

Defense Health Services Systems Named Program Executive Office in Defense Department Reorganization



Dr. Dan Magee, PEO DHSS

On Feb. 4, DHSS was renamed the Defense Health Services Systems Program Executive Office. The change occurred as result of reorganization within the Department of Defense to create the Military Health System Electronic Health Record Center led by new director George J. Chambers. The reorganization consolidates resources supporting the development, systems engineering, and clinical informatics capabilities of the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Dan Magee, PhD., is Program Executive Officer for DHSS PEO and Mike Veasey is Deputy Program Executive Officer. As part of the reorganization, five products currently managed by DHSS PEO will move to the Program Executive Office for Joint Medical Information Systems led by Mary Ann Rockey. DHSS PEO reports directly to the MHS Component Acquisition Executive Michael Fischetti.

The changes were announced during an All-Hands meeting at DHSS in Falls Church, Va. Although there is no date yet for when the five DHSS PEO products will move to the JMIS PEO, Dr. Magee said a transition plan will be created to assure a seamless transition.

The reorganization is not part of the Defense Department's efficiencies efforts or a workforce reduction plan, he said. DHSS PEO will continue to manage acquisition development and sustainment for products within its three divisions: Clinical Support led by Jenna Noble, Medical Logistics led by U.S. Army Col. Chris Harrington, and Resources led by Mike Smith.

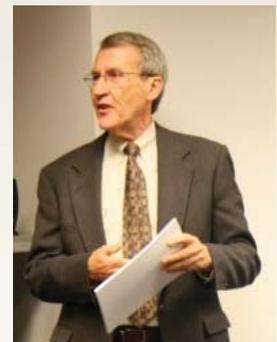


One initial change is addition of "Program Executive Office," to the DHSS logo shown here, left. The DHSS PEO staff in Falls Church and located at Fort Detrick, Md., will continue their work supporting Goals 4 and 5 the MHS Information Management/Information Technology Strategic Plan which is available at <http://www.health.mil/MHSCIO/imitstratplan.aspx>.

"We will continue to operate as we have in the past," Dr. Magee said. "We have a great team here in DHSS who make sure our mission in support of the MHS and our beneficiaries is successfully accomplished."

Deputy PEO Veasey agrees. "DHSS is an adaptable organization with stability, good leadership, and great teams with a culture of success, and I know we will continue to deliver the good work we do," he said.

The DHSS PEO will provide more detail about the reorganization as it becomes available. For additional information about DHSS PEO and its services, click onto <http://bit.ly/eqw4CG>.



Mike Veasey, Deputy PEO

DHSS Products Featured During International HIMSS Conference

Orlando, Fla. — Five DHSS products were featured in the Military Health System exhibit at the 50th Annual Health Information Management Systems Society Annual Conference and Exhibit in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 20-24.

Also featured during the international conference were educational sessions on four DHSS products and the latest achievements in improved IT services for health care.

DHSS products demonstrated at the exhibit were TRICARE Online, Patient Safety Reporting, ESSENCE Medical Surveillance, Defense Occupational and Environmental Health Readiness System – Industrial Hygiene, and the Medical Product Databank.

Defense Patient Safety Analyst Michael Datena presented “A New View on Patient Safety, Data as Power,” on Feb. 22. Datena described the value of using the Patient Safety Reporting tool, managed by DHSS PEO Clinical Support, to automate recording of safety events within military treatment facilities.

U.S. Navy Capt. Judith Bellas, Director of Business Systems for DHSS PEO Resources, presented “The Strength of Shared Training,” on Feb. 23, describing the training partnership

between the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs. Bellas discussed how both agencies are working collaboratively to deliver vital training more efficiently and affordably. DOD and VA shared training is first offered on MHS Learn, the DOD’s global enterprise learning portal, managed by DHSS PEO Resources.

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Patient Safety Reporting subject matter expert Shane Sanders, center, demonstrates PSR to MHS leadership.



Subject matter expert Sam Sarkar explains ESSENCE’s mapping capabilities.



DOEHRS-IH subject matter expert Phil Tennison (right) discusses the application with an attendee.

