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### FUTURE TPAC MEETINGS:

*The next TPAC Meeting will be on Friday: 23 FEB 01 from 0800 – 1100 hours, MDT. CDR Fultz will be chairing this next meeting from Albuquerque. Future dates and times for TPAC Meetings are as follows, Thur. 26 APR 2001 from 0800 – 1100 hours, MDT. Videoconferencing will be available at the usual sites in Rockville, Albuquerque, and Phoenix. Others may participate via teleconferencing.*

**THERAPIST PROFESIONAL ADVISORY**  
**COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**15 DEC 2000**

**THERAPIST PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA\*  
15 DEC 2000**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- III. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS TPAC MINUTES
- IV. OPEN FORUM
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  - B. Action Item Review J. Fultz
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Category T-Shirts R. West
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Field Representative Changes R. West
  - B. TPAC Self-Nomination Forms J. Fultz
- VII. REPORTS
  - A. Chief Professional Officer C. Richards
  - B. Chairperson J. Fultz
  - C. Awards Committee G Johnson
    - Awards Work Group I. Williams
  - D. CCRF Committee G. Mead
  - E. Education Committee G. Mead
  - F. Fitness/Wellness Initiative Committee R. Parks
  - G. Recruitment and Retention Committee D. Aretino
    - Mentoring Task Force M. Smith
    - Recruitment for Therapist Category M. Melanson
    - Home Page K. Siegel
  - H. Strategic Growth Committee J. Hurley
  - I. Discipline Liaisons: Audiology L. Simpson
    - Occupational Therapy R. Parks
    - Physical Therapy M. Smith
    - Speech Language Path B. Solomon
  - J. COA Therapist Representative R. Parks
  - K. COA Meeting Task Force B. Sellers
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  - M. Junior Officer report C. Melanson/M Jordan
  - N. Field Representative Reports R. West

**\*Due to technical difficulties the meeting did not follow the formal agenda and many of the persons linked to the conference call were intermittently cut off from the conference call. Future TPAC Meetings will allow for greater access.**

## Therapist Professional Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 15 DEC 2000

Time: 8:00 – 10:35 a.m. MDT

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Roll Call:

Phoenix: CDR Jeff Fultz (Member, Chair)  
LT Ron West (Member, Exec Secretary)  
CAPT Leo LaBranche (Member)

Phone: CDR Lois Goode (Member)  
CDR Susanne Pickering (Guest, Atlanta, Georgia)  
CAPT John Hurley (Member, Strategic Growth)  
CAPT Charlotte Richards (CPO)  
CDR Penny Royall (BOP Field Rep.)  
CAPT David Brueggemann (Member, Newsletter)  
CAPT Dominick Arentino (Member, Recruitment and Retention)  
CDR Linda Simpson (AUD. Discipline Rep.)  
CDR Betty Garner (IHS Multi-Site Field Rep.)  
LCDR Richard Shumway (Member)  
CAPT Becky Sellers (COA Ed. Day)  
LCDR Scott Gaustad (Guest, Springfield, MO)

#### **Signing on during the Meeting:**

CAPT Mark Dardis (Member)  
LCDR Liza Figueroa (Guest, Phoenix, AZ)  
LT Joseph Rasor (Guest, Phoenix, AZ)  
LT Jeff Richardson (Guest, Sells, AZ)

Rockville: CAPT Georgia Johnson (Member, Awards)  
LCDR Mark Melanson (CMHS Field Rep., Recruitment and Ret.)  
CAPT Mike Flyzik (TPAC Liaison OSG)  
CAPT Rebecca Parks (Member, Fitness/Wellness)  
LCDR Bart Drinkard (Member, NIH Field Rep.)

**Proxies:** CDR Jeff Fultz for LT Grant Mead  
LT Ron West for CAPT Mark Dardis  
CDR Linda Simpson for CDR Nancy Balash  
CAPT Georgia Johnson for CAPT Ivana William  
CAPT Rebecca Parks for Ms. Beth Solomon

### **II. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** I have one addition to add to the agenda under New Business, that is a discussion on the TPAC Membership and Committee Self-Nomination Form. Is there anything else to be added? I move that we approve and adopt the agenda as written. **Seconded. Unanimous in the affirmative.**

### **III. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS TPAC MINUTES:**

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** Are there any additions or corrections to the TPAC Minutes for 27 OCT 2000? I move that we approve the TPAC Minutes for 27 OCT 2000 as written. **Seconded. Unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### IV. OPEN FORUM

##### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** Welcome to those new participants who are guests and joining us for the first time. Could you please introduce yourselves? (CDR Linda Simpson and CDR Betty Garner introduced themselves.)

**CDR Susanne Pickering:** I just got a call from LCDR Mark Melanson from Rockville and they are unable to link to the teleconference.

##### ACTION ITEM REVIEW:

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** We will table the items in the Action Item Review until later on in the meeting. None of the individuals presenting the action items are linked with the teleconference. We will cover the New Business first. (Refer to New Business section)

##### **Junior Officer of the Year Award:**

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** Has everybody received a copy of the write-up of the award? (Yes) I worked together with CAPT Georgia Johnson and CAPT Mark Dardis. I am interested if anyone has any modifications or changes? The idea is to give formal recognition to Junior Officers in our category. It is something that has been a long time coming. Are you satisfied with the way it is written.

**CAPT Dominick Arentino:** Is this going to apply to non-clinical Junior Officers.

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** How could we word it to be more inclusive to all Junior Officers? This award is not meant to be exclusive for Junior Officers in clinical billets. It is meant for all Junior Officers.

**CAPT Dominick Arentino:** It is hard to make changes over the phone. I just want to make sure that everyone can write up their Junior Officers.

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** On the second page under the Purpose of the Award it states, "the delivery of healthcare or healthcare administration." This statement seems like it includes all Junior Officer billets. **(Rockville connects to the meeting at this point)**

I would like to call for a vote to accept the Junior Officer Award as written. Is there a motion? **Moved and Seconded.** The vote is **unanimous in the affirmative.** So we now have a fourth category award.

**CAPT Georgia Johnson:** The plaques for the awards will cost \$45.00 a piece. We are looking at \$180.00 that we will need to cover the awards. I will send out a call for nominations including the award descriptions.

##### **Home Page: ATTACHMENT D**

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** LT West and I have both been in touch with CDR Karen Siegel. We want to let people know that we are moving forward to have our web site include our TPAC minutes, Committee reports, forms for mentoring, self-nominations forms for membership and committee participation, and award explanations. The main challenge in using the server at NIH is that we have to submit additions and changes in batch form so that all the changes can be made at once, and therefore, avoid multiple revisions or trickling things in for inclusion. We will discuss this further at the next TPAC meeting.

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** We will now move on to Old Business and discuss the category t-shirts.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

##### CATEGORY T-SHIRTS:

**LT Ron West:** The T-Shirt Task Force has been working to find the best way to receive t-shirt orders and minimize printing and shipping costs. Our recommendations are that we should use the Henry Jackson Foundation monies for the initial screen charge of \$116.58. I called the Jackson Foundation to see if this was an appropriate use of the money. Liz Chipchosky, who is in charge of our account said that this is an appropriate use of the money.

