# THERAPIST PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 17 DEC 2004

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DATES FOR FUTURE TPAC MEETINGS:

February 18, 2005, April 22, 2005 CALL IN NUMBER: 1-888-381-8510 PASS CODE: 87222

Therapist Website: http://www.cc.nih.gov/rm/pt/tpac.htm

If you have information you would like to pass on, or have a question for TPAC please do not hesitate to contact your Field Representative, CDR Gaustad or CDR Shapiro.

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## THERAPIST PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA 17 DECEMBER 2004 1200 EST

I.	CALL TO ORDER	CDR GAUSTAD	1200
II.	Review and Adoption of Agenda	CDR SHAPIRO	1205
III.	Review and Adoption of Previous TPAC Minutes	CDR SHAPIRO	1210
	SPECIAL REPORT OCCO CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	LCDR KEATS (GUEST)	1210-1240
IV.	REPORTS		
	<ul> <li>A. Chief Professional Officer</li> <li>B. TPAC Chair</li> <li>C. * Administration Committee</li> <li>D. * Information Management</li> <li>E. * Readiness Committee</li> <li>F. * Strategic Planning and Development Committee</li> <li>G. * Professional Development</li> </ul>	CAPT McGARVEY CDR GAUSTAD CDR SHAPIRO LCDR NEWMAN CDR DRINKARD LCDR MELANSON CDR MANRIQUE	1240-1310 1310-1330 1330-1335 1335-1340 1340-1345 1345-1350
V.	OLD BUSINESS  A. Action Items:  1. TPAC Web Site/Page  2. TPAC Elections  3. 2005 COA  4. Category readiness  5. USUHS MPH Program	CAPT SIEGEL CDR Gaustad/Shapiro CDR SHAPIRO CDR GAUSTAD CDR GAUSTAD	1355-1405 1405-1410 1410-1420 1420-1425 1425-1430
VI.	NEW BUSINESS  A. Action Items  1. TPAC Benchmarks  2. Warrant Officer Program	CDR GAUSTAD CDR GAUSTAD	1430-1435 1435-1445
VII.	OPEN FORUM FOR DISCUSSION	TPAC CATEGORY	1445-1500
VIII.	ADJOURN		1500

<sup>\*</sup> Committee chairs to report committee projects and/or new information as appropriate or defer to corresponding committee written report to be viewed on the TPAC website.

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#### **Therapist Professional Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: 17 December 2004 Time: 12:00- 15:00 hours EDT Location: Teleconference

#### I. CALL TO ORDER: 12:15 PM EDT

Roll Call:

Non Can.		
MEMBERS:	Title/Proxy	AGENCY/OPDIV
CDR Scott Gaustad	Chair	BOP/Springfield
CDR Rita Shapiro	Secretary	CMS/Baltimore
CAPT Terry Cavanaugh		IHS/Alaska
CAPT Linda Hemingway	LCDR Dahl	BOP/Ft. Worth
CDR Nancy Balash		IHS/Yakama
CDR Bart Drinkard	CDR Shapiro	NIH
CDR Michelle Jordan		HRSA/Rockville
CDR Kathleen Manrique		IHS/Alaska
CDR Eric Payne		BOP/Rochester
CDR Susanne Pickering		CDC/Atlanta
CDR Frank Weaver		IHS/Shiprock
CDR Jessie Whitehurst-Lief	CDR Shapiro	BOP/Lexington
LCDR Corey Dahl		BOP/Ft. Worth
LCDR Jake Magel		IHS/Shiprock
LCDR Mark Melanson		SMSH/DC
LCDR Sue Newman	CDR Gaustad	IHS/Tuba City
LCDR Tarri Randall		IHS/White River
Ex-Officio Member:		
CAPT McGarvey	CPO	NIH

Category Participants			
PHS Agency	OPDIV	Members	
IHS	Chinle, AZ		
	Phoenix, AZ	CAPT Dardess,	
		CDR Figueroa, LCDR West,	
		LT Boles	
	Polaka, AZ	LT Brian Elza	
	Shiprock, NM	CAPT Hurley, CDR Shelton,	
		LT Souvignier, LT Tanzillo,	
		LT Murdoch	
	San Carlos, AZ	LCDR Richardson	
	Anchorage, AK	LCDR Weaver	
	Juneau, AK	LT Lawrence	
NIH	Bethesda, MD	CAPT Parks, CDR Smith	
HRSA	Belleview Hospital, NY	CDR Ianuzzi	
OS	Region VIII	LCDR Grogan	
Non PHS Agency			
ВОР	FMC Carswell	LT Maxfield	
	FMC Springfield	LT Feola, LT Engleman	
USCG			
CMS			
FDA			

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

The agenda was reviewed and adopted as written, following motion by CDR Payne and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CDR Balash. Voice vote per roll call was obtained.

