



U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee

Department of Health and Human Services

Minutes of Meeting
1 March 2007
Surgeon Generals Conference Room
Parklawn Building
1300-1600

Members Present:

In Rockville:

CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Mary Kremzner, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Nita Sood (Chair), HRSA- Rockville, MD
CDR Matthew Tarosky, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Jacqueline Thomas, OCCO-Rockville, MD

LCDR Richard Glabach, OCCFM-Rockville, MD
LCDR Tara Turner (Ex-Officio Executive Secretary), CMS- Baltimore, MD

Via Telephone:

CAPT James Bresette, IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Christopher Allen, CDC-Atlanta, GA
CDR Tamara Close, IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
CDR Richard DeCederfelt, NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-White Earth, MN
CDR Patricia Garvey, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Michael Long (Ex-Officio Chair) BOP-Butner, NC
CDR Michael Shiber, BOP-Cumberland, MD
LCDR Brian Campbell (Ex-Officio JOAG), IHS-Whiteriver, AZ

LCDR Jeff Mouakket, HRSA-Dallas, TX
LCDR Jeffrey Newman, BOP-Springfield, MO
LCDR Patrick Romero, USCG-Clearwater, FL (alt for CAPT Havens)
LCDR Peter Vermilyea, IHS-Winslow, AZ
LT Joseph Zagame, BOP-Lewisburg, PA (alt for LCDR Ganoe)

Members Absent:

RADM Robert Pittman (CPO), IHS-Rockville, MD
CAPT George Havens, NDMS-Washington, DC (Excused – alt present)
CAPT Robert McClelland, IHS-Elko, NV (alt not present)
CDR Kimberly Zietlow, IHS-Red Lake, MN (alt not present)
LCDR Violette Ganoe (Vice-Chair), BOP-Bradford, PA (Excused – alt present)

LCDR Kristina Joyce-Pittman (Ex-Officio JOAG), FDA-Philadelphia, PA
LT Stacey Smith (Ex-Officio JOAG), IHS-Fort Washakie, WY

Guests*:

CAPT Lillie Golson, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Walter Holt, CDC-Atlanta, GA
CAPT Michael Jones, FDA-Rockville, MD

CAPT George Lyght, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CAPT Thomas Sinwell, BOP-Fort Worth, TX
CAPT Julienne Vaillancourt, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Kim Deffinbaugh, Nurse Officer
CDR Dana Hall, OS-Kansas City, MO

CDR Denise Howell, FDA-San Pedro, CA
CDR Koung Lee, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Rey Marbello, IHS- Whiteriver, AZ
CDR Laura Pincock, FDA- Silver Spring, MD
CDR John Quinn, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Aaron Sigler, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Robert Steyert, FDA-Central Islip, NY
CDR Mark Strong, BOP-Leavenworth, KS
CDR Deborah Thompson, USCG-New London, CT
LCDR Christine Bina, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR James Czarzasty, OS-Washington, DC
LCDR Patrick Denis, OFRD-Rockville, MD
LCDR Louis Flowers, HRSA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Lori Garcia, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Lori Hall, CDC-Atlanta, GA
LCDR Tia Harper-Velazquez, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Thomas Hinchliffe, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR S. Christopher Jones, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Craig Kiester, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Marci Kiester, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Paula Laplant, FDA-Swanton, VT
LCDR Jeffrey Mallette, BOP-Pensacola, FL
LCDR Iain Margand, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Vlada Matusovsky, FDA-Philadelphia, PA
LCDR Karen McNabb-Noon, FDA-Stoneham, MA
LCDR Glenna Meade, OSD-Falls Church, VA

LCDR Jeen Min, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Sadaf Nabavian, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Diem-Kieu Ngo, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Binh Nguyen, FDA-Irvine, CA
LCDR Keith Olin, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Neel Patel, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Krista Scardina, HRSA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Martin Shimer, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Emily Thakur, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Teresa Watkins, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Chi-Ann Wu, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Samuel Wu, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LT Kwadwo Awuah, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Dan Brum, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LT Sohail Mosaddegh, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Andrei Nabakowski, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LT Susan Pellock, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Jeffrey Vang, IHS-Mount Pleasant, MI
Lindsay Dartt – pharmacy student
Rachel Delcambre – pharmacy student
Juan Frias – pharmacy student
Mara Gill – pharmacy student
Cara Jastemski – pharmacy student
Rebecca Kirchner – pharmacy student
Rachel Kopecky – pharmacy student

*Guests attending the meeting via call in are requested to email their rank, name, agency, and location information to the PharmPAC secretary at tara.turner@cms.hhs.gov.

