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To: CDR Scott Gaustad, TPAC Chair, LCDR Corey Dahl, TPAC Executive Secretary

Via: CDR Sue Newman, Chair TPAC Information Management Committee

Subj: DECEMBER 2005 TPAC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

I. POSITIONS OPEN/ANTICIPATED

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Devens: 1 PT position is still open but has a tentative candidate

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

FDA

HHS wide / PHS CC 0-3 to 0-6

Position: Entomologist

POC: Dr. Douglas Park

Telephone: (240) 793-1514

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- **IHS MULTI-SITE**

Choctaw Nation Health Care Center

1 Staff PT

Contact: Britt Johnson, PT

Ada, OK

(580) 310-6635

Choctaw Nation Health Care Center

1 Staff PT

Contact: Suzan Abeyta, LPT

Talihina, OK 74571

(918) 567-7046

- **IHS NW/AK**

Sitka: 1 PT Staff

- **NIH**

1 vacancy on Physical Therapy Staff created by the departure of Michael Harris Love. No information available on plans to fill that position.

- **IHS AZ**

Hopi: The PT position has been approved to be an 03,04,05 billet- dependent upon the qualifications of the applicant- so this will increase the scope of recruitment efforts.

Chinle: Chief PT position will be vacant

PIMC: Inpatient PT position available.

Pinon: The Chinle PT Dept is currently supporting the new clinic in Pinon with services 2-3 days/week. Permanent positions (2 PT, 1 Assistant, 1 secretary/OA) should be filled over the next several months.

II. CONGRATULATIONS

- **NIH**

CAPT Rebecca Parks received the Clinical Center Director's Award for Science

- **IHS AZ**

PIMC:

CAPT Mark Dardis, CDR Liza Figueroa, CDR Ron West and LT Doug Henry received the Phoenix Area Director's Award for Exemplary Group Performance as members of the Hand Injury surgical and Therapeutic Team

Hopi:

Physical Therapy Department was awarded the HHCC CEO Group Award and the Phoenix Area Director award- for Exemplary Group Performance

- **IHS NM**

Crownpoint: PT Dept received "Department of Month" for October 2005

- **IHS Multi-Site**

Wilma Mankiller Clinic Stillwell:

LT William Pearce, PT, received the USPHS Achievement Medal

Hastings Indian Medical Center:

LT Delana Westman, PT, Became a Certified Wound Specialist

LCDR Cindy Carter, PT, received the USPHS Achievement Medal

Claremore Indian Hospital:

LCDR Bridgett Seago, PT, received the USPHS Achievement Medal

III. NEWS FROM THE FIELD

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Lexington:

A new warden, *Stephen Dewalt* started at Lexington 3 weeks ago.

- **BOP WEST**

FMC Rochester: passed the recent JCAHO survey in October

MCFP Springfield:

CDR Scott Gaustad received a Letter of Appreciation for his lab instructor contributions at the EMG/NCV Beginners Course in Mesa, Arizona, November 17-20, 2005.

CDR Gaustad received an Admiral's Letter of Appreciation for his contributions to the Mississippi Secretary's Emergency Response Team, September 5, 2005.

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

CMS- Baltimore: *CDR Shapiro* organized the CMS-USPHS team for participation in the Race for the Cure 5-K run. Three officers and Six Civil Service members participated on October 01 in Baltimore. Our team raised \$925 for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle: *Mike Powers, PT* is progressing well in the DSc program in Electrophysiology at RMUoHP. This has allowed CSU to offer EMG/NCV studies on a regular basis.

- **IHS NM**

Zuni:

LCDR Ernestine Higdon, PT will be taking on the Chief of PT position at Zuni. She has previously worked at Zuni and is currently working at GIMC. Her start date at Zuni is schedule for January 3, 2006.

Crownpoint: PT department renovations are now complete - new private rooms.

- **IHS MULTI-SITE**

Claremore Indian Hospital:

LCDR Bridgett Seago, PT, recently completed BOTC 3-day training
Tom Stolusky, PT, recently completed McKenzie Part D

Cherokee: PT Department has recently added a program in Manual Lymphatic Drainage. The PT Staff is working on adding of a Phase 3 Cardiac Wellness and Prevention Program

IV. WELCOME/FAREWELL

Welcome:

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle: *LT Matt Armentano PT, OCS* who started in Chinle mid-October

- **IHS MULTI-SITE**

Melissa Still-Seligman, DPT, IHS Scholarship Graduate from University of Central Arkansas. Now at Hastings Indian Medical Center, Tahlequah, OK

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

CMS-Baltimore: *LCDR Monique Howard* joined the Commissioned Corps as a transfer from the Civil Service effective November 01, 2005. A formal commissioning ceremony will be held at CMS on Tuesday, Dec 13, 2005 at 13:00 during the monthly Commissioned Corps update meeting where all regions participate via Video Teleconference.