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

Meeting minutes of Oct. 22, 2004 meeting had been provided via e-mails to all TPAC members and were approved via e-mail by all members. Minutes were posted to TPAC Web site on Nov. 17, 2004. Voice vote per roll call was obtained for approval of minutes as posted, following a motion by CDR Balash and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CDR Pickering.

#### SPECIAL REPORT: Invited Speaker LCDR Ron Keats, OCCO

LCDR Ron Keats presented a brief introduction to the newly formed Career Development Office with in the Office of Commissioned Corps Operations (OCCO). The office working on establishing a new career development program through OCCO and hopes to work with all category PAC's professional/career development committees. He informed of developing a 30-year career development guideline regarding how should an officer position himself/herself at various points in their career. The Career Development Office will also offer career counseling via seminars and working closely with the agency liaisons as well. Career Development is not necessarily about promotion only but more of a career satisfaction and how to best achieve your objectives as an officer. There will be clearer guidelines on OPF and how to get documents in the OPF. Other areas would be officer's involvement at their agency via BOTC/IOTC and the guidelines for that should be coming out very soon. There may be a website available in the near future with this type of information.

#### IV. REPORTS

#### A. CPO Report

CAPT McGarvey presented the following report:

- The American Occupational Therapists Association (AOTA) journal published an article
  identifying the new deployment roles for Occupational Therapists in disaster situations.
  The article also acknowledged the number of occupational therapists officers deployed
  in support of the hurricanes in Florida. The AOTA has expressed a desire to interview
  some of the officers who were deployed to those venues in order to develop a more in
  depth article.
- 2. The document outlining the various options for the Transformation has gone through the agency heads and the CPO board. It is now at the Secretary's desk for a final approval. It is anticipated that the PHS workgroup for transformation will be meeting with the Secretary very soon to discuss all the recommendations.
- 3. The 6<sup>th</sup> Precept for promotion was presented at the CPO-SGPAC chair meeting on Dec. 16, 2004. This proposed precept addresses the issue on hard to fill or the hardship positions being either currently served or having been served in the past by the officer. There will be a teleconference with all CPO's on January 12, 2005. CAPT McGarvey would like to get an input from the TPAC via the Benchmark taskforce.
- 4. Army Baylor program: CAPT McGarvey is working with CAPT Furman and trying to get an appointment with ADM Lawrence on this issue as well as supporting a billet/position to serve on the faculty. The new applications will be due in March 2005; hence issue needs to be resolved before then.
- 5. Model charter modifications to address the involvement of officers detailed to the OSG are being discussed at the CPO-SG-PAC. Recommendations from PAC's are welcome in the form of a one to two page document outlining that if the officer is working on particular project in the OSG, which does not conflict with the PAC action items, may

- continue to serve on the PAC as a voting member. And the officer should recuse him/her self from voting if the issue pertains to what they are working on in the OSG.
- 6. Communication and Recruitment CAPTs McGarvey and Bill Stokes are continuing to attend the meetings regarding the advertisements, media and other recruiting efforts.
- 7. COA 2005: in the spirit of the Surgeon General's report on Bone Health was recently released CAPT McGarvey challenged the TPAC to present some information in exercises and nutrition as they relate to bone health at the TPAC exhibit booth for BMI. He also recommended offering the calcaneal bone mineral density testing.
- 8. The current promotion benchmarks are published on the TPAC website thanks to CAPT Siegel.
- 9. From the CPO-SG-PAC chair meeting: Nominations for the new CPO's selection for some of the categories whose current CPO's terms have expired, have been submitted to the agencies for recommendations.
- 10. VADM Carmona will be meeting with Surgeon Generals from other services at CDC. This is regular meeting between the SG's, but this time it is time hosted at CDC.
- 11. Readiness Update: The Manual Circular (MC) 377 for the readiness standards is now up and in full effect. Based on the requirements from the MC 377, the overall readiness of the Commissioned Corps has reduced to 43% in comparison with the October statistics. The deficiencies seem to be minor like annual PPD tests, periodic chest films for those with positive PPD and physicals (05 year). There are PPM's being developed relating to the retention standards. The goal for 100% basic readiness for PHS by May 31, 2005. The results for permanent promotions are not out yet but are expected anytime.
- 12. Awards: The CPO Board has appointed a Task Force under the guidance of RADM Walling. LCDR Scardina is working with him on policy modifications, so that some of the awards would not need to go to the Secretary's office for approval. There may be some additional information required however, if approved, this would significantly reduce the time that it takes to present the awards to an officer.