We were going to use the money from the t-shirt sales as a fundraiser to increase our funds in the Jackson Foundation account, however, even if we inflate the price of the t-shirts to \$20.00 we would not be able to make a substantial contribution to our Jackson Foundation

account. We therefore recommend that we not use the t-shirt sales as a fundraiser, but offer the t-shirts at or near cost of printing and shipping which is \$13.75 a piece for all sizes. The exception is \$2.00 extra for XXL and \$3.00 extra for XXXL.

We have created a T-Shirt Order Form that we are going to send out via the Field Representatives to every person. The order form states that we will receive, "Money Orders Only". This will ensure that we don't have any trouble with cash being lost in the postal system or personal checks with insufficient funds.

**CAPT Rebecca Parks:** If we use the Jackson Foundation for the t-shirts what are we going to use to purchase the plaques for the awards?

**LT Ron West:** Excellent question. CDR Fultz and I discussed this yesterday. We will be talking about a possible solution later in this meeting. The T-Shirt Task Force does not want to take away from the funds of the awards. We feel that there is a way to have sufficient funds for both items. Does \$13.75 sound reasonable? (Yes) Any additional monies, which might be a couple of cents will go to the Jackson Foundation.

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** For those people in Rockville, we have already covered the items in New Business. I want to recap that we decided that we will continue with the Subcommittee Self-Nomination Forms and that the subcommittee chairpersons will be responsible for contacting each person who self-nominates. The chairperson will maintain a list of these names to fill any vacancies.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### FIELD REPRESENTATIVE CHANGES:

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** Since the last TPAC meeting we have made some TPAC Field Representative changes. We reviewed the fact that the BOP has 22 therapists in total. We have decided to divide the BOP into two areas, East and West, and make a field representative for each area. Under the recommendation of CAPT Bob Mansel, BOP Senior Clinician, we have selected LT Matt Taylor to represent the East: Butner, Devens, Lexington, and Springfield; and LT Sue Newman to represent the West: Carswell, Fort Worth, and Rochester.

Other Field Representative changes are as follows: LCDR Mike LaPlante to LT Joseph Rasor for IHS AZ. Also, LCDR Gary Shelton to LT Shakira Strickland for IHS NM. What we are going to try to do over the next few years is rotate the TPAC Field Representative positions to give more people an opportunity to participate with the TPAC.

I want to thank the Field Representatives who are being replaced. They have served the TPAC well. They are also giving others the opportunity to serve. Is there any discussion or comments?

**CDR Penny Royall:** I would like to say how much I have enjoyed serving as BOP Field Representative. I thank you and the TPAC for allowing us to expand our representation to two spots. Has anyone considered making the Field Representative position a specific length of time?

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** That is an excellent thought. We have been pondering this topic. We will place this on the agenda for our next meeting as an **Action Item**.

### SELF-NOMINATION FORMS

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** We have revised the Self-Nomination Form into two separate forms, one for membership nomination and one for subcommittee and task force participation. The challenge is that we are receiving a lot of these forms requesting participation on the subcommittees and task forces, however, the subcommittee chairpersons are letting us know that there are no vacancies. My concern is that we are putting out a form that may give people the impression that there are present openings on these committees when the fact is, there is not. Are there any comments?

**CAPT Leo LaBranche:** I think that we should continue to have a Subcommittee Self-Nomination Form as long as it is made known that the committees may not have openings.

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** My other concern with it is that we are going to ask the committee chairs to contact each of these self-nominations to notify them if there is a vacancy. I do think that it will be wise to have a list of names should there be a need to have additional help on a subcommittee.

**CDR Penny Royall:** I just want to clarify the process. The self-nomination forms are faxed to you and LT West and then in turn they are sent to the individual committee chairs? I just want to

reiterate the importance of letting the nominees know if there is a vacancy for them or not. Getting a response from a self-nomination form will help the nominee know that their application wasn't just disregarded.

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** The challenge will be for the committee chairpersons to take the responsibility for letting these individuals know if they can be utilized at that time. I am concerned because we have received a number of forms and people are excited to serve on the various committees. I hope we don't dampen this excitement when there are no vacancies.

**CAPT John Hurley:** My suggestion is that we do keep the form. There are a lot of people that want to be on a committee. If the person doesn't hear anything then they should make a follow-up call to the subcommittee chair.

**CAPT Dominick Arentino:** Do the nominations go to you? Now, do you fax them to the different chairs and then it becomes incumbent on the chairs to contact the individuals? Is that what we are saying?

**CAPT John Hurley:** I think it is a great idea to the responsibility on the shoulders of the subcommittee chairs. But also have the individual follow-up if they haven't received a response.

## **VII. REPORTS**

### **CHIEF PROFESSIONAL OFFICER**

**CAPT Charlotte Richards:** Deferred to CDR Fultz for report on CPO/PAC Chair Meeting.

### **CHAIRPERSON**

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** The CPO/PAC Chair Meeting of 30 NOV was very informative. There was discussion on the Special Assignment Award. Evidently, the Award description has been reworded to include non-consecutive days of service may be considered. They are talking about 30 or more days of non-consecutive service. RADM Moritsugu indicated that this could be one type of recognition for those who serve on the different PACs, whether as a formal member, or on a task force or committee, those individuals can submit their names to receive the Special Assignment Award. This is not an honor award, but a service award. I will work on getting further clarification.

Another topic was the Thrift Savings Plan. We discussed about officers becoming eligible for the Thrift Savings Plan. As I understand it the government will not match fund, but we will have the tax-free benefits of a savings plan. It is anticipated that this will become an option for us.

Under pay matters, those persons that came on-board after 01 AUG, 1986 under the Redux Retirement Program, retirement after 20 years at 40% base pay, will be eligible for a career status bonus after 15 years employment. This bonus will be a lump sum payment of \$30,000.00 with the commitment to stay until you complete 20 years of employment. If you accept the bonus you will continue on the same retirement that you have previously had. The person giving this report said that the \$30,000.00 may be attractive, but if a person is planning on retiring shortly after 20 years employment, they may be better off not taking the bonus. If you are planning on staying in 30 years then it is a moot point. The bottom line is, there is going to be a lot of information on the different DoD internet sites that deal with pay.

Effective April 2001 our Servicemen's Life Insurance Policy is going to increase from a maximum of \$200,000.00 to \$250,000.00. Anticipate that you will be notified on your leave-earnings statement. There will be a higher monthly charge from \$16.00 to \$20.00.

Hardship Duty Pay is currently under review. It looks like some sites in IHS are going to be determined to be hardship duty sites and therefore makes them eligible for hardship duty pay in April or May 2001. The sites will be determined shortly after the new year. This is all I have to share from this meeting.

As for other business, LT Grant Mead is not present at this meeting, but he is currently chairing two TPAC committees. I would ask that TPAC members that are not burdened with tasks consider taking on the Education Committee Chairperson position. Please contact me to volunteer for this position.

