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To: CDR Scott Gaustad, TPAC Chair

CC: CDR Sue Newman, Chair TPAC Information Management Committee

Subj: JUNE 2006 TPAC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

I. Positions Open/Anticipated Openings

- **IHS AZ**

Parker: A PT Tech position has been approved and a job announcement will occur in the near future

Sacaton:

Tribal Hire for Sacaton Staff PT position

Contact ***Steve Schoffstall***

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Tuba City:

Clinical Specialist (O-5)/Staff Therapist

Contact: ***LCDR Jim Cowher, PT***

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- **IHS NM**

NNMC:

1 staff PT position open; contact ***CDR Joe Strunce***

1 staff/supervisor at 4 Corners Regional Healthcare Facility; contact ***CDR Joe Strunce***

- **NIH**

There is one vacancy in the physical therapy section created by the departure of a staff member. Approval has not yet been granted to recruit for this vacancy.

- **IHS NW/AK**

Searhc Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital, AK:

Vacancy for an audiologist at Mt Edgecumbe Hospital in Sitka (907) 966-8312.

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Butner: 1 PT; 1 OT (hand, ADL, cognitive assessment experience); 3 PTA's

FMC Devens: Still has 1 PT vacancy

- **BOP WEST**

FMC Carswell, TX - O5 Clinical Specialist

FCC Tucson, AZ -O5 Chief Therapist

FCC Terre Haute, Indiana - O5 Chief Therapist

FCI, Terminal Island, California - O4/O5 Therapist (still pending determination)

II. Congratulations

- **NIH**

- ***CAPT Charles McGarvey*** was recently awarded his tDPT

- ***Dr. Susan Robertson*** completed her PhD in Human Development, School of Education, University of Maryland, College Park, with a dissertation entitled: Socially Co-constructed Transformative Self-regulation: An In-depth Analysis of Goal-driven Guided Reflection in a Man with Bipolar Disorder

- ***CAPT Karen Lohmann Siegel*** was the recipient of the 2006 Josef Hoog award for her research entitled: Gait Compensations for Hip Muscle Weakness in Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathy

- ***CAPT (ret) Bonnie Thornton*** was the recipient of the 2006 Therapist of the Year award

III. News From the Field

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

USDA: *CDR Sue Newman* successfully completed the Enforcement Investigations and Analysis Officer training at College Station, TX. This intensive 4-week, 3 credits college course was contingent upon continued assignment with the USDA.

- **IHS AZ**

PIMC:

- The department currently has two PTA students from Gateway Comm. College
- *LCDR Terry Boles* has been selected to participate as the Logistic Chief for RDF Team #5

San Carlos:

LCDR Jeff Richardson served as Aide De Camp to VADM Richard Carmona, US Surgeon General at 2006 COA conference

Sacaton: A PT from Sacaton participated as OIC of patient recovery in the recent Coyote Crisis Campaign- a multi- state WMD (biological) disaster drill - this was in conjunction with the AZ, Hawaii, CA National Guard, Scottsdale Healthcare, General Dynamics, FEMA and the USAF Reserves

Tuba City:

- All therapists are certified in ACLS
- TCRHCC completed the Annual Spinal Cord Clinic in April servicing Kayenta, Tuba City, and Winslow Service Units

Parker:

LT Joe Golding was Aide-de-Camp to the Surgeon General 4/29—5/1/06 at the USPHS Professional Conference

- **NIH**

CAPT Karen Lohmann Siegel completed the on-line SERT training course offered through OPHEP.

- **BOP WEST**

The Bureau of Prisons held a Residential Training Program in Raleigh, NC for physicians, mid-level practitioners, and therapist in May, 2006. Fifteen BOP therapists attended the three day training which focused on orthopedic management.

FMC Carswell:

Congratulations to *LCDR Corey Dahl* and his wife *Brandi* who are proud parents of a baby boy! *Connor Shane Dahl* was born on May 18, 2006

USMCFP Springfield:

- CDR Scott Gaustad, LCDR Justin Feola, LT Jill Tillman, and LT David Engelman taught a Restorative Nursing Aide class as visiting faculty at a local community college
- LT Jill Tillman participated in a State of Missouri, Greene County Emergency Response/Terrorism Planning meeting for Southwest Missouri. This was a full scale exercise, which included activating the Strategic National Stockpile emergency system. Another exercise is scheduled for June 2006
- LT Jill Tillman has instituted a Cardiac III and IV rehab program, as well as a Heart Failure Program. LT Tillman is also assisting with Cardiac Treadmill Stress Testing
- MCFP Springfield Physical Therapists are adjunct faculty at a local community college and recently completed a 36 hour educational curriculum to students enrolled in a restorative nurse program (RNA). Our P.T. Department has initiated an institutional RNA program
- LT David Engelman has completed a bariatric educational curriculum, reviewed bariatric products, and is currently designing a bariatric program at MCFP Springfield
- *LCDR Feola* is coordinating the MCFP Springfield Lymphedema Program. He along with LT Engelman and LT Tillman will present the topic, "The Management of Lymphedema Pathology" at the May 2006, BOP Therapist Retreat
- MCFP Physical Therapy department is affiliated with 11 university physical therapy programs and just completed an educational internship with our 5 student.