#### B. TPAC Chair Report

CDR Gaustad recommended the Information management Committee form a Task Force with regard to the AOTA request for interviewing the officers that had deployed for hurricanes.

With regard to the readiness CDR Gaustad recommended that we should think about developing a "buddy" program to assist other officers including from other categories to become basic readiness qualified. In some agencies like the NIH, CMS and some IHS facilities are already doing. He charged the therapist category to be the leader again with highest readiness. He stated that he with the assistance of CDR Drinkard the Readiness committee chair would present a formal memo to RADM Babb offering the therapist category assistance with this initiative.

Sixth Precept: CDR Gaustad asked that the previous benchmark/precept Task Force to come back on line to discuss this and provide recommendations to the CPO: Members: CAPT Cavanaugh, CDR Gaustad, CDR Balash, CDR Shapiro and LCDR Richardson. The task of this group would be to thoroughly evaluate the proposed matrix and the actual goal of the 6<sup>th</sup> precept. Also to bring recommendation even alternate solutions, if not already listed on the proposed matrix by CAPT Coppola. CAPT McGarvey must receive comments before Jan 12 as the CPO board is scheduled for a conference call on Jan 12, 2005.

Readiness: Manual Circular 377 is the ONLY instruction that is in effect now not 375. Officers must do either the Presidential Challenge or the APFT for fitness documentation. It must not be mixed. If people want to do the President's Challenge for their own benefit may do so by going on the healthy feds site but not the OFRD.

Congratulations to CAPT Williams and LT Tanzillo for articles submitted and published in the current Commissioned Corps Bulletin regarding the deployments in support of humanitarian missions.

Promotion: Officers up for promotion this year must get their OPFs updated and get all the information in the OPF. Do not delay! If you have immunizations due, get them now and get your physicals in to the MAB no later than Dec 31, 2004.

February TPAC Meeting: CDR Gaustad motioned to move the February 2005 meeting from 25<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> in order for Physical Therapists to be able to attend the Combined Sections meeting from Feb. 23 – 27, 2005. CDR Balash seconded the motion. Voice vote per roll call was obtained. February TPAC Meeting will be on Feb 18, 2005 at 12:00 noon EST. CDR Pickering will reschedule the call line.

Warrant Officer program: This was introduced 2-3 years ago and information was collected by CDR Duganne and he will send out a query to agency chiefs and dept heads for input regarding the WO's and who would they consider being considered for WO PTA's COTA's etc.

#### COA 2005 Task Force

CDR Shapiro reported that committee has been very active and there are two external groups who will be presenting on the SG's theme of Global epidemic of obesity. There are 4 papers for presentation on the category day and two to three additional papers from the therapists on the general session day in the scientific program.

BMI Booth, CDR Drinkard is attempting to get the Ultrasound equipment for Bone mineral density testing. There will a call for volunteers to man the booth. Therapists please keep that in mind and be prepared to provide support at the therapist category booth conducting the BMI's and providing information on exercise and healthy lifestyles.

#### Committee reports: (Written Reports are attached)

Administration Committee: CDR Shapiro already addressed the COA 2005 progress.

**Strategic Growth Committee:** LCDR Melanson reported that there are many open positions but not adequate number of applicants. Retention survey was sent out and report is attached. Recruitment, another survey is being sent out by LT Maxfield for the COSTEP program. LCDR Magel has done an excellent job of preparing a report on the Long Term Training. (Also attached)

**Professional Development Committee:** CDR Manrique reported there was not much beyond the submitted report. The Career Pathways task force is working diligently on the development of the Career Pathways for our category in different agencies.

Awards: Submit award nominations to CDR Balash Retirements: Report any upcoming retirements to CDR Goode

**Information Management Committee:** Report submitted. The junior officers T O-4 and below are encouraged to attend the JOAG teleconferences on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month. Information can me obtained from the JOAG web site: www.joag.org

**Readiness Committee:** Nothing new to report except the new readiness status already presented by CAPT McGarvey. Officers must sign up for the OFRD list serve.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

TPAC Web Page: CAPT Siegel reported that the progress with the new TAPC Web-site was slow due to the NIH server issues. The new TPAC Page is being designed and will be ready for posting on the new site by next TAPC meeting. If there are any questions regarding the web page, please contact CAPT Siegel at Karen\_siegel@nih.gov please DO NOT contact the NIH web master.

Elections: The Call for nominations has been posted on the TPAC web page as well as was sent out to the field. Officers as well as the civil service therapists are asked to submit self nominations to CDR's Gaustad and Shapiro. TPAC Charter encourages the TPAC membership to be a balanced mix of officers and the civil service therapists.