I also wanted to speak about the Henry M. Jackson Foundation Account. I feel that TPAC members have an obligation to make regular contributions to this account. What I would like to

see is that every TPAC member donates \$20.00 per year. This would help defray the cost of the awards plaques and allow for funding of other projects. These are tax-deductible donations. One of the things that I would like us to consider for the **next meeting** is the formation of a finance committee or task force that would have the purpose of fundraising.

**CAPT Charlotte Richards:** Our present balance in the Jackson Foundation is \$199.84. A couple of years ago I was able to get the word out that we needed donations and a local vendor made a \$500.00 donation. I encourage everyone to get the word out.

**LT Ron West:** The development of a fundraising committee would have the purpose of organizing our category members in their efforts to find financial supporters and then the committee could take the names to the Jackson representative so that they can make the solicitations. I agree we need to get the word out.

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** The idea behind establishing such a committee is to identify a mechanism to be proactive in making those sorts of contacts occur. A lot of good can come of this. Why do we need more money? Well, just this morning it is apparent that we have some communication challenges to overcome. One of the things that I want to look to in our February meeting is forming an Internet Communication Technology Task Force. One purpose of this task force would be to use some of this money that we have been collecting to ensure that, at least, all TPAC members have ready access to internet cameras and microphones so that we can communicate for free and with the latest technological advances. This is a bridge that we will need to cross in the future. This is only one example how money can be utilized to better our PAC and our category.

#### AWARDS COMMITTEE: ATTACHMENT A

**CAPT Georgia Johnson:** We have already covered the information in the Action Item Review. To sum up, we have the four awards and within this month I will be sending out a call for nominations and an explanation of the awards.

#### CCRF COMMITTEE:

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** LT Grant Mead has sent me a great deal of information over the last six weeks. I will try to summarize where we are at this point. What we submitted to the CCRF regarding our categories abilities needs further clarification. We were requested to be more specific in identifying the strengths of each discipline within our category. Originally, we were tasked to make it broad and generic and now the feedback is that they want it more specific. LT Mead is working on making the changes. He welcomes all information.

**CAPT Georgia Johnson:** I am going to some training at the Emergency Center in Rockville. Should we be reporting our participation in these types of events to LT Mead?

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** Yes, it is pertinent to your credentialing in CCRF. If he is not the person collecting the information, he will surely let you know the point of contact for this information. Please call him and ask him this question.

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE: ATTACHMENT B

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** No report.

#### FITNESS/WELLNESS INITIATIVE COMMITTEE: ATTACHMENT C

**CAPT Rebecca Parks:** I submitted the committee report for the minutes. I will share a few things though. CAPT Flyzik, CAPT Richards, and I have arrived at naming some initial points of contact for the Healthy Lifestyles Initiative. I will send it to everyone. LCDR Mark Melanson has been named to represent our category on a website committee for the creation of a fitness website. CAPT Flyzik is spearheading the committee. There will be representatives from each of the other categories. In the future, we anticipate that the website can be an access for the Healthy Lifestyles resources. It may have an interactive program so that you could create a personal wellness plan.

I would like to make clear that in assigning the different points of contact, we contacted the individual's supervisors to get approval for participation. These points of contact will act as focal points for information and communication. I feel that there is a tremendous amount of interest in this issue. We don't want those individuals who were not chosen as points of contact to



feel like we do not need them. The opposite is true, we encourage individual involvement to develop the different local activities.

I would like to thank those individual who responded to my email to report the different local activities that are occurring. CDR Terry Cavanaugh in Alaska reports that in Anchorage they are building a new primary care wellness center that is going to include physical therapy and chiropractic services. CDR Lois Goode in Arizona reports that in Whiteriver they are performing fitness testing for patients and employees and to date they have performed testing for 25 employees and they are about to do a three month follow up evaluation. CAPT Davidson in New York and a member of the HSO Category reports that their programs are going to run in conjunction with the COA activities. They are planning for a 5K walk/run over the Brooklyn Bridge in the Spring. CDR Susanne Pickering in Georgia reports that the CDC has a multitude of activities planned for fitness awareness.

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** Have you heard of any activities that have been planned to coincide with the Parklawn Classic on April 27?

**CAPT Georgia Johnson:** No.

**RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE:**

**Vacancies:**

**LCDR Mark Melanson:** Vacancy Announcement

Agency	Vacancies Position	Location and Description
IHS	1 Staff PT	Anchorage, AK Jan/Feb 2001
	1 PT Assistant	Winslow, AZ
	1 PT	Ft. Defiance, AZ
	1 Chief PT	Crownpoint, NM
Sage Memorial	1 PT	Ganado, AZ
BOP	1 PT	Devens, MA
NIH	0	
CMHS	0	Washington, DC
HCFA	<a href="http://www.hcfa.gov">www.hcfa.gov</a>	
HRSA	<a href="http://www.hrsa.gov">www.hrsa.gov</a>	
CDC	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>	
Multi-agency	DCP website	

**Mentoring:**

**LCDR Bart Drinkard:** I received a couple of points to cover from CDR Michaele Smith. Mainly it is an update on progress on the web page. I wish CDR Siegel were present because she probably knows more about it. We are getting closer to having the mentoring application available on the web site. CDR Smith needs people who are interested in becoming mentors. Right now we have three junior personnel who have applied and only two mentors.

CDR Smith wanted to change the wording regarding participation of junior personnel from “voluntary “ to “Highly encouraged”.

**CAPT Charlotte Richards:** I think that it should be mandatory. I think that everybody coming into the system needs to be mentored. They come in green. It is something that everybody needs.

**CAPT Dominick Arentino:** I don’t disagree, but some of the training comes from the Commissioned Corps orientation classes. I don’t think that it is incumbent upon a mentor to explain everything about the Corps. If you use the word “mandatory” that means that you take some kind of action against those persons who do not participate. What do we do to someone who does not participate? Ideally it would be automatic process, but I don’t know if we can make it mandatory. I think that we can get around it by having every supervisor directing newly hired personnel to the program.

**CAPT Leo LaBranche:** I think that many of the issue are covered in the Commissioned Corps orientation classes. Perhaps the orientation class should be mandatory and the mentoring program should be strongly encouraged. There are several people who come into the Commissioned Corps

from the military and feel that they do not need an orientation. However, those officers who have prior military experience find a lot of useful information in the orientation classes.

**CAPT Dominick Arentino:** That would need to be a DCP directive because we don't have that kind of authority to mandate the orientation.

**LCDR Bart Drinkard:** I think that it would also be a lot easier if we had a pool of mentors. Presently, we don't even have enough mentors for the three applicants. We talk about getting the mentees, but we don't have enough mentors.

**LT Ron West:** Is there also a problem that many of the potential mentors haven't been thoroughly trained. Who is training the mentors?

**CAPT Dominick Arentino:** The information is explained in the mentoring packet. I don't know if there is any training that is necessary for mentors.

