

the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

(b) The Council meets regularly at the call of the chair.

(c) The Council is supported by an Executive Director who is selected by the ASD(HA). To assist the Executive Director, each member of the DHC, other than the ASD(HA), designates an officer or civilian employee within its organization on a part-time basis to prepare issue items.

(d) The Executive Director of the DHC, subject to the direction of the chair:

(1) Plans, organizes, and manages the administrative activities of the DHC.

(2) Coordinates the development of reports and issues for consideration by the DHC.

(3) Develops and coordinates plans and programs that are required to accomplish the DHC's responsibilities.

(4) Performs other directed duties.

#### §370.4 Policy.

The DHC complements the statutory responsibilities of the ASD(HA), in accordance with 32 CFR part 367, by advising him on DoD health matters; provides a forum for consultation, discussion, and advice on DoD health plans, policies, and related issues; and facilitates coordination among the organizations represented by the DHC members.

#### §370.5 Responsibilities.

(a) In carrying out the provisions of this charter part, the *Chair, DHC*, shall:

(1) Advise the ASD(HA) on policy changes required to improve wartime readiness and the delivery of health care.

(2) Advise the ASD(HA) on coordination with other Federal agencies to enhance health care delivery.

(3) Develop and maintain health objectives with appropriate tasks and priorities approved by the ASD(HA) that:

(i) Increase the wartime medical readiness of the Military Departments.

(ii) Increase the productivity, efficiency, and economy of the Armed Forces health care system without unnecessary duplication of resources.

(iii) Enhance recruitment, retention, training, and use of health care professionals within the Armed Forces health

care system to meet Military Service requirements.

(iv) Improve the effectiveness of the direct and indirect health care delivery system to meet the demands of the eligible beneficiary population.

(b) The *Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)* shall report to the Secretary of Defense on any issue of importance that comes before the DHC and that warrants the Secretary's consideration.

#### §370.6 Charter, Dental Chiefs Council (DCC).

(a) *Purpose.* The DCC is hereby established to serve the DoD Health Council (DHC) on all matters pertaining to dental health. The DCC shall provide a forum for consultation, discussion, and advice on DoD dental health plans, policies, and related issues, and shall facilitate coordination among the Dental Corps of the Military Departments.

(b) *Organization and management.* (1) The DCC shall be composed of the three Dental Corps chiefs who represent the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Each year, on a rotating basis, one of these chiefs will serve as chair of the DCC. The DCC shall meet on a scheduled basis and at the call of the chair. The chair or another designated member will be available to attend meetings of the DHC at which dental matters are considered.

(2) The DCC shall be supported by an executive secretary. The Special Assistant for Dental Affairs, Office of the ASD(HA), shall serve in this capacity. The Dental Corps chiefs shall designate an officer or civilian employee within their Military Departments to assist the executive secretary on a part-time basis in the preparation of issue and agenda items.

(3) Matters referred to the DHC will be coordinated through the DHC executive director.

(c) *Responsibilities.* (1) In carrying out the purposes and provisions of this charter, the *Dental Chiefs Council* shall:

(i) Advise the DHC through each Military Department's Surgeon General when policy changes are required to improve wartime readiness and the delivery of dental health care.

(ii) Coordinate with other Federal dental health agencies to enhance dental health care delivery.