Call to Order: CDR Nita Sood ((NSood@HRSA.GOV))

CDR Sood called the March 2007 Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) meeting to order.

Acceptance of February 07 PharmPAC Meeting Minutes: CDR Nita Sood ((NSood@HRSA.GOV))

Minutes from the February 8, 2007 PharmPAC meeting were accepted as amended.

CPO Comments: CDR Nita Sood for RADM Robert Pittman

- ◆ On behalf of RADM Pittman, CDR Sood presented certificates of appreciation to recognize officers who have made a contribution to the PharmPAC for the current operational year. Thanks to these officers for their hard work and dedication to the Corps and to the pharmacy category.
- ◆ Service as PAC voting members (11/1/03 – 10/31/06)
 - CDR Thomas Berry
 - CDR Patty Garvey
 - CDR Mike Long
 - CDR Laura Pincock
 - LCDR Renu Chhabra
- ◆ Assistance with flag promotion ceremony (1/5/07)
 - LCDR Craig Kiester
 - LT Susan Pellock
 - CDR Koung Lee

- CDR Aaron Sigler
 - LCDR Kristina Arnwine
 - LCDR Jim Barlow
 - LCDR Thomas Hinchliffe
 - LCDR Marci Kiester
 - LCDR Iain Margand
 - LCDR Jeen Min
 - LCDR Ted Palat
 - LT Kwadwo Awuah
- ◆ Immunization Initiative
 - LCDR Jeff Mouakket
 - LCDR Paula Laplant
 - LCDR Chris Lamer
 - LCDR Ann Gorman
 - ◆ FOH Immunization Efforts (for the past flu season)
 - CDR Kim Deffinbaugh (Nurse Officer)
 - LCDR Karen Williams

Section Lead Comments:

Career Development → CDR Michael Shiber (MJShiber@bop.gov)

- ◆ **OFRD Presentation→LCDR Patrick Denis**
 - LCDR Denis provided a very informative presentation on the force readiness training lifecycle.
 - Handouts of the slides are attached to the minutes.
- ◆ **Immunization Initiative→ LCDR Jeff Mouakket**
 - Training will be held immediately after the national COA conference on Friday June 8
 - Offering free registration to the first 50 people to sign up
 - Must register for at least one day of the COA conference in order to qualify
 - Have secured \$7000 of funding from four different entities (which is being used directly for pharmacist training)
 - Go to the COA conference website to sign up
- ◆ **Non-APhA/OFRD Immunization Training Work Group → LCDR Jeff Mallette**
 - Currently OFRD only accepts the APhA training certification
 - Need to develop method to recognize other training programs
 - Developed four main criteria from the learning objectives of the APhA program:
 - Didactic training
 - Formulation of immunization plans for patients
 - Skills for vaccine administration technique via hands on training
 - Written test on immunization knowledge and practice test on technique (done on live subject)
- ◆ **Readiness → CDR Mark Strong**
 - Working on Readiness WIPT (7 different CCI's being updated)
 - Major proposed changes
 - Weight and body fat standards – shift to evaluate BMI (must be no greater than 27.5)
 - Disciplinary process – delay by one cycle – go to letter of reproof first (instead of directly to letter of reprimand)
 - Streamline process for submitting immunizations so officers only have to send them to one place

- Sent proposed changes to PAC members for comments
 - Probably will be issued in May or June
- ◆ **Mentoring Program → CAPT Lillie Golson**
- Currently working on the February calls to active duty (all others are caught up)
 - There were six new calls to active duty in February (1 FDA; 3 IHS; 1 CMS; 1 NIH)
 - Appreciate efforts of officers who have volunteered to serve as mentors
 - Need more volunteers from IHS (especially Alaska) – CAPT Bresette will send request for volunteers through IHS pharmacist listserv
 - Evaluations are coming in; mentors are submitting their checklists

Administration → CDR Patricia Garvey (patricia.garvey@fda.hhs.gov) / CDR Kimberly Zietlow (kimberly.zietlow@ihs.gov)

