

## February 2008 FIELD REPRESENTATIVE COORDINATOR REPORT

### Congratulations To:

- **BOP WEST**

- **FMC Carswell**

Congratulations to LT Yvonne Robison, PT who was awarded the USPHS Commendation Medal for service as a therapist in the BOP.

- **IHS AZ**

- **Tuba City**

Congratulations to LT Heidi Fisher, PT upon receiving the USPHS Achievement Medal for departmental professional development activities.

- **IHS AK**

- **Norton Sound Health Corporation, Nome, AK**

At the end of January 2008, Ms. Dorothy (Dottie) Pinkney, PT was awarded the Legislative Commendation by the Alaska State Legislature for serving the people of Norton Sound as a therapist for over 15 years. Ms. Pinkney was also awarded an Honorary DPT from Marymount University.

- **Multi-Agency**

LCDR Monique Howard, DrPH, MBA, OTR/L graduated with a Doctorate of Public Health (DrPH) in December 2007 from Morgan State University (MSU) in Baltimore, Maryland.

CAPT Karen Siegel, PT received a USPHS Meritorious Service Medal for sustained excellence, advanced expertise, and significant contributions in advancing the technology and science of clinical movement analysis in the field of rehabilitation.

CDR Laura Grogan, OT received an Achievement Medal and an Outstanding Team Performance award for Title X HIV Prevention in Family Planning (OPHS, Region VIII Denver, CO).

LCDR David Byrne, AUD received a USPHS Commendation Medal for his work in hearing protector research at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### News From the Field:

- **BOP EAST**

- **FCI Otisville, NY**

LCDR Michelle Baker, SLP is being selected for *Advanced Leadership Training*. This highly selective 12-month training program focuses on developing leaders in the correctional environment.

- **BOP WEST**

**MCFP Springfield**

LT Michael McClain, PT announces a new baby girl; mom, dad, and baby are all doing fine.

- **IHS AK**

**Norton Sound Health Corp, Nome, AK**

LCDR Joe Kennedy, PT is making arrangements to begin PT student clinical rotations and convert the department to computerized documentation.

It is with sadness that we report that on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 Ms. Dottie Pinkney passed away after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Ms. Pinkney was a compassionate, caring professional who was committed to providing the people of Norton Sound with the finest medical care, first as a nurse and then as a physical therapist for greater than 15 years.

- **IHS AZ**

**Chinle**

Lyle Bogart, PT just completed the second course (peripheral manipulation & mobilization) of 4, which eventually will lead to certification in manual therapy.

LCDR Andra Battocchio, PT started her tDPT and should finish at the end of the year.

**PIMC**

CDR Ron West attended the APTA mid-winter conference in Nashville.

**Pinon**

LCDR Lawrence recently received a Letter of Appreciation for achieving levels 3 & 4 on his APFT from OCCO for readiness qualification standards.

**Tuba City**

The Podiatry Program is scheduled to start July 1, 2008.

**Winslow**

On March 28, a new Wellness Center in Winslow will open that also houses therapy services. It will be located off campus about ½ mile away.

The Four-Corners region will sponsor a course this July titled “Management of Chronic Pain.” Contact Capt Goode or CDR LaPlante for more information.

CDR LaPlante climbed water ice V – with a broken rib and a fractured T-5!

- **IHS Multi-site**

**Hastings Indian Medical Center, Tahlequah, OK**

The Cherokee Nation is planning to enact the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEA), P.L. 93-638 at Hastings Indian Medical Center with the transfer scheduled for Oct 2008.

The Cherokee Nation had their Grand opening of their new tribal clinic in Muskogee, OK this month.

- **Multi-Agency**

CAPT Karen Siegel, PT served as the Chair of the Orthopaedic Panel for the Department of Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development Merit Review.

CAPT Karen Siegel, PT represented the Federal Physical Therapy Section as Research Chair and Membership Co-chair at the Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association, Feb 6-9, Nashville, TN.

**Welcome/ Farewell To:**

- **BOP EAST**

**FMC Butner**

Welcome to three new staff: LT Stanley Bennett, OT was called to duty in January of 2008. LT Gwen Hall, PT and LT Darren Hearn, PT were also called to duty shortly after in February of 2008.

FMC Butner says goodbye to their contract P.T. Mrs. Terri Koop (Cop). She was a great addition to our team during much needed staff shortage period. We wish Terri nothing but the best as she makes her way home toward upstate New York.

- **IHS AZ**

**Fort Defiance**

Welcome to Ms. Cindy Kowell, PT, a new staff therapist who joins the department with over 30 years of experience in Geriatric/Pediatrics.

- **IHS Multi-site**

**Hastings Indian Medical Center, Tahlequah, OK**

LCDR Matthew Armentano, PT is being welcomed at the Hastings Indian Medical Center.

**Idabel Clinic, Choctaw Nation, Idabel, OK**

LT Jennifer Bebo, PT is being welcomed to Choctaw Nation's Idabel clinic.

**Presentations:**

- **IHS AZ**

### **Chinle**

Mike Powers, PT and LCDR Andra Battocchio, PT presented "Safe Patient Handling and Transfers" to approximately 60 home-care workers from throughout Navajo area over a two day period in January - held on-site in the Rehab gym.

### **Pinon**

DM Education presentations for patients continue; continuing to develop lecture series for lunch time CME education classes for the medical staff.

### **Tuba City**

LCDR James Cowher, PT presented "Cardiac Rehabilitation Exercise Prescription" to the TCRHCC Medical Staff.

- **Multi-Agency**

CDR Laura Grogan, OT created a Commissioned Corps Supervisor's Training Power Point presentation for EPA supervisors and collaborated with EPA Officer's to conduct the presentation. Additional presentations will be conducted for civilian supervisors in other agencies.

### **Publications**

- **Multi-Agency**

An article that LCDR David Byrne, AUD wrote was published: Byrne DC and Reeves ER (2008). "Analysis of nonstandard noise dosimeter microphone positions." *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene*. Mar; 5(3):197-209.

**Deployments:** None

**Current Research:**

- **IHS AZ**

### **Chinle**

Mike Powers is starting the research process for an EMG/NCS related topic for the final requirement of the DSc program/degree and is in the process of obtaining Navajo Nation IRB approval.

**Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider:** None