FMC Rochester:

- Congratulations to *LT Feda* for placing 1st during the recent annual 5K Run for the Deuces
- *LT Zamarron* attended the BOP residential orthopedic training at FMC Butner

• **BOP EAST**

FMC Butner:

- *Billy Preddy, RT*, has a new baby girl, named Georgia. She was born on 5/20/06

- The new FCI II facility at Butner will open in June 2006. It will house a Physical Rehabilitation "Step Down" unit

FMC Lexington: Started using the new computer software pt. documentation system. The ability to write progress notes has not been developed yet but medical staff began using the system to track pt. appointments, equipment received, medication orders, etc. It is hoped that by years end, the bugs will be worked out and medical staff will conduct all medical documentation on line

- **IHS NM**

NNMC:

Thanks to *LT Tom Schroeder* and *LCDR Lorrie Murdoch* for their assistance in the medical area in support of the 2006 Shiprock Marathon

ACL:

LT Scott Mitchell was accepted into the Baylor On-line DPT program, to begin in Fall 2006. He will also be taking on the duty of Acting Chief of Physical Therapy

IV. Welcome/Farewell

Welcome:

- **IHS AZ**

Tuba City: *Joli Czamara*, PT Contract Staff

Farewell:

- **IHS NM**

ACL: *LT Steven White* will be leaving ACL, going into the Inactive Reserve, in July 2006. He will be taking a position in Denver, Colorado.

- **NIH**

Earllaine Croarkin has left the Physical Therapy Section after 10 years of Service at NIH

- **BOP WEST**

FMC Carswell: Best wishes to *LCDR Corey Dahl* who will be leaving the BOP on June 30, 2006 to take a job in Washington, DC in the Office of Commissioned Corps Operations as a Personnel Management Specialist

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Butner: Welcome to *LTJG Tanesha Nobles*, MPT. She starts at Butner June 12, 2006.

V. Presentation

- **IHS NM**

NNMC:

May 3rd LCDR Joe Strunce and CDR Lois Goode (Whiteriver) presented, "Evidence-based Practice In Physical Therapy", at the 2006 advances in Indian Health Conference in Albuquerque, NM

- **NIH**

- *CDR Bart Drinkard* presented "Monitoring Exercise Intensity - How hard should I work?" to NIH staff.

- Wainwright W, *Parks R*: FEMA Mental Health Team: Gulfport, Mississippi. US Public Health Professional Conference. Denver, CO.

- *Robertson, SC* & Robertson-Tchabo, EA (2006). Therapist-guided Debriefing Interviews and Client Reflection on Engagement in Activity. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC.

- **BOP WEST**

- *CDR Scott Gaustad* presented a poster on: Flouroquinolones and Achilles' Tendon ruptures at the recent COA conference

- *LT Feda* presented: "Differential Diagnosis of the Patient with Low Back Pain" during the recent COA Conference

- The following BOP Therapists provided presentations at the 2006 BOP Residential Training Program held in Raleigh, NC for physicians, mid-level practitioners, and therapist in May, 2006:

LT Damien Avery
CDR Jean Bradley
LT David Engelman
LCDR Justin Feola
LT Doug Fiorentino
LT Doug Henry
LCDR Fred Lief

LCDR Henry McMillan
LCDR Jon Schultz
CDR Matt Taylor
LT Jill Tillman
LCDR Julia Woodard

- **BOP EAST**

The Bureau of Prisons Retreat on Orthopedics, May 15-19, 2006 was a Huge success. Therapists ran an orthopedic lab for the physicians and PA's. The presentations were well received by all participants. **RADM Newton Kendig** had kind words to say about the contributions of the Therapy Category

Day One:

-**LT Damian Avery** (Butner) addressed the entire assembly of providers concerning the role that physical therapists play in the rehab. setting at the Opening Remarks/Introduction ceremony

Day Two:

- **LCDR Henry McMillan** and **LT Doug Henry** (Butner) presented the Diabetic LEAP/Shoe Policy Program at Butner
- **LCDR John Schultz** (Butner) and **CDR Matt Taylor** (Devens) presented the Lower Extremity Evaluation
- **LCDR Fred Lief** (Lexington) and **LCDR Henry McMillan** (Butner) presented the Upper Extremity Evaluation
- **LT Damian Avery** (Butner) and **CDR Matt Taylor** (Devens) presented the Cervical/Low Back Evaluation

VI. Publication

- **NIH**

Lee JJ, Low JA, **Croarkin E**, **Parks R**, Berman AW, Mannan N, Steinberg SM, Swain SM: Changes in Neurologic Function Tests May Predict Neurotoxicity Caused by Ixabepilone. J Clin Oncol 24:2084-2091, 2006.

Siegel KL, Kepple TM, Stanhope SJ: Using induced accelerations to understand knee stability during gait of individuals with muscle weakness. Gait and Posture 23(4):435-440, 2006.

McGarvey CL, Pflazer C, and Gergich, N: Breast Cancer Metastasis and Implication on Activity and Ambulation: A Case Report Rehabilitation Oncology. Vol. 24 (1) April 2006.

Siegel K, Kepple T, Stanhope S: Gait compensations for hip muscle weakness in idiopathic inflammatory myopathy. Proceedings U.S. Public Health Service Professional Conference, 133, 2006. (abstract)

VII. Current Research

- **NIH**

CDR Bart Drinkard has completed baseline data collection for a study investigating the effect of an antioxidant on biomarkers and functional outcomes in children with Friedreich's Ataxia

- **IHS NM**

ACL:

Gathering information for a possible clinical research study on the effects of Kinesiotaping for Patella-Femoral Syndrome. They are interested in any information from the field on prior research, information on this topic.

VIII. Deployments: None reported

IX. Future Agenda Items: None requested

Concerns about the liability, legality and adherence to individual state licensure regulations and laws in the Federal System Physical Therapy Practice.

Respectfully submitted by:

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