#### New action item:

1. Benchmark/Precept Task Force to reactivate along with LCDR Jeff Richardson to review and make recommendations regarding the proposed 6<sup>th</sup> Precept. The task force to meet next week so as to get the memorandum ready before Jan 12, 2005.

JUNIOR OFFICERS: All junior officers are encouraged to join the Junior Officer List serve: http://list.nih.gov/archives/joag.html

FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS: See Field Reports section on web page.

#### **CLOSING ROLL CALL:**

**CAPT McGarvey** 

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LCDR Sue Newman	CDR Gaustad	IHS/Tuba City
LCDR Tarri Randall		IHS/White River
Ex-Officio Member:		

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Category Participants			
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	Phoenix, AZ	CAPT Dardess,	
		CDR Figueroa, LCDR West,	
		LT Boles	
	Polaka, AZ	LT Brian Elza	
	Shiprock, NM	CAPT Hurley, CDR Shelton,	
		LT Souvignier, LT Tanzillo,	
		LT Murdoch	
	San Carlos, AZ	LCDR Richardson	
	Anchorage, AK	LCDR Weaver	
	Juneau, AK	LT Lawrence	
NIH	Bethesda, MD	CAPT Parks, CDR Smith	
HRSA	Belleview Hospital, NY	CDR lanuzzi	
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	FMC Springfield	LT Feola, LT Engleman	
USCG			
CMS			
FDA			

CONCLUSION: Meeting adjourned at 15:00 Eastern Time

Respectfully Submitted: CDR Rita Shapiro, TPAC Executive Secretary

Concur: CDR Scott Gaustad, TPAC Chair

Concur: CAPT Charles McGarvey, CPO Therapist Category

#### ATTACHMENT A: ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

#### Memorandum

Date: December 17, 2004

To: CDR Scott Gaustad, TPAC, Chair

From: CDR Rita Shapiro, TPAC, Executive Secretary, Administration Committee, Chair

#### Re: Administration Committee Report Therapist Professional Advisory Committee December 17, 2004 Meeting

#### I. Finance Subcommittee

Chair: LCDR Ron West

**Members:** LCDR Jeff Richardson

The Finance Subcommittee is continuing to look for funding for category day. Some vendors have chosen to go to APTA Annual conference in Boston hence are not able to support COA 2005 conference. Assistance from category members is sought to solicit their local vendors etc.

#### II. COA Meeting Planning Task Force

Chair: CDR Rita Shapiro for 2005

**Members:** CDR Balash, CDR Ianuzzi, CDR Pickering, LCDR Fred Lief, LCDR Magel, LCDR McMillan, LCDR West, and LT Tanzillo

Committee met a couple of times and the agenda is being finalized for the category day presentations. The speakers have been finalized and will include Dr. Stunkard et.al. and Dr. Alvarez et. Al. There will be a retirement ceremony also that day. The evening program in conjunction with the HSO and other categories is being planned.

#### III. TPAC Processes:

**Chair: CAPT Rebecca Parks** 

**Member Elections**: Responsibility: TPAC Executive Secretary: Call for Selfnominations has been posted on the Therapy web page and will be announced in January. '05 CC Bulletin.

Charter Review: Chair: CDR Eric Payne No action this time

This concludes the Administration Committee Report. Thanks to every one's hard work.

Respectfully Submitted, CDR Rita Shapiro

### ATTACHMENT B: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Memorandum

**Date: DEC 17, 2004** 

To: CDR Scott Gaustad, TPAC, Chair

CDR Rita Shapiro, TPAC, Executive Secretary

From: CDR Kathleen Manrique, Professional Development Committee, Chair

Re: Professional Development Committee Report Therapist Professional Advisory Committee DEC 17, 2004 Meeting

**Education Subcommittee Chair: LCDR Corey Dahl** 

**Members:** LCDR Tarri Randall, LT Terry Boles, LT Jeff Richardson, LCDR John Schultz, LT Jeff Richardson

Two seats remain for the 2005 Joint Operational Deployment Course at Fort Sam Houston, TX. Interested officers should contact me prior to the end of January. The course dates are 4-8 April, 2005.

LCDR Sue Newman and I drafted a memo at the request of CDR Gaustad to obtain official authorization for Commissioned Officers to wear the field utility uniform (FUU/BDU) when participating in courses in which the other services are authorized to wear the BDU due to activities in field conditions. The memo was forwarded to CDR Gaustad.

