

31 January 2005

Talking Paper

Subject: BRAC Red Team Kickoff meeting with Acting USD (AT&L) Mr. Michael Wynne
(Room 3E1006, 1100 – 1200, Tuesday, 1 February 2005)

Attendees: Phil Grone, Pete Potochney, HT Johnson, Leon Salomon, Robin Pirie, John Turnquist, Sam Kleinman, Burt Streicher, Jen Atkin, Dana Samuelson, Paul Anir

Background: The purpose of the meeting is to initiate the work of the 2005 BRAC Red Team and ensure that the charter, work products, and schedule for the group are understood by everyone. Significant issues are: team review of DoD policy compliance by working groups, scope of working group reviews (universe), process for coordinating functional recommendations with services, and final resolution process of Red Team recommendations.

Talking Points

- **Task at hand**
 - First and foremost, we want to help DoD be successful in this process.
 - To that end, our goal is to look for inconsistencies (violations of policy or unsubstantiated exclusions or recommendations) and questionable areas that the Department can adjust before the process becomes public.
- **Role of Red Team**
 - Red Team is to take a Commission viewpoint and to review adherence to DoD Policy and Directives.
 - Red Team will NOT make any new or alternative candidate recommendations.
- **Reporting Feedback**
 - Red Team will provide informal verbal feedback during briefings to the presenters.
 - Red Team will then follow up with a formal feedback report with improvement recommendations to both Mr. Wynne and the presenting group chairman.
 - Red Team will monitor the resolution of its recommendations.
 - And lastly, any unresolved or pending issues will be given to Mr. Wynne and the IEC at the end of our process. Ideally, this list will be empty.
- **Schedule**
 - It is imperative that the Red Team proceedings commence quickly. The earlier the Red Team provides improvement recommendations, the more time will be available for the Department to consider them.
 - We understand, however, that the working groups' results are not yet final, thus we expect to meet with the groups more than once.