- ◆ **Membership Nominations → CDR Garvey**
- Sent call for nominations to fill the DHS slot (to serve through the end CAPT Havens' term); due date for nominations is March 9; haven't received any nominations to date
 - Sent call for nominations for 2007-2010 term; due date for nominations is June 1; so far have received only one nomination for IHS; current openings are as follows:
 - 1 CMS
 - 2 HRSA
 - 2 IHS
- ◆ **PharmPAC Honor Awards → CDR Garvey**
- Call for PharmPAC Award nominations was sent via the pharmacist listserv, the Commissioned Corps update, and to all agency liaisons
 - Due date for nominations is March 30
 - So far have received 2 nominations (1 for the Managerial Excellence Award and 1 for the Anderson Leadership Award)
 - Contact CDR Garvey with any questions
- ◆ **Student Awards → CDR Garvey**
- Due date for nominations is March 2
 - Have received 13 nominations and several requests for extensions; in the past we have received approximately 30 nominations)
 - UPOCs should contact their respective schools and encourage them to submit nominations
 - Contact LCDR Kristen Maves with any questions (klmaves@scf.cc)
- ◆ **Pharmacy Coin Project → CDR Laura Pincock**
- Work group has been meeting for a month and a half to design a coin
 - Sent draft designs via pharmacist listserv
 - One side to represent the Corps and one side to represent the pharmacy category
 - Recommend circular coin, perhaps 2" size
 - Looking for input from the PAC on the draft designs
 - Planning to investigate engraving the OPDIVs where pharmacists work along the outer edge of the coin
 - Plan to come up with a design then contact several companies to negotiate the best price
 - Generally the actual cost is \$3-\$4 per coin – need to decide if this be a fundraising effort or if we will provide the coins at cost?
 - Possibly talking to COF and asking them to fund the coins
 - Would like to have coins ordered in April so they will be available in June for the COA conference
 - Points of discussion from PAC:
 - Consideration of using the Bowl of Hygea

- Consideration of using the international green cross representing pharmacy
 - Issues that increase the cost: depends on manufacturer; adding different metals; special engraving
 - Most people seem to like designs 1 and 4
 - Send suggestions, comments to CDR Pincock by March 12
(laura.pincock@fda.hhs.gov)

- ◆ **Liaison Reports → CAPT Holt (walter.holtjr@cdc.hhs.gov)**
 - American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)
 - April 21-25, 2007 - Spring Practice and Research Forum and Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course in Memphis, TN
 - May 3-5, 2007 - Oncology Pharmacy Preparatory Review Course in Scottsdale, AZ
 - October 14-17, 2007 – Annual Meeting in Denver, CO

 - Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP)
 - April 11-14, 2007 – Annual Meeting and Showcase
 - October 24-27, 2007 – Educational Conference

 - American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP)
 - Cardiovascular Risk/Dyslipidemia Traineeship - designed for pharmacists in acute, ambulatory, and home care settings who are implementing specialized services for improving outcomes for patients with dyslipidemia or considered at risk for a cardiovascular event ; application deadline is May 15
 - ASHP Foundation is accepting nominations for the Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety – is May 7
 - February 21, 2007 AJHP article regarding the response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

 - American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)
 - May 21-23, 2007 – Midyear Conference and Exhibition in Hollywood, FL (focus on geriatric care)

Recruitment → CAPT James Bresette (james.bresette@ihs.gov) / CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch (beth.fritsch@fda.hhs.gov)

- ◆ **Student Programs→CDR Kremzner**
 - We are contacting the applicants that were not selected as COSTEPs about other opportunities USPHS has to offer. They will be provided information on the Student Experiential Program and be placed on the student listserv. This will still allow for increased knowledge of the multiple opportunities USPHS has to offer.
 - Will get roster from RADM Pittman to connect JOAG mentors to COSTEP students

- ◆ **Pharmacy's Best Kept Secret (PBKS)→CDR Fritsch**
 - Document has been revised and sent to associate recruiter leads; waiting for their concurrence to post on PAC website

- ◆ **WACS→LCDR Williams**
 - Need UPOCs to go into the site and enter events
 - Go back as far as you want or post things you plan to do
 - UPOCs are responsible for keeping the system updated and current