Retirement Recognition Subcommittee

Chair: CDR Lois Goode

Members: CDR Rita Shapiro, LCDR Sue Newman, and LCDR Julia Woodard

The Retirement Recognition Subcommittee has continued to make preparations for the

2005 Retirement Recognition Ceremony.

- 1. Ceremony Date: June 7, 2005 at 1100 hrs, USPHS Annual COA meeting
- 2. Budget Proposal: Submitted by LCDR Sue Newman to the Finance Subcommittee
- 3. Biographies: Currently being drafted for CAPT Hurley and CAPT Varvel
- 4. Voluntary Retirees: \*\*\*\*\*Please notify the Retirement Subcommittee of any Voluntary Retirees within the Category \*\*\*\*\*
- 5. Awards: To be ordered by CDR Rita Shapiro
- 6. Invitations to be mailed February 2005

#### Mentoring Subcommittee Chair: CDR Michaele Smith

**Members:** CAPT Rebecca Parks

- All mentees requesting a mentor have been matched. There has been no activity this quarter regarding requests for a mentor.
- Career Development Opportunities exist for those interested in a
  - Fellowship in Clinical Research at NIH or
  - CCRF clinical hours
  - Development in areas of clinical expertise in areas of
    - Exercise Testing
    - Orthotic/brace fabrication
- Contact CDR Michaele Smith @ Michaele\_smith@nih.gov or 301-402-3014 for more information.

#### **Awards Subcommittee:**

**Chair: CDR Nancy Balash** 

Members: CDR Scott Gausted, CDR Lois Goode

- CDR Balash co-authored the Awards Recognition Task Force Position Paper that went forward to the OSG last week. The process recommended for OSG activity would keep recognition approval and process within the OSG, instead of moving through agency awards boards as it currently does.
- Therapy Category Award submission deadline for this year is 30 March 2005. Please see the Therapy website for award descriptions and submission criteria. Submissions go to CDR Balash.

Therapist CV Format and COER Task Force

Chair: LCDR Michele Jordan Members: CDR Nancy Balash LCDR Ron West

No report

#### **Career Pathway Task Force**

Members:

CDR Kathleen Manrique- Chair

CDR Liza Figueroa

CDR Rita Shapiro

LCDR Jake Magel

LCDR Dan Weaver

LCDR Tarri Randall

LT William Pearce

LT Jodi Tanzillo

CAPT Charles McGravey- Advisory

- Reviewed overall mission- to have a document available as a guide for officers to assist with career development
- Emphasized that document would need to be flexible and updated as the Corps Transformation progresses and as the Operating Divisions Career Pathways are finalized and published as well.
- Goal: Draft for TPAC review by Feb 2005 meeting

Work assignments:

CDR Manrique- CDC pathway

CDR Shapiro- CMS pathway

LCDR Randall- BOP

LT Tanzillo- FDA- completed

LCDR Weaver- some non traditional billets, ie Emergency Response Coordinator

CDR Figueroa- Non traditional billets- ie with OS, ASH, Healthy Lifestyles

NIH- Pathway provided by CAPT McGarvey

IHS – pending

This concludes the Professional Development Committee Report.

Thank you Subcommittee Chairs for your prompt reporting, and your work on this Professional Development Team!

CDR Kathleen Manrique

#### ATTACHMENT C: INFO-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **MEMO**

**DATE:** 12/10/04

TO: CDR SCOTT GAUSTAD, TPAC CHAIR

CDR RITA SHAPIRO, TPAC SECRETARY

FROM: SUE NEWMAN, PT, TPAC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT CHAIR

**RE**: TPAC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### I. Web Page Subcommittee, CAPT Karen Siegel, Chair

- -Changes to the website since the last TPAC meeting includes:
  - 1) deployment survey results under the readiness section
  - 2) Sources for uniform items under the links section (contributed by LTBoles)
  - 3) NIH PT vacancy under the recruitment section
  - 4) Oct TPAC minutes under the TPAC section
  - 5) updating the educational listing.
- -Also in mid November the web page was down for a few days and following that I changed the appearance of the page including a new background and deleting the NIH header and footer. The page remains on an NIH server, but if anyone  $\frac{1}{2}$

has questions or comments about the page, they are requested to forward those comments to me and NOT the NIH webmaster for attention.

-I am in discussion with the TPAC committee and subcommittee chairs to redesign the existing page to be consistent with the TPAC organizational structure. We continue to make progress in developing material for the new page, but I still do not have an estimated date that the new page will be posted.

#### II. JOAG, LCDR Jeff Richardson, Chair

The purpose of the Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) is to provide advice and consultation to the Surgeon General, Chief Professional Officers (CPO), Professional Advisory Committees (PAC), and other Commissioned Corps groups on issues relating to professional practice and personnel activities affecting junior officers in the USPHS Commissioned Corps.