**CAPT Rebecca Parks:** Perhaps it should be mandatory or strongly encouraged for all senior personnel to be mentors.

#### **Home Page:**

**A brief Home Page report is included in the Action Item Review.**

#### **STRATEGIC GROWTH COMMITTEE:**

**CAPT John Hurley:** We had a conference call planned for earlier this week, but there were conflicts and we didn't meet. CDR Miller called in who is our newest member. What is happening at the OSG is that there is a hold on any new MOUs. In the future there will be no MOUs unless there is an agency sponsor.

Our committee is presently working on a mission statement and a vision. Also, to look at all the opportunities there are for growth in the different agencies. We are going to schedule another meeting and have a mission statement for the next TPAC meeting and we will assign responsibilities for contacting the different agencies.

I would like everybody to check with their agencies and service units to see if they would sponsor a position in the VA.

#### **DISCIPLINE LIAISONS:**

**CDR Linda Simpson AUD:** I am not receiving any communications. I have been having computer problems so I don't know what is getting out and what is coming in. I would like to make sure that everyone has my contact information: [Lsimpson@yak.portland.ihs.gov](mailto:Lsimpson@yak.portland.ihs.gov) 509-865-1727

**CAPT Rebecca Parks OT:** I have two things that I want to talk about. CAPT Richards requested that I represent her at the meeting of the Tri-Service Deputies. It is a group of Air Force, Army, and Navy officers covering many categories including PT. I attended that meeting on 17 OCT. I guess I was there to represent the TPAC and PTs. I guess that I will have more information for you as my involvement in this organization continues. The main discussion was on optometry and pharmacy special pay.

The other thing that I wanted to talk about is that I am creating an email string that has all of the Therapist Category OTs. I feel that I can communicate better with this in place.

**CDR Micheale Smith PT:** Not present but she communicated her report to CAPT Parks. She has been taking her responsibility seriously and she organized a meeting of physical therapy representatives from the other services that took place on 14 NOV. She wanted me to mention that she made a contact with LCOL Swensen who is in charge of the health/fitness directorate for the National Defense University. He is in the Air Force. She will connect him with CAPT Flyzik.

**Ms. Beth Solomon SLP:** Not present.

#### **COA THERAPIST REPRESENTATIVE:**

**CAPT Rebecca Parks:** COA had its annual holiday reception for the admirals and other invited guest. It went really well. The next board meeting is 09 JAN 2001. We will be planning for the annual COA meeting in Washington D.C.

**LCDR Liza Figueroa:** I just happened to be in contact with the individual who is has been put in charge of the Surgeon General's Run at the COA. I told him that the Therapist Category would be gladly be in charge of the warm up exercises prior to the race. I will have him contact you.

## COA MEETING TASK FORCE: ATTACHMENT E

**CAPT Becky Sellers:** On the Tuesday of the COA Meeting CAPT Mike Flyzik is going to be speaking at a general session and Tuesday night we will have our TPAC Meeting. Wednesday is the category specific day. We have a title up for your review for the day, "How Do You Fit into Fitness: Therapists Category perspective on the Fitness Initiative". I am sure we will need to organize the list of coordinators and moderators. We still need to come up with a speaker for a luncheon.

### NEWSLETTER:

**CAPT Charlotte Richards:** (CAPT Brueggemann was inadvertently disconnected from the meeting) CAPT Brueggemann reported that he will have the newsletter out by inauguration day. [dbruegge@anmc.org](mailto:dbruegge@anmc.org).

### JUNIOR OFFICER REPORT:

**LCDR Cindy Melanson:** We just got through with the Junior Officers Advisory Committee meeting and open house. We had visits from ADM Moritsugu and ADM Davidson. We had about 25 people on conference call. The discussion focused on career development, training, utilization, recognition, and awards. There was some talk about title 38 and discrepancies in pay. Lcdr Michelle Jordan is now Chair of that committee.

### FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

**LT Ron West:** I include in the Minutes, in the very back section, a copy of the Field Reports. I feel that it would be unfair for me to highlight some people and forget others. I would encourage all of you to start reading the Minutes starting from the back. There are many category members out there getting special certifications and attaining special recognitions in their profession.

### CLOSING ROLL CALL:

Phoenix: CDR Jeff Fultz (Member, Chair)  
CAPT Mark Dardis (Member)  
CAPT Leo LaBranche (Member)  
LCDR Liza Figueroa (Guest)  
LT Ron West (Member, Executive Secretary)  
LT Joe Rasor (Guest)

Rockville: Lcdr Bart Drinkard (Member)  
LCDR Cindy Melanson (Junior Officer Rep.)  
CAPT Georgia Johnson (Member, Awards)  
CAPT Rebecca Parks (Member, Fitness)

Shiprock: CAPT John Hurley (Member/Past Chair/Strategic Growth)  
CAPT Charlotte Richards (CPO)  
LCDR Frank Weaver (Member)

Gallup: CAPT Dominick Arentino (Member, Recruitment and Ret.)

Ada: CDR Betty Garner (IHS Multi-Site Field Rep)

Sells: LT Jeff Richardson (Guest)

Whiteriver: CDR Lois Goode (Member)

Butner: CDR Penny Royall (BOP Field Rep)

Zuni: CAPT Becky Sellers (COA Ed. Day)

Yakima: CDR Linda Simpson (AUD Dis. Rep)

Cape May: Lcdr Richard Shumway (Member)

Springfield: Lcdr Scott Gaustad (Guest)

### CONCLUSION:

**CDR Jeff Fultz:** I move that we adjourn this meeting. **Seconded. Unanimous in the affirmative.**  
The next meeting will be the **23 FEB 2001** at the same time.

Respectfully Submitted: LT Ron West, TPAC Executive Secretary.

Concur: CDR Jeff Fultz, TPAC Chair.

Concur: CAPT Charlotte Richards, CPO Therapist Category.

## **TPAC Subcommittee Reports**

- AWARDS COMMITTEE: CAPT GEORGIA JOHNSON – ATTACHMENT A
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE: LT GRANT MEAD – ATTACHMENT B
- CCRF COMMITTEE: LT GRANT MEAD – NO REPORT
- FITNESS AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE: CAPT REBECCA PARKS – ATTACHMENT C
- RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION: CAPT DOMINICK ARENTINO – ATTACHMENT D
- STRATEGIC GROWTH COMMITTEE: CAPT JOHN HURLEY – NO REPORT
- COA MEETING TASK FORCE: CAPT BECKY SELLERS – ATTACHMENT E
- T-SHIRT TASK FORCE: LT RON WEST – NO REPORT

DATE: 22 December 2000

FROM: CAPT Georgia A. Johnson  
Chair, T-PAC Awards Committee

SUBJECT: William Fromherz Award  
Josef Hoog Award  
Therapist Clinician of the Year Award  
Therapist Junior Officer of the Year Award

TO: All Therapist Category Officers

Once again, it is time to prepare for the William Fromherz and Josef Hoog Awards. We would like to present both the William Fromherz Award and the Josef Hoog Award at the 2001 COA meeting in Washington D.C. and are therefore soliciting your interest, support and nominations for both awards.

In addition, we have developed two new awards for the therapist category—Therapist Clinician of the Year and Therapist Junior Officer of the Year. Attached are descriptions and criteria for each award. Please feel free to contact me at 410-786-6859 Monday through Friday between 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM EST if you have any questions.