- ◆ **Associate Recruiter Program→LCDR Bina**

- Reminder that documentation of activities and training is due March 31, 2007
- List of documented activities will go out over the listserv
- Still looking for volunteers to staff the APhA booth (contact LCDR Ganoe)
- ◆ **University Point of Contact (UPOC)→LCDR Vermilyea**
 - Requested informal reports of events for newsletter; received some responses but no photos
 - Please keep contact information up to date in WACS
 - Frequently asked questions (FAQ) document will post to PAC website in the next few days
 - Updating spreadsheet of UPOCs
 - Four schools still need UPOCs
 - Nova Southeastern University (Florida)
 - Palm Beach Atlantic University (Florida)
 - Long Island University (New York)
 - University of Louisiana

Communication → CDR Samuel Foster (Samuel.Foster@ihs.gov) / LCDR Richard Glabach (Richard.Glabach@hhs.gov)

PharmPAC Website Updates→LCDR Glabach

- ◆ Addressing needs of 5 viewer audiences or user groups
 - Students
 - Prospective applicants
 - Associate Recruiters/University Points of Contact
 - Career Officers
 - Officers eligible for promotion
- ◆ Will revisit the homepage using these 5 categories and the PharmPAC as a separate 6th user group

Public Health Work Group

- ◆ Last month had presentation on the Manpower Project which measures pharmacist shortages nationwide; invest in possible collaboration (is this legally feasible?)
- ◆ CDR John Quinn is working with 12 volunteers to develop ideas for future projects (aging of society; combating terrorism (assume these topics should be pharmacy specific))

PLANT Profiles → CDR Foster

- ◆ Have been going out over the listserv; plan to post once a month
- ◆ Currently have all agencies represented
- ◆ Use these to network
- ◆ Students can appreciate the different agencies and career tracks (window into a day in the life of)
- ◆ Expand officers' breadth
- ◆ Contact LT Brum with any comments

Recording of PharmPAC Meetings

- ◆ Request for feedback on the quality of the audio will be sent over the listserv

JOAG Report → LCDR Brian Campbell (brian.campbell@mail.ihs.gov)

- ◆ Last meeting was February 9 – met with the Acting Surgeon General who answered questions from various junior officers; recognized need for others to know who we are and what we do;

- encouraged officers to go back and recruit at their professional schools, as well as civilian colleagues; emphasized Corps values; talked about the push to move through the Awards backlog
- ◆ Next meeting is April 5; call in information will be available on the JOAG website

Agency Reports

- ◆ Ex-Minimus Agencies – CDR Chris Allen provided a report from CDC
 - Recently held a pandemic flu exercise to look at processes and plans in place for a pandemic; this was internal for CDC; 300 staff members were involved including 4 pharmacists; another exercise is scheduled in April and this will be external
 - Updated response plan was released after the internal exercise; it includes different recommendations for states and communities (www.pandemicflu.gov)
 - Three pharmacists visited the Mercer school of Pharmacy for career day; four agencies were represented in terms of experience; students expressed lots of interest in IHS and COSTEP program
 - Two CDC pharmacists have committed to staff the APhA booth (it is not necessary to register for the meeting to staff the booth)
 - LCDR Yon Yu was appointed as an official delegate for the APhA meeting

- ◆ National Institutes of Health (NIH) – CDR Richard DeCederfelt
 - Continue to work on development of inpatient pharmacy information system; in future plan to implement outpatient system
 - Construction of new facility; completion projected for Summer 2008
 - CE opportunity: Pharmacotherapy Frontiers; scheduled for April 21; 8am-12:30pm (provides 4 hours of CE); registration opens on March 31 (www.cc.nih.gov/phar); will send information over the listserv
 - Pharmacy chief is resigning effective March 2, 2007

- ◆ DHS – LCDR Patrick Romero (USCG)
 - There is a USCG position available in Alameda, CA
 - Positive response from officers regarding PAC meeting recordings
 - Pharmacy category coin – most officers liked designs 1 and 4
 - CAPT Vernon Lew will have USCG pharmacy challenge coins available at the APhA meeting

- ◆ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – LCDR Jeff Mouakket
 - Two vacancies for PAC membership – sent e-mail request
 - HRSA facilitates brown bags for all HRSA officers on a variety of topics (Office of Commissioned Corps Affairs – RADM Kerry Nessler)
 - Assessment tool – attempt to gather information to help support HRSA officers; deadline for responses was February 28

- ◆ Bureau of Prisons (BOP) – LCDR Jeffrey Newman
 - Mr. Todd Davis has been selected as BOP's electronic medical record pharmacist
 - CDR Shiber was selected as Chief of Clinical Pharmacy Services for BOP