I would like to report on the highlights of recent JOAG efforts:

- 1) We are in the process of getting the new JOAG voting members for the 2004-2006 term endorsed. The new Executive staff is well organized and has made assignments for the new JOAG committee chairs and subcommittee chairs. New subcommittees that were organized, include: Budget, COA meeting planning, COA virtual branch, Deployment and Missions, JOAG website, and professional development. If you are interested in participating in one or more of these committees see the info below.
- The JOAG Exec Committee had an opportunity to respond to the recent Transformation memo with RADM Knows and RADM Moritsugu this past month.

I would like to call on all Junior Therapist Officers (Temporary O-4 and below), who are interested, to join one of JOAG's committees and become a Non-voting member and also to sign up for the JOAG listserv at http://list.nih.gov/archives/joag.html or by loggin on the JOAG website a www.joag.org and clicking on the link for the listserv. Meeting times have changed to 1300 EDT on the second Friday of every month. The next meeting will be Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Officers usually meet in the conference room M on the 3rd floor of the Parklawn Building and in Atlanta meet at ATSDR Conf Room 3A. Call-in info is: USA Toll Free Number: 888-807-8641, PASSCODE: 11247

- III. Historian, CDR Jessie Lief, Chair
  - -If anyone has pictures/information (COA meetings, Deployments, Conferences) to include in TPAC history contact CDR Lief at email:jlief@bop.gov.
- IV. Retired Therapist Subcommittee, CAPT (ret.) Leo LaBranche and CDR (ret.) Selden Wasson
  - -Nothing to Report
- V. Inactive Reserve, LT Alicia Souvignier, Chair
  - -There are Inactive Reservists interested in doing a short tour of duty if anybody needs to backfill in their clinics. Contact: Allicia.souvignier@ihs.gov
- VI. TPAC Field Report, CDR Liza Figueroa, Coordinator
- 1. Positions Open/Anticipated Openings
  - NIH
- PT Position available as of Nov 15, 2004
  - BOP EAST

#### Butner:

- There is one unfilled position
- LT Damian Avery will be onboard late January 2005
  - IHS NM

**Zuni**: 1 PT position open

NNMC: Anticipate 1 PT opening

• IHS AZ

Chinle:

- 1 opening for staff PT position in the process of filling
- Openings for staff Speech Therapist and Audiologist

#### Hopi:

- The Chief Therapist position is not posted yet due to a change in the job title and description. Clarification and approval from our Executive Staff . Hopefully, it will not be too much longer before the position can be advertised

#### 2. Congratulations:

#### IHS NM

#### Zuni:

- CAPT Becky Sellers was awarded the PHS Achievement Medal for her work with TPAC

#### Crownpoint:

- LT Matthew Daab was awarded the PHS Achievement Medal
  - IHS AZ

#### Chinle:

- Congrats to LCDR Joe Strunce on accepting the Chief Physical Therapist position
- -Congrats to *Mr. Mike Powers* on accepting the Lead Physical Therapist position **Phoenix:**
- LT Joe Rasor, PT (reserves and now on 120 day tour of duty), was promoted to LCDR
- LTJG Doug Henry, PT, was promoted to LT
- The Physical Therapy Department at PIMC was recognized by Northern Arizona University Physical Therapy Program for "Educational Excellence in the Clinical Education" of their doctorate students. CDR Liza Figueroa is the CCCE.

#### • NIH

*Mr. Michael Harris Love,* PT, received an award for Academic Excellence from Krannert School of Physical Therapy, University of Indianapolis November 12.

#### 3. News from the Field:

BOP EAST

#### **Butner:**

- Total patient visits have increased two fold to 754/mo
- The PT Department is waiting for Orthopedics to open their department.

#### Lexington:

- *CAPT Dave Nestor* continues to work with BOP HQ's to try and work out a billet structure based on clinical expertise that adds value to the BOP mission

#### • IHS NM

#### Crownpoint:

- Anticipate full-time podiatrist within 2-3 months
- Re-initiating bimonthly orthopedic clinic

#### NNMC:

- LT Lorrie Murdoch, PT, conducting monthly women's health clinic in conjunction with OB/GYN
- Planning joint tribal diabetes presentation on diabetic foot care

#### • IHS AZ

#### Phoenix:

- LCDR Ron West attended the IHS sponsored EMG & NCV course in Phoenix, AZ, Nov 4-7.

#### Chinle:

- Director of Rehab *LCDR Andra Battocchio* returns in January 2005 from her 6 month fellowship in Philadelphia

#### Fort Defiance:

- Our Electronic Hospital Record (EHR) process is going very well.

#### Tuba City:

- *PT Department* hosted an Open House for staff and patients on Nov 4 in recognition of PT Month. Displays of Early Childhood assessment, Specialty Clinics provided, Wound Management, F-scan, and CTS/Plantar Facilitis were available for visitors to hear and learn. Refreshments and prizes were also offered to visitors.