Deadlines for nominations will be 31 March 2001 and all nominations must be submitted for consideration to the T-PAC Awards Chair by that date. Please send your nominations to me at the address listed below.

Please honor deserving colleagues with your nominations. Thank you.

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**MEMORANDUM**  
 (Please post this in your department)

**DATE:** 1 October 2000

**FROM:** Grant N. Mead, LT (0-3), USPHS  
 Chair, TPAC Education Committee

**SUBJECT:** Continuing Education Opportunities

**TO:** Therapist Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC)  
 Therapist Department Chiefs  
 Uniformed Services Rehabilitation Departments

**UPCOMING COURSES/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS FOR THERAPISTS**

**DATES: COURSE TITLE/INSTRUCTORS/COST: SITE/CONTACT:**

TBA	USAF Temporomandibular Disorder: Course for Therapists SEATS: Two slots for PHS Therapists	Keesler, AFB Biloxi, MS <u>Contact:</u> LT Mead
4/16-4/20/2001*	Advanced Physical Therapy Course Of Evaluation & Treatment of the Spine@ Presented by the U. S. Army *Prerequisite: Must have attended U.S. Army NMSE or USAF NMS Course. SEATS: 5 Slots for PHS Therapists	Fort Sam Houston San Antonio, TX. <u>Contact:</u> LT Mead
5/7-5/18/2001	Combat Stress Course@ (OT s & PT s Only) Presented by the U.S. Army Field Training Course - BDU s Required SEATS: 4 Slots for PHS Therapists	Fort Sam Houston San Antonio, TX <u>Contact:</u> LT Mead
6/20-6/23/2001	APTA Scientific Meeting	Anaheim, CA <u>Contact:</u> APTA

If you have any new information or corrections to the above dates, please submit them to me by either FAX, Mail, Phone, or E-Mail. Thank you.

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Healthy Lifestyles Committee  
Chair: CAPT Rebecca Parks  
12/15/00

1. In collaboration with CAPT Flyzik and the Chief Therapist Officer, we have named an initial group of "Points of Contact" for the Healthy Lifestyles initiative. (copies of the list to be distributed).
2. LCDR Mark Melanson has been named as Therapist Category representative to the Healthy Lifestyles Website Committee. Along with representatives from each of the other categories, he will be creating a website dedicated to this initiative. In the future, we plan to use the website to offer access for officers to interactive fitness programs and other resources to be used by officers who want to tune up their lifestyles.
3. Beyond the people named as "Points of Contact," there are several other therapists who are interested and active in fitness activities in their geographic area. It is our desire to encourage that enthusiasm and support participation in this initiative by the greatest number of individuals possible. There is no such thing as too many people working for fitness.
4. I have had activity updates from the following officers to date:
  - a) Terry Cavanaugh (Alaska)
  - b) Lois Goode (Whiteriver)
  - c) Susanne Pickering (CDC)
  - d) Robert Davidson (Region II)
5. From Anchorage, they are building a primary care/wellness facility that will include PT and Chiropractic services as well as fitness equipment. Also, the PTs give talks in outlying communities re: the benefits of an active lifestyle. In Southeast Alaska, they have employee and community initiatives.
6. The PT Department in Whiteriver has been offering fitness testing for employees and patients. They have tested and made program recommendations for 25 employees, and they're about to do a 3-month retest to measure progress.
7. CAPT Davidson plans to introduce the Healthy Lifestyles concept at a COA chapter meeting on 12/14. They also will plan for a 5K walk/run over the Brooklyn Bridge and back in the spring. It will be sponsored by COA but offered to all HHS/federal employees.
8. The Atlanta Branch of COA and its president are very supportive of healthy lifestyles related presentations and activities being proposed. Three CC members of the Region IV Healthy Lifestyles workgroup have requested a meeting with ADM James Marks, of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. ADM Marks has been very active and supportive of these activities in the past. They plan to have a kickoff walk/run event on May 16<sup>th</sup> and are collaborating with several employee groups in the Atlanta area.

**ATTACHMENT D**

Hi Ron and Jeff,

I am hoping to be at the TPAC meeting on Friday, but I wanted to give you an update in advance about the web page. The latest round of changes to the page that included the addition of self-nomination forms was made very quickly. My agency contact had the changes installed in two days this time as compared to almost 1 month last time. I think this is an encouraging sign. However, she does not want to make changes on a daily basis, so it is too soon to immediately go back to her with the minutes of the October meeting. (In addition, I noticed in the minutes that some of the field representatives have changed.) We should probably wait a week or two before going back to her with more changes.

I think we should pick some type of regular interval for posting changes. I can make changes as needed in my version of the page on a continuous basis, and then forward these changes to the web master periodically. One obvious time to do this is when the minutes from the previous meeting are ready. All the interim changes to the page could be posted at one time. (For example, with the most recent changes, if I had the minutes, the nomination form, and the new field representative information ready to go at the same time, we could have made only one new posting.) If we can coordinate updates, I think we will get better service from the agency contact that needs to post our changes.

We can discuss this on Friday in the report section of the agenda if you wish, or we can discuss this outside of the meeting and just make an announcement about update frequency during the meeting. I should be in all of this week if you'd like to discuss it (301-496-9890).

Karen

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**Schedule for Therapist Day at COA  
5/29/00**

**How Do You FIT Into FITness: Therapist Category  
Perspective on the Fitness Initiative**

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9am	<b>Overview of the Fitness Initiative</b> CAPT Mike Flyzik	OSG
10:30am	<b>CCRF Fitness Levels</b> Col Beverly Pritchett	OSG
12:00pm	Lunch	
2:00pm	<b>TPAC Fitness Update</b> CAPT Rebecca Parks	NIH
2:30pm	<b>Fitness Demonstration Projects</b> LCDR Richard Shumway Joan Phillips	USCG USCG

# COA's 2001 PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

(As of 12-11-2000)

## **PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: *Expanding Our Mission***

### MONDAY, MAY 28

- Throughout day*      Group Event?? – perhaps taking advantage of planned Memorial Day events *possible buses from* in downtown Washington by coordinating group travel, etc. *Marriott*
- 12Noon-5:00 PM      **REGISTRATION SET-UP**  
Hoover
- 2:00-5:00 PM      **PERSONNEL TYPE SESSIONS** (*one topic or multiple topics/sessions*)  
Wilson A-B-C  
Harding; N. Cotillion;  
S. Cotillion
- 5:00-7:00 PM      **RECEPTION - REGISTRATION**  
Cotillion Ballroom  
Cotillion & Wilson Foyers