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MHS Learn project controller Pam Steptoe, seated, listens to U.S. Navy Capt. Judith Bellas, right, present the "Strength of Shared Training".



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U.S. Army Col. Chris Roan and David Ray, DHSS PEO Medical Logistics, presented "TEWLS – A Successful ERP Implementation within the Department of Defense," on Feb. 23. Roan and Ray discussed the value of the Theater Enterprise Wide Logistics System for Enterprise Resource Planning and its success in distributed development within the MHS.



U.S. Army Col. Christopher Roan, left, and David Day, seated, describe the TEWLS implementation within the MHS.

On Feb. 24, John Charalabidis of the Defense Logistics Agency presented "The DoD/VA Data Synchronization Program and the Medical Product Data Bank". Charalabidis discussed the award-winning efforts to identify best practices within the defense medical supply chain using MEDPDB, which is managed jointly by the DHSS Medical Logistics Division and DLA's Troop Support Command.

John Charalabidis, center, demonstrates the Medical Product Data Bank to George Peach Taylor, Jr. M.D., Acting Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, right. Charalabidis also described the capabilities of MEDPDB during an education session on Feb. 24.



To view these sessions and additional information about HIMSS 2011, please click onto <http://www.himssconference.org/>.

TRICARE Online, the MHS Patient Portal, Offers Patients Blue Button Access to Personal Health Data

The TRICARE Online Blue Button allows convenient access to personal health data and helps patients be active participants in their own health care.

TRICARE Online is the MHS Patient Portal and its Blue Button marks one of a list of growing improvements now being created for the portal in support of the Patient-Centered Medical Home health care delivery model.

The Blue Button gives authorized users the ability to view, print, and save their available personal health data as either a pdf (portable document format) or as a text file. Patients can verify medication, allergy, and demographic profile information and users can tailor their personal health data preferences to view all, or a summary of their data available through TRICARE Online.

Capabilities of the Blue Button will soon expand to give users access to their personal lab results, problem lists, and encounter notes. TRICARE Online users will also access their data on a newly redesigned site.

Easy and convenient to use, the Blue Button is available 24/7 by following these simple steps:

Step 1: Go to the www.tricareonline.com Home page;

Step 2: Log on using either a Common Access Card or a Department of Defense Self-Service Logon;

Step 3: Roll over the “Personal Health” tab. When the drop down menu appears, roll over “My Personal Health Record” and then click “Personal Health Summary”;

Step 4: Select your personal health summary preferences and click “Create Summary”;

Step 5: Click “Save Personal Health Data” and choose either .pdf or .txt file format; and

Step 6: Choose to save and/or print your personal health data.

Giving patients the ability to view, save, and print their own personal health data via a Blue Button is a tangible example of health care transparency and meaningful use. Patients can review their own information and alert their doctors to correct potentially life-threatening errors. TRICARE Online users can also print their personal health summaries and share that data with their own civilian health providers.

For more information about TRICARE Online or the Blue Button capabilities please click onto www.tricareonline.com

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DMHRSi User Password Shortened

The Defense Medical Human Resources System-internet team has shortened its user password to six characters.

DMHRSi reports current and future human resource needs for the MHS. For enhanced security, every 60 days users were required to change their password using a complex, 15-character login. The MHS Help Desk was logging up to 3,000 password reset tickets each week since most of DMHRSi's 170,000 users access the system twice a month to report manpower hours.

The team proposed the six-character password temporary solution password which was quickly approved by the DHSS Information Assurance team.

In April, DMHRSi is on target to be fully Common Access Card enforced which will eliminate the cumbersome password requirement.

DHSS in the News

An MHS blog, "Using Our Data – Maximizing Clinical and Business Intelligence in the MHS," discusses use of the MHS Management Analysis and Reporting Tool (M2).

To view, please click onto this link
http://www.health.mil/blog/11-01-25/Using_our_Data_Maximizing_Clinical_and_Business_Intelligence_in_the_MHS.aspx

An MHS blog, "Providing Enhanced Patient Support Through TOL," discusses the value and upcoming enhancements to TRICARE Online. To view, please click onto this link:
http://www.health.mil/blog/11-01-26/Providing_Enhanced_Patient_Support_Through_TOL.aspx

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