

PEASE HEALTH WORKING GROUP

DATE: 12 DEC 2018

LOCATION: JFHQ – Concord

Meeting Minutes

- I. Introductions
 - a. See sign in list
- II. Take-aways from the listening session
 - a. Doris Brock
 - i. People want to be tested
 - ii. Assistance understanding test results
 - iii. Test all new recruits entering service and then upon separation for blood levels
 - iv. Current enlisted – certain limits would possibly affect mobility?
 - b. Major Derek Brindisi
 - i. Occupational Health Program
 - ii. Culture plays a role in exposure
 - c. Question about blood testing
 - i. Guard provide any testing in 1970s – TCE
 - ii. Amanda Goulet will contact EPA and do further research
 - d. Office of Veteran Services (OVS)
 - i. Education – registry to help disseminate information
 - e. Karen Craver
 - i. Possibly change the term for the registry
 - 1. Help differentiate from the cancer registry and PFAS registry
 - 2. Possibly call is a Pease Health Mailing List
 - 3. Ask the question (DHHS)
 - a. Engage providers and build relationship with military
 - b. Assists with provider education
 - c. Gives specific information regarding military concerns
 - d. Providers will better know which questions to ask military personnel and prior service
- III. Goals and Discussion
 - a. Karla Armenti
 - i. Recommends having occupational health physician(s) on board
 - ii. NFPA lab requirements may give insight
 - iii. Lit review
 - iv. Cohort study
 - 1. Would need to put limits on parameters of study
 - b. Mindi Messner
 - i. Where are the vets seeking care after separation?

- ii. CMSgt Matthew Heiman
 - 1. Various statuses of Pease employees affect choice of provider
 - 2. Tricare, federal healthcare, and civilian employment backed care
- c. Major Derek Brindisi
 - i. ATSDR Study will focus on PFCs and chronic disease
 - ii. Not including occupational hazard exposure
 - iii. Not focused on cancer
- d. Karen Craver
 - i. National study including other refueling bases
 - ii. Compare exposures and health trends
- e. CMSgt Matthew Heiman
 - i. Follow up from listening session
 - 1. 126 bases in AF times have noted possible PFAS contamination
 - 2. Disposal of waste
- f. Doris Brock
 - i. NIOSH will need to step in for study not ATSDR
- g. Peter Clark
 - i. Occupational exposures
 - 1. Letter regarding member exposures for support of study
- h. Karla Armenti and Major Derek Brindisi
 - i. Possibly work with UNH to write grant proposal
 - 1. NIH would fund if accepted
 - ii. Military or DOD funding
 - iii. Congressional funding
- i. Judy - Dartmouth
 - i. We need a list of members for study
 - ii. Currently only have 159 on the OVS registry
- j. Pamela Bapp
 - i. Advocates for widening baseline/termination lab testing to more individuals on base
 - ii. Comprehensive list of potential chemicals (ATSDR has list)
 - 1. List potential health concerns related to exposure of chemicals
 - 2. Create guidelines for providers
 - 3. Information can be given to SM to then present to PCP
- k. Karla Armenti
 - i. Testing
 - 1. Body burden tests
 - a. Level of chemicals in body
 - 2. Standard labs
 - a. Organ functioning
 - b. Possible diseases such as cancer
- l. Major Derek Brindisi
 - i. Occupational health physician
 - 1. Guide us on what information is pertinent

2. Help educate patients

IV. Working Group Focus

- a. Wide range of concerns brought to listening session
- b. Short-term
 - i. What concerns can be most easily addressed
- c. Long-term
 - i. What are the causes of health issues
 - ii. What exposures are related to which ailments

V. Deliverables

- a. Amanda Goulet – TCE from 1970s
- b. Blood testing from PFCs in 2014
 - i. Review results to see levels of Pease workers
 - 1. See Camp Lejeune for example of study
 - ii. Will the state open up another round of testing
 - 1. Should be requested by the ANG
 - 2. A few hundred retirees expected to show interest
 - iii. How can we communicate this/spread awareness/provide access?
 - iv. Assist members/vets with reading test results
 - v. DHHS website can instruct individuals on how to get testing through PCP
- c. OVS
 - i. Will be sending out email to registry members
 - 1. How to contact VA and start claim
 - 2. How to access medical information
 - ii. Ask the Question program
- d. Baseline/termination lab testing
 - i. OEHWG meeting
 - ii. Determine which shops could be included
 - iii. Status of members (fulltime vs traditional)
 - iv. What tests would be done
- e. Karla Armenti
 - i. Provide information on Body Burden testing
- f. Ideas for framing problem statement
- g. Invitations to working group
 - i. Provider from Pease
 - ii. Epidemiologist from Dartmouth
 - iii. POC from Portsmouth water

VI. Meeting Schedule

- a. Second Wednesday of the month
- b. JFHQ – Concord at 1:30pm