings.
2. Request, receive, and consider information, reports, advice, and counsel from the SMACDP.
3. Call a formal vote, at the Chair's discretion, to record supporting and dissenting views.
4. If the Chair is a designee of the DASD(HSP&O), deliver findings and recommendations from the SMACDP to the DASD(HSP&O).

B. Voting Representatives. The voting representatives will:

1. Attend meetings of the SMACDP.
2. Serve as liaisons for inquiries and information between the SMACDP and their respective organizations.
3. Provide information, advice, and counsel to the Chair on matters that come before the SMACDP.
4. If the Chair is a designee of the DASD(HSP&O), then at the request of the Chair, participate in the delivery of findings and recommendations to the DASD(HSP&O).
5. At the request of the DASD(HSP&O), participate in the delivery of findings and recommendations to the ASD(HA) or designee.

C. Non-Voting Representatives. The non-voting representatives will:

1. Attend meetings of the SMACDP.
2. Serve as liaisons for inquiries and information between the SMACDP and their respective organizations.
3. Provide information, advice, and counsel to the Chair and voting representatives of the SMACDP upon request.

V. DURATION

The SMACDP will review this charter at least every three years, and may propose amendments to the Chair from time to time.

Approved:

Seileen M. Mullen
Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs

Date