



**U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**  
**Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee**  
**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**03 FEB 2005**  
**Office of the Surgeon General Conference Room**  
**1300-1515**

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**Members Present:**

**In Rockville**

CAPT Raelene Skerda (Chair) BOP-Allenwood, PA  
LCDR Krista Scardina (Vice-chair) FDA-Rockville, MD  
CDR Jim Bresette IHS-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Laura Pincock FDA-Rockville, MD

CDR Patricia Garvey FDA-Rockville, MD  
CAPT Sharon Gershon NIH-Bethesda, MD  
LCDR Renu Chhabra FDA-Rockville, MD

**Via Telephone**

CDR Paul Huntzinger USCG-Oakland, CA  
LCDR Burt Hill, BOP-Marianna, FL  
LT Violette Geza (Secretary) BOP-Bradford, PA  
LCDR Michael Lee IHS-Claremore, OK

LCDR Nita Sood HCFA-Atlanta, GA  
CDR Doug Herold, BOP-Rochester, MN  
CAPT Gary Baker, IHS-Ketchikan, AK  
LCDR Tamara Close IHS-Whiteriver, AZ

**Members Absent**

RADM Richard Walling (CPO) Rockville, MD  
CDR Michael Long BOP-Ayer, MA  
CDR Mark Burroughs, USCG-Alameda, CA  
CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-Cass Lake, MN

LCDR Jeff Mouakkett, HRSA-Dallas, TX  
CDR Daniel Hasenfang INS-San Diego, CA  
CDR Thomas Berry, FDA-Raleigh, NC

**Guests:**

LCDR Keith Olin, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LT Jeff Vang IHS-Mount Pleasant, MI  
CAPT Mike Forman, IHS-Aberdeen, SD  
CAPT Jim Imholte, DHS-Kansas City, MO  
LT Tia Harper-Vazquez, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Connie Jung, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR James Saunders, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LT Arianne Camphire, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Don Reese, CMS-Baltimore, MD  
LCDR Jackie Thomas, OCCO-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Sharon Oestereich, BOP-Allenwood, PA  
CDR Julliene Vaillancourt, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Karen McNabb-Noon, FDA-Boston, MA  
LCDR Rey Marbello, IHS-Whiteriver, AZ

LCDR Mark Strong BOP-Leavenworth, KS  
LT Ted Hall, IHS-Baraboo, WI  
CDR Alice Knoben, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LT Ted Hall, IHS-Baraboo, WI  
CDR Murray Potter, PSC-Perry Point, MD  
CDR Beth Fritsch, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Christine Bina, FDA-Rockville, MD  
CAPT Mike Jones, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LT Lori Garcia, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Doug Patel, FDA-Rockville, MD  
CDR Denise Howell, FDA-San Diego, CA  
LT Nora Roselle, FDA-Rockville, MD

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**Call to Order: CAPT Raelene Skerda ([rskerda@bop.gov](mailto:rskerda@bop.gov))**

- ◆ CAPT Skerda called the meeting to order and the last meeting minutes were accepted with no additional edits.
- ◆ The meeting began with a presentation:

**Pharmacy School Point of Contact Program: CDR Beth Fritsch**

- ◆ There are currently 92 schools of pharmacy with 150 volunteers representing each of the schools.
- ◆ The mission of the program is to increase the awareness of PHS to students. Points of contact are responsible for setting up promotion ceremonies and presenting the student awards (Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy).
- ◆ A survey was done among the POCs through a data website to gather information on involvement at each of the schools. The proposal is to use this as a tool to gather information and track the visits of the POCs.
- ◆ The Point of Contact program has been a success for the pharmacy category, and other categories are adopting the program.

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**Section Lead Comments:**

- ◆ Administration→ CDR Patricia Garvey ([garvey@cder.fda.gov](mailto:garvey@cder.fda.gov))
  - Membership:
    - Liaisons are needed for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (ACCP) and the American Public Health Association (APA). The deadline to apply is March 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - There is an immediate fill vacancy for the NIH representative on the PharmPAC. The deadline to apply is COB 21 Feb 2005.
    - The PAC vacancies for the 2006 year include the following. The deadline to apply is 30 May 2005.