#### NIH

The Rehabilitation Medicine Department will soon be moving from the Warren G. Magnusson Clinical Center to the Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center, a newly constructed hospital with 242 in-patient beds and 80 day hospital beds. The new Rehabilitation Medicine Department will be located on the first floor of the new facility and include the services of Physical Medicine, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, Recreation Therapy, and some programs of the Physical Disabilities Branch including the Movement Analysis Laboratory. Patient care activities are anticipated to begin in the new facility sometime in early 2005.

- Career Development Opportunities Exist for those interested in a Fellowship in Clinical Research at NIH or CCRF clinical hours. Development in areas of clinical expertise in areas of Exercise Testing, Orthotic/brace training, Pediatrics. Contact CDR Michaele Smith for more information: michaele\_smith@nih.gov or 301-402-3014.
- *Earllaine Croarkin* and her husband Jack became the proud parents of Kaitlin Rose 8 lbs, 5 oz, 21 in, born November 28.

#### BOP WEST

#### **USMCFP** Springfield:

- The *Physical Therapy Department*, under the direction of *CDR Scott Gaustad* has been selected to lead the wound care management team for the medical facility.
- CDR Scott Gaustad has recently completed a 126hour EMG/NCV certification course at Rocky Mountain University.
- LT Justin Feola and LT Jill Tillman recently completed the new Doug Kersey course at Fort Sam Houston.
- LTJG Felipe Zamarron for achieving honor graduate status at Glynco.

- *LT Justin Feola* recently completed the annual Bureau of Prisons SORT recertification and as initiated and implemented a comprehensive lymphedema management program.
- LT David Engelman has been selected to be the CCCE at USMCFP Springfield.

#### • MULTI - AGENCY

#### FDA:

- *LT Terry Boles*, PT graduated from the Secretary's Emergency Response Team/LNO II (SERT) OFRD course; December 10, 2004.

#### OSOPHS:

- LCDR Laura M. Grogan,
  - Graduated from the Secretary's Emergency Response Team/LNO II (SERT) OFRD course; December 10, 2004.
  - OT has volunteered to assist and administer the APFT in the Denver area and fellow Family Planning Officers while on travel, to date she has administered six APFT's
  - > She is also working at Evans Army Community Hospital two days per month as an OT in Fort Carson Colorado. There she will treat outpatient and inpatient members of the Army and their dependents. In addition, she will be instructing the OT Dept on wound care techniques as well as assist in the development of a hospital wide protocol program
  - She completed EC-A training in Anniston as well as two recent updates in Denver.
  - > Completed the Introduction to Disaster Services with Red Cross Volunteer Orientation; December 1, 2004.

#### 4. Welcome/Farwell to:

Welcome:

#### • IHS NM

Zuni: Lori Howeya, PT

• IHS AZ

San Carlos: LCDR Jeff Richardson has taken the position of Chief Physical Therapy Department

**Tuba City**: *LCDR James Cowher*, PT will be joining Tuba City Health Care Corporation in January 2005. He will be transferring from BOP/FMC Devens.

#### BOP WEST

- *LT Jessica Feda* will be joining the staff on 10 Jan 05 as her transfer from the Army was finally approved.

Farewell:

#### • IHS NM

NNMC: CAPT John Hurley will retire Feb 1, 2005

• IHS AZ

Hopi: LCDR Jeff Richardson left HHCC to assume the duties of Chief PT Dept at San Carlos Hospital

#### NIH

Dwaine Wintz left the Physical Therapy Section in mid November.

#### BOP EAST

Ft Devens: LCDR James Cowher is leaving early January 2005 to start working at Tuba City

#### 5. Presentations:

#### NIH

Abbett K, Harris-Love MO, Joe G, Koziol D: Intrarater and interrater reliability of the Adult Myositis Assessment Tool. 2004 NIH Summer Research Program Poster Day, Bethesda, MD.

Harris-Love MO, Croarkin, E: Gradation of force control in children with Friedreich ataxia: reliability and content validity.

2004 National Institutes of Health Research Festival, September 29, 2004, Bethesda, MD. 2004 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, September 11, 2004, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

Popovich JM, **Shrader JA**, Gracey CG, Danoff JV, **Harris-Love MO**, Gerber LH: Quantitative assessment of foot and ankle impairments in persons with rheumatoid arthritis. 2004 NIH Summer Research Program Poster Day, Bethesda, MD.

Popovich JM, **Shrader JA**, Gracey CG, Danoff JV, Gerber LH. Measurement of Navicular Drop in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis: Internater and Intrarater Reliability. Combined Sections, APTA. Nashville, Tennesee. February 2004. Poster.