### TUESDAY, MAY 29

- 7:00AM-12Noon      **EXHIBIT SET-UP** (*UNeek Expo. will begin set-up of exhibit area around 7AM and exhibitors will be able to begin set-up by noon at the latest*)  
Exhibit Hall B North
- 7:00AM-12Noon      **REGISTRATION OPEN** (*coffee/muffins served in exhibit area in a.m.*)  
Cotillion Foyer
- 1:30-3:00 PM      **REGISTRATION OPEN**  
Exhibit Hall B North
- 7:30-9:00 AM      **RETIRED MEMBER BREAKFAST**  
Wilson A/B
- 9:00-9:45 AM      **OPENING CEREMONY/WELCOMING REMARKS**  
Cotillion Ballroom
- 9:45-10:45 AM      **GENERAL SESSION**  
***Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health***  
*Moderator* :CAPT Gene Migliaccio, Director, Division of Immigration Health Services, Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration
- Speaker:* Laurie Garrett, author of books on global public health
- 10:45-11:00 AM      **BREAK**  
Cotillion Foyer (*perhaps with a book signing with Laurie Garrett*)

11:00AM-12Noon	<b>CONCURRENT MINI-GENERAL SESSION</b>
Balcony A	<b>#1 - <i>Occupational Safety/Health Topic</i></b> – perhaps focusing on the impact of environment on health care workers (Tom Crow/Laura McNally)
Balcony C/D	<b>#2 - <i>National Health Outcomes Database</i></b> (Gary Kaplowitz) – session would address the proposed National Health Outcomes Database that will offer evidence-based data on the outcomes of treatments for a wide range of diseases
Wilson A/B/C	<b>#3 - <i>LIFE Initiative/HIV/AIDS</i></b> (Marsha Davenport) – session would address U.S. work with the International Partnership Against HIV/AIDS project in Africa through the LIFE (Leadership and Investment in Fighting an Epidemic) <i>Program Invited Speaker – Presentation on CDC HIV/AIDS Program:</i> RADM Helene Gayle, Director, National Center for HIV & TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Balcony B	<b>#4 - <i>Obesity/Healthy Lifestyles/Physical Fitness Report</i></b> (Laura McNally) session would address findings from SG Workshop on Obesity and SG Report on Physical Fitness; and address the PHS Healthy Lifestyle Initiative <i>Speakers:</i> CAPT Van S. Hubbard, Director, Division of Nutrition Research Coordination, National Institute of Diabetes Research, National Institutes of Health. CAPT Michael Flyzik, Office of the Surgeon General

**Another Session Option:**

***Health Professional Training: The Corps of Tomorrow*** (Gene Migliaccio)  
*Speakers:* CAPT Bruce Baggett; David Kelly; Denise H. Geolot, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N. and Carol J. Bazel, M.D., Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration

12Noon-1:30 PM Cotillion Ballroom	<b>OPENING LUNCHEON</b> <i>Possible Speaker:</i> Rep. Connie Morella (R-MD) to speak on the topic of changes in the health care system/legislative changes that will affect health care
1:30-5:00 PM Exhibit Hall B North	<b>EXHIBIT HALL OPEN</b>
1:30-2:45 PM Exhibit Hall B North	<b>EXHIBIT BREAK</b> <i>Dessert with the exhibitors – door prize drawing</i>
2:45-3:45 PM Cotillion Ballroom	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b> (Gene Migliaccio) <b><i>Health Care Work Force of Today: Access, Diversity and Quality</i></b> This session will address access to care issues, cultural diversity, federal credentialing, and quality of care. <i>Speakers:</i> Sam Shekar, M.D., M.P.H., Associate Administrator, Bureau of Health Professions, Dr. Marilyn Biviano, Dr. Anita Moncrease and John Heyob
4:00-5:00 PM	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b>

Cotillion Ballroom *Suggested Speaker/Topic:*  
U.S. Surgeon General - PHS Leadership

5:00-8:00 PM **PAC MEETINGS**  
5:00-7:30 PM *Dental Category* – meeting/social  
Wilson A/B  
5:00-8:00 PM *Pharmacy Category*  
Hoover  
5:00-7:30 PM *Physician Category*  
Coolidge  
5:00-6:30 PM *Therapist Category*  
Harding

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

7:30-9:00 AM **BREAKFAST**

7:30AM-12Noon **REGISTRATION OPEN**  
Exhibit Hall B North

9:00-11:30 AM **EXHIBIT HALL OPEN**  
Exhibit Hall B North

9:00AM-5:30 PM **DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC SESSIONS**

Each category is planning sessions/day with following meal functions/breaks in mind:

11:30AM-12:45 PM	<b>PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTY LUNCHEONS</b>
12:45-1:30 PM Exhibit Hall B North	<b>EXHIBIT HALL OPEN</b> <i>Dessert with the exhibitors – door prize drawing</i>
5:30-6:30 PM Exhibit Hall B North	<b>RECEPTION</b>
6:30-9:30 PM Salon Ballroom	<b>DINNER</b>

### **DENTAL CATEGORY:** (Virginia A)

- *Evaluation and Diagnosis of Myofacial Pain*  
Dr. Dale Ehrlich, U.S. Navy
- *What a Dental Officer Does on Deployment*  
CDR Dean Coppola, U.S. PHS
- *Tobacco Cessation and Prevention – The Dentist’s Role*  
RADM Robert Mecklenburg, U.S. PHS (Ret.)

### **DIETITIAN CATEGORY:** (Taft)

Topics under consider:

- Herbas/dietary supplements (NIH and/or FDA speakers)
- Food biotechnology (food industry group; maybe FDA speakers)
- New pediatric growth curves (NCHS speaker)
- Healthy Eating Index (USDA speaker)
- National food intake surveys (NCHS and/or USDA papers)

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER CATEGORY:** (Virginia C)

**Two speakers have been identified – topic was not provided:**

Robert Bialas, IHS Head Start Liaison  
Jennifer Lincoln, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, National  
Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

**HSO/SCIENTIST CATEGORIES:** (Wilson A/B/C)

*Categories are considering a joint mental health session similar to what was done at the 2000 Conference*

**PHARMACY CATEGORY:** (N. Cotillion)

Moderators: LT Clint Hinman, Assistant Director, Inpatient Pharmacy, Chinle Indian Hospital, Indian Health Service.

LT Krista M. Scardina, Project Manager, Division of Bioequivalence, Office of Generic Drugs, Food and Drug Administration.

LT Eric Polczynski, Shiprock Indian Hospital, Indian Health Service.

8:50-9:00 AM

**Opening Remarks**

RADM Art Lawrence, Interim Chief Pharmacy Officer, USPHS

9:00-10:00 AM

**Comprehensive Pharmacy Services**

*Speaker:* CAPT Craig Hostetler, Office of Pharmacy Affairs, Health Resources and Services Administration

10:00-11:00 AM

**Medical Errors**

*Speaker:* CAPT Thomas G. Phillips, Associate Director for Medication Error Prevention, Office of Post-Approval Drug Risk Assessment, Food and Drug Administration

11:00-11:30 AM

**Paper Presentations**

11:30AM-1:00 PM

**Pharmacy Professional Specialty Luncheon**

1:00-1:30 PM

**Exhibit Break**

1:30-2:00 PM

**Paper Presentations**

2:00-3:00 PM

**USPHS Pharmacists Role in International Health**

*Speakers:* CAPT Richard Walling, Director, Office for the Americas and Middle East, Office of International and Refugee Health

CDR George Havens, Emergency Public Health Officer, Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development