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Devens: Has hired a new PT graduate who will be joining the Commissioned Corps, *LT Doug Farentino*

Farewell:

- **NIH**

Michael Harris Love, PT, left the physical therapy section in November to join the faculty of George Washington University.

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle: **LCDR Joe Strunce** will be leaving Chinle (last day is Jan 19th). He accepted the Chief of Rehab position at NNMC (Shiprock).

- **IHS NM**

Zuni: **CAPT Becky Sellers, PT**, who is leaving Zuni Hospital after 17 years of service! She has a long list of accomplishments while at Zuni and she will be missed there as well as in this area. She will be transferring to Lawton Indian Hospital in Lawton, OK, where she will be starting up a new PT department. We wish her the best and thank her for all of her contributions. Her last day at Zuni is December 16th.

V. PRESENTATION

- **NIH**

Michael Harris Love and Physical Therapy Staff led a multi-center research educational training program offered on 10/28 to standardize 10-point MMT testing for the Rituximab in Myositis (RIM) protocol.

- **IHS NM**

Crownpoint:

New ergonomic presentation developed by **Lori Lee, PT**, and has been presented to all hospital employees as part of annual employee orientation. She has also begun giving presentations on exercise as part of hospital Lifestyle Balance Program (Diabetes prevention and management) and is beginning to incorporate an exercise component in the weekly Diabetes Clinic.

PT dept had successful PT Open House in October in which we performed posture screens, hamstring extensibility, and conducted a PT trivia contest; we had excellent attendance.

VI. PUBLICATION

- **NIH**

Harris M, Smith M. Orthopedic Interventions for Pediatric Patients: The Evidence for Effectiveness. Pediatric Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection. Independent Study Course 15.1.6, APTA . Mary A. Wilmarth editor. December 2005.

VII. CURRENT RESEARCH

None reported

VIII. DEPLOYMENTS:

- **NIH**

CAPT Karen Lohmann Siegel deployed to Florida 11/2-10/2005 in support of the Broward County Health Department's Hurricane Wilma relief efforts. There were 65 PHS officers there serving with mobile medical clinics that went out into affected communities and treated citizens affected by the storm or who had limited access to health care after the storm. She served as a team leader with one of the clinics and finalized the data analysis on the 3200 patients treated by all the teams during the entire mission.

CDR Michaele Smith deployed to Baton Rouge, LA, 10/30 to 11/13/05 in a physical therapy role. The mission was on Rampart & Esplanade Streets in New Orleans, just outside the French quarters. She served as Administrative and Team leaders on the deployment.

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

FDA-MD:

LT Teshara Bouie – Deployed to Baton Rouge, LA in response to Hurricane Katrina and provided Needs Assessments to shelters throughout Louisiana and assisted staff at DMORT's National Find Family Call Center with interviewing family and friends of missing persons.

CDC:

CAPT Susanne Pickering deployed to FEMA Region IV Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta GA and served as ESF8 Liaison. September 22- October 5, 2005.

- **IHS MULTI-SITE**

Cherokee Hospital:

LCDR Julie Van Leuven, PT was deployed in Oct. to a Special Needs Shelter in Alexandria, LA. There, she did wound care, Diabetic foot care, and assistive device recommendation for evacuees.

CDR Mary Beth Dorgan, PT was deployed in late Sept. to Jackson, Miss. at the SERT and worked in Purchasing and directed placement of deployed CO's

- **BOP WEST:**

MCFP Springfield:

LCDR Justin Feola was deployed to New Orleans, LA and assigned to ESF-8 at the Area Field Office, New Orleans, December 3 - 16, 2005. Justin served as the ESF-8 Liaison Officer.

LT David Engelman was deployed to Florida November 2-10, 2005, in support of the Broward County Health Department's Hurricane Wilma relief efforts. He served on a rapid assessment team, which screened and/or treated patients affected by the hurricane.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. What type of nomination process is utilized to elect TPAC chair, secretary, committee chairs as well as agency clinical consultants?
2. Consider the addition of working clinical uniforms of, perhaps, scrubs with printed logo. Consider navy with gold logo and maybe printed officer name and rank or discipline. Many of us do wound and foot care which results in soiled uniforms, particularly the salt and pepper variety. Working "uniform" scrubs would be more sanitary, etc. in the clinic.

Respectfully submitted by:

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