

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Defense Health Board

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Defense	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Defense Health Board	30555

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	12/06/2024	12/06/2026	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Agency Determination	10/11/2006	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$760,861.57	\$862,615.29
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$70,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$119.98	\$10,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$1,201,368.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$760,981.55	\$2,143,983.29
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	2.75	3.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Board provides independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of War and the Deputy Secretary of War, through the Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness and the Assistant Secretary of War for Health Affairs, on matters pertaining to DoW health care

policy and program management; the delivery of high-quality health care services to DoW beneficiaries; the promotion of health, wellness, and prevention within the DoW; the treatment of disease and injury by the DoW; health research priorities; and other health-related matters of special interest to the DoW. Pursuant to DoW policies and procedures, the Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board is composed of not more than twenty members, and as determined by the Secretary of War, the Board's total parent-level and subcommittee-level membership cannot exceed 50 members unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of War or the Deputy Secretary of War. Membership consists of private and public healthcare leaders with a diversity of background, experience, and thought in support of the DHB mission in one or more of the following disciplines: health systems, clinical health care, infectious disease, public health, trauma medicine, beneficiary representation, health informatics, patient care safety/quality care, neuroscience, and/or behavioral health. Board Members and Subcommittee Members appointed by the Secretary of War or Deputy Secretary of War, who are not full-time Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year is 4 per the Charter. However, the Board has not met in FY26 due to the Secretary of War's Review of

Advisory Committees resulting in a pause in operations and the requirement to reconstitute membership, which is in progress. The Board meets at the call of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), in consultation with the Board's President. The number of subcommittee meetings varies with each subcommittee's workload. Each subcommittee meets as needed, as determined by the DFO.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

As part of its overall committee management, the Department of War established the Defense Health Board to provide the Secretary of War a broader view of health issues, leveraging the knowledge of national and international subject matter experts, that confront the Department of War and its beneficiaries.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the Department of War determines that items on the planned agenda meet the closed meeting provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c). Pursuant to DoW policy, closed meetings can only be authorized by the DoW Sponsor, the Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness, and only after consultation with the DoW Office of General Counsel.

21. Remarks

Due to the Secretary of War's pause of all advisory committee operations and the requirement to reconstitute membership, no new recommendations have been submitted to the Department in Fiscal Year 2026.

Designated Federal Officer

Shawn Clausen Designated Federal Officer

Narrative Description

The Defense Health Board provides the Secretary of War and Deputy Secretary of War, through the Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness and the Assistant Secretary of War for Health Affairs, independent advice and recommendations to maximize the safety of, as well as access to, health care for DoW health care beneficiaries.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

Over \$10,000,000

Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

977

Number of Recommendations Comments

The DHB has submitted 73 reports, most containing multiple recommendations, to the Department of War. Due to the impact of the Secretary of War's Review of Advisory Committees and the requirement to reconstitute the membership, no new recommendations have been submitted to the Department in Fiscal Year 2026.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

73%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

There are 77 recommendations that implementation status cannot be determined because it was not provided in the Department's feedback.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

18%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The Department is currently evaluating 17 recommendations for possible implementation.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Pursuant to DoW policy, written feedback on all advisory committee recommendations

and advice shall be provided within a reasonable time. Agency feedback is available by request. Send email request to the Defense Health Board at: dha.dhb@health.mil.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

N/A