3:00-4:00 PM

**Psychiatric Pharmacy**

*Speaker:* LCDR Walter Fava, Clinical Pharmacist, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, DC Commission on Mental Health Services

4:00-5:00 PM

**Pain Management Standards**

**THERAPIST CATEGORY:** (Balcony D)

*Focus will be on the "fitness initiative" – tentative outline:*

- *Overview of Commissioned Corps Fitness Initiative* – CAPT Mike Flyzik, Office of the Surgeon General
- *TPAC Fitness Update/Demonstration Project*

- *CCRF Fitness Levels*
- *Army Fitness Research Institute (AFRI) Fitness Interactive Compact Disc*

## THURSDAY, MAY 31

7:00-8:30 AM <i>Rock Creek Park</i>	<b>SURGEON GENERAL'S RUN/WALK</b>
8:30AM-12Noon	<b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b>
9:00-11:30 AM Exhibit Hall B North	<b>EXHIBIT HALL OPEN</b>
9:30-10:30 AM Cotillion Ballroom	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <i>OEP coordinated session; staffers from Senate Public Health &amp; Safety Subcommittee</i>
10:30AM-12Noon Exhibit Hall B North	<b>EXHIBIT – POSTER BREAK</b> <i>Door prize drawing – refreshments – poster presentations</i>
12Noon-1:15 PM Cotillion Ballroom	<b>PERSONNEL LUNCHEON</b> <i>Invited Speaker: RADM R. Michael Davidson, Director, Division of Commissioned Personnel</i> <i>* Recognition of winners of SG Run/Walk</i>
1:30-3:30 PM Kennedy; Roosevelt; Eisenhower; Truman; Wilson A; Taft; Hoover; Coolidge; Harding; McKinley	<b>PAPER PRESENTATIONS</b>
3:45-4:45 PM Cotillion Ballroom	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <i>Possible motivational type speaker/session</i>

## FRIDAY, JUNE 1

7:30-9:30 AM Wilson A-B-C	<b>MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY</b>
9:00AM-4:30 PM Cotillion South	<b>PHS RETIREMENT SEMINAR</b>
9:00AM-5:00 PM Marriott Balcony C/D	<b>USCG MEETING</b>
9:45AM-5:30 PM <i>sessions</i> Cotillion North; Virginia A – B & C	<b>PERSONNEL SESSIONS</b> <i>possibly with breakouts for workshops or smaller sessions</i>

## SATURDAY, JUNE 2

9:00AM-4:30 PM Cotillion South	<b>PHS RETIREMENT SEMINAR</b>
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# **FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

DATE: December 15, 2000

TO: CDR Jeff Fultz, Chairperson, Therapist Professional Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: NIH TPAC Agency Activity Report

FROM: LCDR Bart Drinkard, NIH Field Representative

I.) Positions open:

**None**

II.) Presentations:

Michael Harris-Love: "Therapeutic Exercise and Inflammatory Muscle Disease", Myositis Association of America, Mclean, VA.

CDR Karen Lohmann Siegel served as a faculty member of a course entitled "Clinical Movement Analysis for Rehabilitation Medicine" presented November 27 to December 1, 2000 in Florence, Italy.

Mina Jain, "Comparison of the Pediatric Evaluation Disability inventory and the Childhood Health Assessment Questionnaire in Children with Juvenile Dermatomyositis", poster presentation: American College of Rheumatology Conference, October 2000.

LCDR Bart Drinkard, "VO2- Work Rate Relationship in Children with Juvenile Dermatomyositis", poster presentation: American Association Physiatry and Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, November 2000



TO: **LT RON WEST**  
FROM: CDR Betty Garner  
SUBJECT: TPAC Quarterly Field Report Multi-Site  
DATE: 1 December 2000

**I. CONGRATULATIONS**

Britt Johnson (PT) Ada, OK and the Chickasaw Nation Health Systems golf team took the "Chickasaw Cup" at the employee golf tournament.

**II. POSITIONS OPEN/ANTICIPATED:**

Dale Keel (AUD) OK City, OK. Reports there is an audiology opening at Cass Lake Hospital, Cass Lake MN. Contact Doris Byington 1 800-581-6834. It is grade 11/12 and dates open are 11/24-12/14.

**III. NEWS FROM THE FIELD:**

Britt Johnson (PT), has moved into a new outpatient facility and still maintains services at the inpatient facility at Carl Albert Hospital. His staff now sees 1100 patients/month at the new outpatient facility, 375 patients/month in the satellite clinic in Tishomingo and 120-160 patients/month in the inpatient facility.

CPT Tom Stolusky and LT Bridgette Seago (PT's) are in the process of moving the PT Department at Claremore Indian Hospital. They are coping with the budget cut at Claremore.

LT Cyndy Carter (PT) Tahlequah is still working as "Acting Chief" of Physical Therapy at W.W. Hastings Hospital.

David Marshall, CDR Michelle Hooper, CDR Betty Garner and Dr. Onita Lynch (AUD) have all initiated the Oklahoma State mandated Universal Newborn Screening program. Betty is a member of the Oklahoma State Task Force on standards and protocols for the program.

Bob Camper (AUD) Belcourt, ND, reports the news from the far north this time of the year is the start of ice fishing!

LCDR Mary Beth Dorgan (PT) Cherokee NC. The Cherokee Tribe has provided monies for a Physical Therapist, Physical Therapy Assistant, and secretary. This will allow the wound care specialist to devote more time to her specialty.

Rick Figenshaw (AUD) Rapid City SD.-no news

**IV. HAIL/FAREWELL:**

- LT Cyndy Carter bids Toni Allen (AUD) farewell, and is reviewing a panel for her replacement at Tahlequah.
- Britt Johnson (PT) welcomes Toni Allen (PT) to the Chickasaw Nation. Toni is on her 437 payback. (I'm not sure Cyndy will forgive Britt for this one.)

- Britt also announced the resignation of Dana Shelley (PT). Dana completed her 437 payback. The PT staff was sorry to see Dana leave.
- Vivian Havenstrite, (Audio Tech) is retiring from Claremore Hospital. Dr. Lynch will miss her, and the other Audiologists from the Oklahoma area will remember her with fondness. She was certainly a help to all.
- Julie Van Leuwen (PT) Cherokee NC is converting from Civil Service to Commission Corp. Welcome Julie.

**V. PRESENTATIONS:**

CDR GARNER (AUD) presented “Working Across Cultures” at the Scottsdale COA conference.

Bob Camper (AUD) has presented a proposal to regional school boards to change the policy that penalizes school children who have physician appointments.

**VI. PUBLICATIONS:** None reported

**VII. CURRENT RESEARCH:** None Reported

**VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

LCDR Mary Beth Dorgan is interested in getting a group together or any input on “Billing Issues.” Her e-mail is mary.dorgan2@mail.ihs.gov

MN- NO RESPONSE

**To: Ron West**  
**From: Alicia Hoard**  
**Subject: TPAC Field Report- HRSA**  
**Date: December 2000**

CONGRATULATIONS: none

POSITIONS OPEN/ ANTICIPATED: none

NEWS FROM THE FIELD:

LCDR Denise Brasseaux attended a “Nerve Conduction Velocity and Somatosensory Evoked Testing” workshop sponsored by Cadwell Lab in Costa Mesa, CA on November 17-18, 2000

CDR Alicia Hoard attended the LOTA Conference at the General Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA on December 2-3, 2000

WELCOME/ FAREWELL: none

PRESENTATIONS: none

LCDR John Figarola presented “Wound Care” to the OT students at LSUMSC in New Orleans, LA on November 20, 2000.