1—BOP	1—Ex-minimus	3—IHS
2—HRSA	1—OSG	
  - Awards:
    - There is no update on the awards recognition workgroup.
  - History: LDCR Laura Pincock
    - An idea was proposed to have a fundraiser at the COA meeting to help finance the history project. The proposal is to sell coffee mugs. The initial purchase of the mugs was still being debated.
  - Charter: LDCR Renu Chhabra
    - The SOPs are completed.
  - JOAG: LT Ted Hall
    - The group offered its final comments on the 6<sup>th</sup> precept. The group did not support it as a separate entity and that it should be incorporated in one of the other precepts.
  - AMSUS: LT Ted Hall
    - The national executive committee is looking into using an advertising campaign to boost membership and activity.
  - APhA: The national meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida from April 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>. The Federal Pharmacy Forum will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Federal Pharmacy Caucus will be chaired by PHS this year.
  - ASHP: LDCR Keith Olin
    - A message went on the listserv regarding the ASHP traineeships.

- ◆ Recruitment → CDR James Bresette ([james.bresette@ihs.gov](mailto:james.bresette@ihs.gov))
  - LCDR Renu Chhabra and LCDR Mary Kremzer will give a presentation at the March PAC meeting for the recruitment section.
  - Jackie Thomas is the OCCO contact for applicants interested in pharmacy. She can be contacted at [jacqueline.thomas@hhs.gov](mailto:jacqueline.thomas@hhs.gov) (240)453-6028
  - CAPT Johnson will be completing the update of the Pharmacy's Best Kept Secret to reflect the 2005 pay scale. LCDR Mike Lee will be taking this task on for future updates.
  - Associate Recruiter Program: LCDR Christine Bina
    - CDR Stephen Blackwell is the new ARP coordinator. Request for materials can be faxed to him at (240) 453-6127.
    - There is some funding available for recruitment events. Please send any requests to LCDR Bina ([binac@cder.fda.gov](mailto:binac@cder.fda.gov))
    - The pharmacy category has been noted as the strongest category within ARP with the highest numbers of ARPs.
    - There will be an ARP training session at the 2005 COA meeting.
- ◆ Career Development → CDR Mike Long ([mzlong@bop.gov](mailto:mzlong@bop.gov))
  - Readiness (LCDR Strong): The pharmacy category stands at 54% basic readiness qualified. There is currently a problem with the database, and this number may not be an accurate reflection.
  - COA Category Day (CDR Potter): The pharmacy category day agenda has been set.
  - Civilian Service: Nothing to report.
- ◆ Communication → CDR Sam Foster ([Samuel.foster@ihs.gov](mailto:Samuel.foster@ihs.gov)) & LCDR Nita Sood ([Nsood@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Nsood@cms.hhs.gov))
  - The PLANT workgroup identified the obsolete profiles. The group is looking to add two new profiles by the end of March. The goal is to create one new profile each month.
  - The HHS web management team informed the PAC of a new OMB regulation published December 2004 that federal sites cannot move to a private server. Other options may be to use the IHS or NIH server.

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#### **New Business**

- ◆ A question was raised whether the board certification pay for BS pharmacists has been clarified. CAPT Skerda stated that the language was looked at by RADM Walling and he is currently working on the issue.
- ◆ The website for the OFRD modules has changed.
- ◆ A comment was raised that it is difficult to comply with deployments since the home site receives no funding to backfill. This makes it difficult to receive local support within your agency for PHS deployments.

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#### **Next Meeting Dates:**

**03 March 2005@1300 EST, Room TBA**

**Agenda and call in information will be distributed prior to the meeting.**

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#### **Useful Links and Contact Info:**

- ◆ Emails:
  - [PharmPAC@list.nih.gov](mailto:PharmPAC@list.nih.gov)
  - [PHS-Pharmacists@nih.gov](mailto:PHS-Pharmacists@nih.gov)
  - [RX-Vacancies@list.nih.gov](mailto:RX-Vacancies@list.nih.gov)
  - [Rx-Students@list.nih.gov](mailto:Rx-Students@list.nih.gov)
- ◆ Listservs:
 

PHS Pharmacists	<a href="http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacist.html">http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacist.html</a>
PHS Rx Students	<a href="http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html">http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html</a>
CCRF Pharmacists	<a href="http://list.nih.gov/archives/ccrf-pharm.html">http://list.nih.gov/archives/ccrf-pharm.html</a>

RPh Job Vacancies

<http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html>

◆ Websites:

PharmPAC

<http://hhs.gov/pharmacy/>

DCP

<http://dcp.psc.gov>

USPHS CC

<http://www.usphs.gov>

CCRF

<http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf/>

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<http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/dmat>

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--Respectfully Submitted,

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LT Violette Geza, Executive Secretary

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CAPT Raelene Skerda, Chair

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RADM Richard Walling, CPO

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