

**Therapist Professional Advisory Committee**  
**Field Report**  
**August 22, 2008**

**I. Congratulations To:**

- **BOP East**

**FCI Otisville**

Congratulations to LCDR Michelle Baker, SLP for receiving the Supervisor of the Year Award on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**FMC Butner**

Congratulations to LCDR Phil Chorosevic, OT & LT Alice Priest, PT for receiving their Hazardous Duty Awards.

- **BOP West**

**USMCFP Springfield**

Congratulations to LCDR David Engelman, PT who has successfully passed the Geriatric Specialist Certification (GSC) examination.

- **CMHS**

Congratulations to CAPT Michelle Coleman for accepting the position as Acting Director of Rehabilitation Services at the Department of Mental Health.

- **IHS AZ**

**Fort Defiance**

Congratulations to LCDR Mike Faz, PT who has been recognized as a Certified Wound Specialist from the American Academy of Wound Management.

**Four Corners RHC, Red Mesa**

Congratulations to CDR Jeff Fultz, PT who received a Unit Commendation for TPAC work on bringing Respiratory Therapists into the Commissioned Corps.

**Sells**

Congratulations to CDR(s) Andrea Woolridge, PT who attended her DPT graduation with AT Still University in Phoenix on Aug 2.

**Tuba City**

Congratulations to LT Heidi Fisher, PT who was awarded the USPHS Commendation Medal for “sustained outstanding performance to meet the rehabilitation needs of the Western Navajo Reservation during an extended staffing crisis”.

### **Whiteriver**

Congratulations to CDR Scott Gaustad for his appointment to the IHS Physical Rehabilitation Services, Chief Clinical Consultant, 2008-2011.

- **IHS Multi-Site**

Congratulations to LCDR Delana Westman-Berry, PT who graduated from A.T. Still University, being awarded her DPT.

Congratulations to LT Jennifer Bebo, PT who was awarded an Achievement Medal for her outstanding contributions as the Navajo Area COA Branch President and also recently received the IOTC ribbon.

- **IHS NM**

#### **Laguna-Acoma**

ACL Physical Therapy Department received the Unit Commendation for Exceptional Clinical Performance and Teamwork during Significant Staff Shortages.

## **II. News From the Field:**

- **BOP West**

#### **FMC Carswell**

LCDR Tracy Gualandi, PT has established a Bariatric Program in the Physical Therapy Dept.

- **IHS AZ**

#### **Four Corners RHC, Red Mesa**

The Four Corners RHC Wellness Center program continues to grow and develop.

#### **Sells**

Tucson IHS held their Commissioned Officer promotion ceremony at the Sells Veterans Center on Aug 8<sup>th</sup> with Rear Admiral Berkley in attendance to promote the Officers followed by a luncheon.

#### **Tuba City**

LT Heidi Fisher, PT has started her DSc with Andrews University.

LT Heidi Fisher, PT was featured in an article on the Commissioned Corps in the publication Advance for PT.

- **IHS NM**

#### **Gallup**

Fall Assessment Clinic received a \$100,000.00 grant through Office of Environmental Health – Fall Injury Prevention Project.

GIMC-COA will be hosting an annual picnic on 8/23/08 at McGaffey. The US Surgeon General will visit GIMC 8/26/08 while on his way to visit Northern Navajo Medical Center – Mid School Wellness Center's grand opening on 8/27/08.

**Shiprock**

The US Surgeon General, RADM Galson, will attend the grand opening of the Northern Navajo Medical Center – Mid School Wellness Center, 8/27/08.

**III. Welcome/ Farewell To:**

• **BOP East**

**FMC Butner**

Welcome back LCDR Damien Avery, PT. Damien will fill a 0-5 specialty billet September 15<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**FMC Devens**

Welcome to one new staff member, LT Scott Labreque, PT. Scott was recently called to duty and has just finished training at Glynco.

• **BOP West**

**FMC Carswell**

Farewell to LT Yvonne Robison who will be leaving August 15, 2008 and going inactive with PHS.

• **CMHS**

Farewell to LCDR Michelle (Jackie) Peterman who will transfer from the Department of Mental Health at St. Elizabeth's Hospital to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**Four Corners RHC, Red Mesa**

Welcome to Cindy Frank, PT who is a 2007 UNM graduate and will be starting in Red Mesa this month.

**Pinon**

Welcome to LT Ron Kelderhouse, PT who reported for duty on 1 July 2008.

**IHS NM**

**Gallup**

Jessica Hale, Summer Extern Student, will depart 8/15/08.

Andrew Kurtz, SPT from University of Michigan is assigned to GIMC from 7/7/08 through 8/29/08.

**Shiprock**

Terry Redman, PT, contractor's last day is 8/28/08.

**IV. Presentations:**

• **IHS AZ**

**Phoenix**

CAPT Liza Figueroa, PT and Dr. Neil Irick, Pain Consultant at Phoenix Indian Health Care Center presented a seminar titled "Managing Chronic Pain" at the Four-Corners IHS Annual Therapist Training on Sep 9, 2008.

**Pinon**

LCDR Jeff Lawrence, PT presented a 1 hour CME on 15 July 08 to the Pinon Health Center Medical Staff; topic "Epidemic Trends Contributing to the Decline of U.S. Health."

• **IHS Multi-Site**

CAPT Becky Sellers, PT presented a "Fall Risk Assessment as a Guide for Interventions" on 07/10/08 via the IHS Training Center Teleconference

• **IHS NM**

**Shiprock**

LCDR Alicia Souvignier, PT has recently completed two presentations: "Exercise and Injury Prevention" to adolescents at the Shiprock Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center and "Exercise and Limiting Screening Time" to children and families at the Shiprock Chapter House.

**V. Publications: None**

**VI. Deployments: None**

**VII. Current Research:**

- **IHS Multi-Site**

**Koweta Indian Health Facility**

LCDR Delana Westman-Berry, PT completed a case report using mirror therapy to treat acute brachial plexus injury.

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