LCDR John Figarola presented a “Wound Care” lecture and casting lab at the LOTA Conference at the General Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA on December 2, 2000.

CAPT Judy Bell-Krotoski presented a lecture on Therapy Research to the Hand Therapy Class at Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN on December 7, 2000.

PUBLICATIONS: none

CURRENT RESEARCH:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO CONSIDER: none

**From** Patterson, Shelley [SPatterson@hrsa.gov](mailto:SPatterson@hrsa.gov)  
**To:** wyldewest@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Field Report Information  
**Date:** Thur. 14 Dec 2000 16:39:57 -0500

CDR Patterson continues with her Project Officer assignments, which include Section 330 Community Health Centers, including Community Health Systems, Inc., and UCI Family Health Center, both of which are in southern CA. She is also a Project Officer for HIV/AIDS Title III Planning Grants in southern CA, including Desert AIDS Project and Concerned Citizens Community Involvement. She has scheduled site visits with those organizations.

She recently collaborated with the CA State Office of AIDS and a local pharmaceutical consortium to which she provided suggestions for speeding the electronic ordering and delivering of HIV-related pharmacy drugs. The purpose was to redesign policies and procedures for user-friendly outreach and enrollment of the uninsured re: pharmacy services. She enjoys take-home continuing education tests in a variety of clinical areas to stay abreast of Therapist clinical and industry issues.

Hey Ron,

This is what I have received in the way of 'area happenings', you can sift through what is here.

NEWS FROM SELLS USPHS INDIAN HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

\*The department has received a Special Act or Service Award for "working as a team and making outstanding contributions to the implementation of the BOSOP within the Sells Hospital Physical Therapy Department."

\*LT Jeff Richardson has been nominated for a PHS Citation for his participation in the Tri National Health Fairs in Mexico, collaborating with the CDC, Mexican Health department, and Tohono O'odham tribal representatives.

\*For National Physical Therapy Month the department held an open house for tribal representatives and hospital staff, a wheelchair olympics challenge, and quarterly back safety training.

\*The department will serve as a clinical affiliation site for students from Simmons College in Boston and the University of Southern California.

STEVE SCHOFFSTALL in Sacaton, AZ [[STEVES@grhc.org](mailto:STEVES@grhc.org)]

Reports that their Wellness Center is almost complete.

No other service units reported,

Michael LaPlante

To: Chairperson, Therapist Professional Advisory Committee  
From: LCDR Mark Melanson  
Date: 15 Dec 2000  
Subject: TPAC Quarterly Agency Activity Report  
DC Commission on Mental Health Services (CMHS)

I. Positions Open:

II. News From The Field:

LTJG Teshara Bouie and LTJG Michelle Peterman established a new treatment program that focused on training clients for outplacement. A pilot study was completed after one year and the success rate was 85% for clients still residing in the community.

LtJG Stephen Spaulding, LCDR Cindy Melanson and LCDR Mark Melanson are providing quarterly psychosocial OT training to WRAMC army interns.

LtJGs Bouie and Peterman established a specialized program for dually diagnosed clients in the Acute Care Hospital.

III. Congratulations:

LTJG Michelle Peterman for receiving certification on Dual Diagnosis Treatment after an 11 month training program.

IV. Welcome and Farewell: N/A

V. Presentations: N/A

## **National Institutes of Health Occupational Therapy Report**

**Date:** December 12, 2000  
**From:** Capt. Frances Oakley  
**Subject:** NIH Occupational Therapy Report  
**To:** Cdr. Jeff Fultz, Chair, Therapist Professional Advisory Committee

**Congratulations to:** N/A

**Positions Open/ Anticipated Openings:** N/A

**News from the Field:**

- 1) NIH successfully completed JCAHO review
- 2) Capt. Bonnie Thornton represented RMD during JCAHO review of the various Institute patient care units.
- 3) Joanne Flanagan is spearheading the development of a RMD wheelchair team to develop policy and procedures for wheelchair prescriptions and recommendations.
- 4) Susan Robertson is collaborating with Susan Mihans physical therapist to develop staff education packets for patients with cardiac arhythmias

**Welcome/Farewell to:** N/A

**Presentations:** N/A

**Publications:**

Robertson S & Colborn A. Can we improve outcomes research by expanding research methods?  
*American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 54, 541-543.

Current Research:

- 1) Susan Eckloff, Mary Zadnik, and Joanne Flanagan are collaborating with researchers from NIAMS on a study examining the natural history of Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- 2) Capt. Becky Parks and Capt. Fran Oakley are collaborating with researchers from the NEI to develop a protocol evaluating the late effects of survivors of pediatric cancer.

**Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider:** None at this time.

**DATE:** December 8, 2000  
**REPLY TO** Penny Royall, PT  
**ATTN:** Health Services Division  
**SUBJECT:** TPAC News from the Field  
**TO:** LT Ron West, Executive Secretary, TPAC

**I. Positions Open**

1 Physical Therapist

FMC Devens  
CDR Sue Miller  
(978)-796-1409

**II. News from the Field:**

**FMC Rochester:**

Lt Corey Dahl has received notice that his case report, "Tuberculosis Arthritis as a Cause of Chronic Elbow Pain" has been selected for publication in the journal, **Physical Therapy**. It will be published in the May 2000 issue. This report, which Corey presented at the COA conference, has also been selected as a finalist for the J.D. Lang Junior Investigator Award. Congratulations, Corey!!

LCDR Eric Payne has completed training as a certified CPR Instructor and will begin training FMC Rochester staff this month. Congratulations, Eric! Lcdr Payne also presented "Iontophoresis: Current Concepts in Treatment" to the Rochester medical staff.

LTJG Alicia Souvignier is preparing for her first child due to arrive in late February. Way to "grow", Alicia!

**FMC Devens:**

LCDR Matt Taylor recently passed Wound Care Boards and is now a Certified Wound Specialist. Congratulations, Matt!

CDR Sue Miller has recently been elected as President of the New England Branch of the Commissioned Officers Association. Way to go, Sue!

To: LT Ron West  
From: LCDR Dan Weaver  
Subject: TPAC Field Report  
Date: December 8, 2000

Alaska Native Medical Center  
4315 Diplomacy Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

I. Congratulations: None

II. Positions Open:

We are anticipating a physical therapy position opening at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in March 2001. This is a Native preference position. ANMC is managed by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. If interested please contact CAPT Jim Akers, Chief of Physical Therapy Dept. at [jakers@anmc.org](mailto:jakers@anmc.org).

III. News from the field: None

IV. Presentations: None

V. Publications: None

VI. Current Research: None

VII. Future Agenda Items: None at this time