Zolko A, **Smith M**. Time Distance Parameters of Gait: Smith Magenis Syndrome. 2004 NIH Summer Research Poster Day, Bethesda, MD

#### BOP WEST

- *LTJG Zamarron* presented an inservice to the medical staff regarding occupational therapy services now available at FMC Rochester.

#### 6. Publications:

#### NIH

Vanderver AL, Chang T, Letocha AD, Gerber L, Cintas H, Paul S, Vanderver G, Reynolds J, Marini JC. Neurologic outcome in osteogenesis imperfecta patients with basilar invagination. Annals of Neurology 2004; 56 (suppl 8): 594.

#### 7. Current Research:

BOP EAST

**Butner**: Continues research on exercise benefits for oncology patients **Lexington**: *LCDR Lief* finished paper on categorization of foot ulcer risks for diabetics based on the Hanson Disease Center Scale. The results of categorization of patients with diabetes at FMC Lexington were presented.

#### 8. Deployments:

• IHS NM

NNMC: LT Jodi Tanzillo, OT, was deployed to Florida to assist with hurricane relief

VII. Commissioned Officers Association, CDR Suzanne Pickering
Registration for the COA meeting June 6-11, 2004 in Philadelphia is now open.
(www.coausphs.org)

#### VIII. Discipline Liaison

Members: CDR Frank Weaver - Audiologist appointed 8/2002

-Nothing to report

CAPT Rebecca Parks - OT

-Nothing to report

CDR Michaele Smith - PT

-The next QUAD service meeting is scheduled for 12/15/04, at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), 13:00 hours. A full report will follow.

-CPO's voted to discontinue the Environmental Scan.

Ms. Beth Soloman - SLP

-Nothing to report

#### ATTACHMENT D: STRATEGIC GROWTH COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: CDR Rita Shapiro, TPAC Secretary

CDR Scott Gaustad, TPAC Chair

Date: 12/15/04

From: LCDR Mark Melanson, Strategic Growth Chair

#### PHS Therapist Category Vacancies

IHS		Open Date	CONTACT
PT	Zuni, NM	8/04	Becky Sellers (505) 782 - 7529
PT	Sells, AZ	5/04	Rebecca Harry (928) 383 - 7303
2 PT's (Chief)	Lame Deer, MT	8/04	Natanya Riggs (406)247-7246
Aud and SP	Chinle, AZ	6/04	Joe Strunce (928) 674 - 7223
2 PT's	Chinle, AZ	12/04	Joe Strunce (928) 674 - 7223
PT	Crow Agency, MT	8/04	Jacky Black (406)247-7214
PT	Nome, AK	10/04	Dorothy Pinkney (907)443-3311
PT	Pollaca, AZ	10/04	Brian Elza (928) 737-6131
PT	Browning, MT	10/04	Natanya Riggs (406)247-7246
PT	Shiprock, NM	11/04	Lola Morgan (928)871-5880
Chief of Rehab	Gallup, NM	10/04	Martha Duganne (505)722-1510
Chief PT	Broken Bow, OK	12/04	Jill Mayes (580)584-6697
PT	Sacaton, AZ	12/04	Steve Shoffstall (520)562-3093
PT and OT	Ft. Defiance, AZ	12/04	Mike Faz (928)729-8805

BOP

None Available

Others

PT NIH – Bethesda, MD 11/04 CAPT McGarvey (301)496-2844

www.cdc.gov/ncipc/default.htm www.cms.hhs.gov/ www.fda.gov/cdrh/index.html www.hrsa.gov www.osophs.dhhs.gov/ophs/

#### Subcommittee Reports

#### Recruitment-

- -Currently only 7 applicants are boarded and medically cleared all will be called next week. This is a major area of concern with so many vacancies. We encourage all officers to seek out applicants. Several calls have been made to CDR Steven Blackwell, the new Recruitment Officer.
- -ARP meetings have not been held since this summer.

#### Strategic Growth

- CDR Eric Payne has set up an extensive database on non-traditional positions and these have been forwarded to CAPT Karen Siegel.
- CDR Gary Shelton held a subcommittee meeting and the report follows.
- Concern about not being able to fill current vacancies before seeking new positions.
- Need to update and re-establish contacts with potential for future billets.
- Find out the President's plans for rural community health facilities.
- Need to coordinate efforts with the recruitment subcommittee.

#### Retention

- Survey responses have been tabulated thanks to all therapists who submitted. See the results following.

#### **COSTEP**

- LT Stephanie Maxfield is forwarding a survey to all officers to help with our recruiting effort.

#### **Long Term Training**

- LCDR Jake Magel forwarded his report on training through CDR Scott Gaustad.

ATTACHMENT E: READINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report this period