- ◆ Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – CDR Matthew Tarosky
 - Safety information: Medwatch reports on ADHD meds; how to subscribe to Medwatch listserv (see written report)
 - Effectiveness information: Ketek no longer approved for acute sinusitis and acute exacerbation of chronic bronchitis; it is approved for community acquired pneumonia; how to subscribe to FDA news listserv (see written report)
 - Office of Regulatory Affairs is undergoing transformation; proposed to close 7 of 13 laboratories in FY08

- ◆ Office of the Secretary (OS) – CDR Jacqueline Thomas
 - New electronic CAD is due to start on April 2; applicants will be able to go online to complete applications
 - New vacancy posted; this position should help with the Awards process
- ◆ Indian Health Service (IHS)→CAPT Walter Holt for CDR Bradley Bishop
 - Three of five APhA incentive grants were awarded to IHS pharmacists
 - Twelve IHS pharmacists recently became board certified in pharmacotherapy
 - Pharmacy residents have been selected for the 2007-2008 academic year

2007 COA Category Day Planning → LCDR Martin Shimer (martin.shimerii@fda.hhs.gov) /LCDR Connie Jung (connie.jung@fda.hhs.gov)

- ◆ Category specific agendas have been posted on the conference website (www.coausphsconference.org)
- ◆ Ten total presentations
 - Morning session – HIV/AIDS – 3 presentations
 - Lunch – RADM Pittman
 - Afternoon – 2 presentations on immunizations
 - Smallpox vaccine training – not part of APhA training
- ◆ CPO/PharmPAC Meet and Greet is planned
- ◆ Hotel rooms are still available – reserve your room now (\$86 single; \$101 double)
- ◆ Two officers are providing a roommate matching service
- ◆ Early bird registration ends on April 23
- ◆ Junior officer scholarships are available through April 30 for T-O4 and below; priority will be given to first time applicants
- ◆ Sent out two calls for volunteers – we now have sufficient numbers; will be contacting those individuals and making assignments

PAC Chair Report→ CDR Sood (NSood@HRSA.GOV)

- ◆ Moving forward with transformation; WIPTs and WPDGs are currently meeting
- ◆ PAC will be requested to help with billet descriptions; request from OCCO expected in April; want to get a working group ready; please e-mail CDR Fritsch if you are interested in participating
- ◆ Importance of Surgeon General’s health priorities; appreciate people looking at the document and submitting comments
- ◆ LCDR Flowers has been selected to serve on the APhA advisory board
- ◆ Want to encourage PHS pharmacists to publish – trying to form a work group
- ◆ Proposal: June meeting is scheduled for June 7, which is during the COA conference and July meeting is scheduled for July 5, which is near the Independence Day holiday; discussed several options including:
 - Possibility of combining into one meeting
 - Possibility of having the June PAC meeting at the COA conference
 - PharmPAC membership unanimously voted to change the meetings to June 14 and July 12; information regarding this change will be sent via the listserv including the room location for these meetings

Old/New Business:

- ◆ CDR Tarosky emphasized the need for the PAC to review the SG health priorities and provide comments

The meeting was adjourned @ 3:33pm.

Next Meeting Date:

April 5, 2007, from 1300 to 1600 EST, Surgeon General's Conference Room; Agenda and call-in information will be distributed prior to the meeting

Useful Links and Contact Info:

- ◆ Emails: PharmPAC@list.nih.gov
PHS-Pharmacists@list.nih.gov
PHS-RX-JOBS@list.nih.gov
PHS-Rx-Students@list.nih.gov

- ◆ Listservs: PHS Pharmacists <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacists.html>
PHS Rx Students <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html>
OFRD <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccrf.html>
RPh Job Vacancies <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html>
CCMIS <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccinformation-l.html>
CC Vacancies <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccvacancies-l.html>

- ◆ Websites: PharmPAC <http://hhs.gov/pharmacy>
CCMIS <http://dcp.psc.gov>
USPHS <http://www.usphs.gov>
OFRD <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf>

--Respectfully Submitted,

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LCDR Tara Turner, Executive Secretary Date

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CDR Nita Sood, Chair Date

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RADM Robert E. Pittman, CPO Date

Attachments:

1. **OFRD Presentation**
2. **Recruitment Section Report – March 2007**
3. **FDA Agency Report – March 2007**
4. **IHS Agency Report – March 2007**