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USD(P&R)

SUBJECT: Executive Agent (EA) for the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE)

References: See Enclosure 1

1. PURPOSE. This directive:

a. Designates the Secretary of the Army as the DoD EA for the DCoE in accordance with DoD Directive 5101.1 (Reference (a)).

b. Establishes policy and assigns responsibilities to integrate and optimize psychological health (PH) and traumatic brain injury (TBI) to improve health outcomes.

c. Transfers control and organizational support for the DCoE from the Director, TRICARE Management Activity, to the Secretary of the Army. This transfer includes the three component centers, Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC), National Center for Telehealth and Technology (T2), and Deployment Health Clinical Center (DHCC), under the DCoE headquarters.

2. APPLICABILITY. This directive applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the combatant commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD.

3. POLICY. It is DoD policy that:

a. The continued effective operation of the DCoE is essential to ongoing mission requirements to improve PH and TBI care for Service members, veterans, and their family members through facilitating practices that promote PH and TBI resilience, recovery, and reintegration. The mission will be accomplished through a collaborative network that will provide outreach, conduct program evaluation, develop training tools, and disseminate best practices in PH and TBI care.

b. DCoE shall continue implementing and maintaining all mandated PH and TBI services and programs designated by sections 1618, 1621, and 1622 of Public Law 110-181 (Reference (b)).

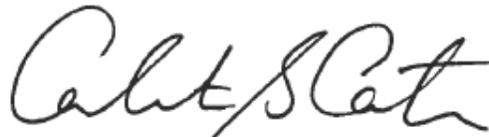
4. RESPONSIBILITIES. Enclosure 2.

5. RELEASABILITY. **Unlimited**. This directive is approved for public release and is available on the Internet from the DoD Issuances Website at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives>.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This directive:

a. Is effective January 2, 2013.

b. Must be reissued, cancelled, or certified current within 5 years of its publication in accordance with DoD Instruction 5025.01 (Reference (c)). If not, it will expire effective January 2, 2023 and be removed from the DoD Issuances Website.



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Enclosures

1. References
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ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

- (a) DoD Directive 5101.1, "DoD Executive Agent," September 3, 2002, as amended
- (b) Public Law 110-181, "The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008," January 28, 2008
- (c) DoD Instruction 5025.01, "DoD Directives Program," September 26, 2012
- (d) DoD 5500.07-R, "Joint Ethics Regulation (JER)," August 1, 1993, as amended

ENCLOSURE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS (USD(P&R)). The USD(P&R) establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and provides procedures as appropriate and in accordance with Reference (c), in support of the DCoE.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS (ASD(HA)). Under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(P&R), the ASD(HA):
 - a. Develops strategy and policy guidance and provides policy oversight of the DCoE.

 - b. Annually provides an operating budget to the DCoE through the Defense Health Program.

3. SECRETARY OF THE ARMY. The Secretary of the Army serves as the DoD EA for the DCoE, and in that capacity, subject to the oversight of the USD(P&R), through the ASD(HA), the Secretary implements the responsibilities under this directive. These responsibilities may be delegated as the Secretary deems appropriate, but to a level not lower than the Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. The DoD EA for the DCoE:
 - a. Monitors daily operations, provides administrative support, and supports operations and functions of the DCoE. This includes overseeing the annual operating budget provided by the ASD(HA) and providing administrative support for the DCoE related to facilities, equipment, security, secure communications, personnel support, logistics, and other required administrative services.

 - b. Supports the DCoE in the management of:
 - (1) Civilian and military personnel programs such as staffing, career development, position classification, pay management, employee and labor-management relations, incentive awards, and benefits.

 - (2) Special services programs such as welfare and recreation programs.

 - (3) Social action programs such as employee relations, equal employment opportunity, and drug and alcohol abuse, as well as personnel services.

 - c. Manages administrative communications, documentation, publications, reproduction programs and services, as well as correspondence, and publications for the DCoE.

 - d. Coordinates, processes, and distributes correspondence and general service messages for the DCoE.

e. Manages photographic, television, audiovisual, and graphics arts programs, as well as audiovisual services for the DCoE.

f. Manages data standardization, equipment selection, and utilization programs, including establishment of policy for systems and satellite data processing units, as well as automated data processing support for the DCoE.

g. Is responsible for the creation, maintenance, and disposition of documents, document storage, and retrieval systems and equipment for the DCoE.

h. Manages for the DCoE:

(1) Historical writing, research, studies, analyses, and heraldry programs, as well as the provision of historical or heraldry services.

(2) Physical, personnel, information, and communications security programs, as well as security and police or guard services.

(3) Military and commercial air, sea, and surface transportation programs.

(4) Motor vehicle management.

(5) Logistic transportation planning and control.

i. Develops and manages DCoE accounting and finance systems services.

j. Provides legal support to the DCoE, which includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Acquisition process.

(2) Research and development and testing.

(3) DoD contract law.

(4) Resolution of disputes under DoD contracts.

(5) Legal issues related to Joint PH and TBI initiatives.

k. Is responsible for the implementation and administration of all aspects of the DCoE's ethics program and manages and oversees local implementation and administration of all matters relating to ethics covered by DoD 5500.07-R (Reference (d)).

l. Identifies requirements and resources necessary to execute assigned responsibilities and functions consistent with Reference (b). Submits these requirements to be included as part of the Department of the Army budget documentation.

m. Monitors resources used in performing assigned responsibilities and functions.

4. DIRECTOR, DCOE. Under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Army, the Director, DCoE:

a. Exercises authority, direction, and control over the DCoE headquarters (DHCC, DVBIC, T2), and other organizations as assigned.

b. Maintains control and oversight for DCoE programming actions including out year funding requirements, budget formulation, and budget execution.

c. May arrange for and execute support and inter-Service agreements, memorandum of understanding, and other necessary formal agreements to fulfill assigned responsibilities outlined in Reference (b).

d. Communicates directly with the ASD(HA) on PH and TBI related issues.

GLOSSARY

PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ASD(HA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
DCoE	Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury
DHCC	Deployment Health Clinical Center
DVBIC	Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center
EA	Executive Agent
PH	psychological health
T2	National Center for Telehealth and Technology
TBI	traumatic brain injury
USD(P&R)	Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

PART II. DEFINITIONS

These terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this directive.

component centers. The DHCC, the DVBIC, and the T2.

DCoE. Headquarters element exercising oversight and command and control of three component centers.