



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

Minutes of Meeting
04 AUGUST 2005
Office of Global Health Affairs Conference Room
1300-1510

Members Present:

In Rockville

RADM John Babb (Acting CPO) ORFD-Rockville, MD
CAPT Raelene Skerda (Chair) BOP-Allenwood, PA
LCDR Krista Scardina (Vice-chair) FDA-Rockville, MD

CAPT Sharon Gershon NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Patricia Garvey, DA-Rockville, MD

Via Telephone

CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-White Earth Hospital, MN
CDR Paul Huntzinger USCG-Oakland, CA
CDR Daniel Hasenfang USCG-Cape May, NJ
LCDR Tamara Close IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
LT Violette Geza (Secretary) BOP-Bradford, PA
LCDR Chris Allen CDC-Atlanta, GA (alt./Sood)
CDR Mary Kremzer FDA-Rockville, MD(alt./Chhabra)

LCDR Jeff Mouakkett, HRSA-Dallas, TX
CDR Thomas Berry, FDA-Raleigh, NC
CAPT Jim Bresette IHS-Rockville, MD
LCDR Laura Pincock FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Michael Long BOP-Butner, NC

Members Absent

LCDR Nita Sood, CDC- Atlanta, GA
CDR Doug Herold, BOP-Rochester, MN
CAPT Gary Baker, IHS-Ketchikan, AK

LCDR Michael Lee IHS-Claremore, OK
LCDR Renu Chhabra, FDA-Rockville, MD

Guests:

CAPT Chris Bina BOP-Washington, DC
LCDR Christine Bina FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Kendra Worthy FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Elizabeth Girard FDA-San Diego, CA
LCDR Richard Glabach FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Kavita Dada FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Nora Roselle FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Jacqueline Thomas OCCO-Rockville, MD
LCDR Keith Olin FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Robert Taylor HRSA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Sam Wu FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Daniel Brum FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Louis Flowers HRSA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Diane Smith FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Christine Yu FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Steve Mazzella FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Aaron Sigler FDA-Rockville, MD

CAPT Robert McClelland IHS-Sells, AZ
LCDR Peter Vermilyea IHS-Winslow, AZ
CAPT Nick Quaglietta BOP-Tucson, AZ
CAPT Don Brown INS-Phoenix, AZ
LCDR Nina Nwaba FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Jim Imholte DHS-Kansas City, KS
LT Jeff Vang IHS-Mt. Pleasant, MI
LCDR Amy Rubin IHS-Clinton, OK
CDR Alice Knobon FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Bill Long BOP-Brooklyn, NY
LCDR James Saunders FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Matt Tarosky FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Tim Ames FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Mike Jones FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Connie Jung FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Emily Thakur FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Don Reese FDA-Baltimore, MD

CAPT Robert Young IHS-Sitka, AK

Call to Order: CAPT Raelene Skerda (rskerda@bop.gov)

- ◆ CAPT Skerda called the meeting to order and the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted with a few edits.

CPO Report: RADM John Babb

- ◆ RADM Babb reconfirmed the Surgeon General's priority in selecting a new CPO for the pharmacy category.
- ◆ RADM Babb suggested organizing an event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the pharmacy category and to invite current and retired pharmacy flag officers and present them with the pharmacy category commemorative coin. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event can contact RADM Babb, CAPT Skerda, and LCDR Scardina by COB 15 August 2005.
- ◆ RADM Babb noted that the Combine Forces meeting is primarily for the DoD. The invitation made by APha was incorrect. There are some PHS officers invited as speakers.
- ◆ PHS officers that served on the USNS Mercy during the tsunami deployment were invited to the White House and recognized for their service.
- ◆ The Corps is expected to be at 70% readiness by 1 October 2005. Presently, the pharmacy category has lost ground since the May 1 target.

Section Lead Comments:

- ◆ Administration → CDR Patricia Garvey (garveyp@cder.fda.gov)
 - Voting for PAC Membership nominations are due by COB today.
 - Legislative Section: The section spear headed by CAPT Taylor, CAPT Hess and CAPT Tonrey have been working on the ethics of pharmacists refusing to dispense contraceptive medications. The workgroup appointed LCDR Flowers to gather and summarize for the PharmPAC the current literature concerning the pharmacist conscience clause debate. In the interim, the work group recommended that everyone read the conscience clause debate articles posted at <http://www.pharmacist.com/new.cfm>. While the PAC cannot make a statement on this issue, it is imperative that all pharmacists are aware of the current issues. Therefore, the PharmPAC will attempt to keep our officers update with the current information and legislative views.

LIAISONS:

- ASHP: LCDR Keith Olin
On 18 Sept 2005, the Walter Jones Golf Classic will be held in MD at the Cross Cree Golf Club. The golf tournament serves as a scholarship program for students.
- ACCP: LCDR Louis Flowers
An idea was brought on having PHS pharmacists as lecturers at the various colleges of pharmacy. LCDR Flowers will coordinate with CAPT Bresette and CDR Fritsch to assess the level of the POC program's participation in giving lectures at the various colleges of pharmacy.
- ◆ Career Development → CDR Mike Long (mzlong@bop.gov)
 - CDR Hasenfang is organizing examples of career paths for pharmacists. The major agencies will be contacted to get information on what positions pharmacists have held to help give guidance on choosing a career.
 - LT Emily Thakur has been developing a calendar with important dates (COER season, Award Dates, Meeting dates, etc.). If anyone has an event they wish to be posted on the calendar, email LT Thakur or CDR Long.

Readiness: The category is now at 56.9% basic qualified. The numbers are going down. In May, the category was 72.8% qualified. An issue was brought up on those individuals who do not receive their temporary promotion after 3 times. According to current policy they are frozen in grade, therefore what incentive do these individuals have to keep their basic readiness status.

Civilian Service: CDR Jane Kreis will be coordinating civil servants in various projects that their impact would be beneficial.

3-H Workgroup: The workgroup is ongoing and there is nothing to report.

- ◆ Recruitment → CDR James Bresette (james.bresette@ihs.gov)
 - There are currently 938 officers on active duty including 22 JRCOSTEPs. To date for FY2005, there have been 110 calls to active duty.
 - A COSTEP social gathering in the DC area is being planned.
 - The POC/ARP database website is currently in its testing phase.
- ◆ Communication → CDR Sam Foster (Samuel.foster@ihs.gov) & LCDR Nita Sood (Nsood@cms.hhs.gov)
 - There was nothing new to report on the website migration.
 - There will be new PLANT profiles put on the website. A suggestion was made to send a message on the listserv each time a new profile is added.

New Business

- ◆ Self nominations for PAC leadership positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Section Leads) are due by COB 15 August 2005.
- ◆ Those who applied for PAC membership will be notified by October 2005.
- ◆ CAPT Chris Bina noted that volunteers will be needed to organize category day at the 2006 COA Meeting in Denver, CO. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact CAPT Skerda (rskerda@bop.gov) or LCDR Scardina (scardinak@cder.fda.gov) by COB 15 August 2005.
- ◆ CAPT Bina noted the Bureau of Prisons is moving forward on selecting Regional Pharmacy Consultants.

Next Meeting Dates:

01 September 2005@1300 EST, Room TBA

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

Useful Links and Contact Info:

- ◆ Emails: PharmPAC@list.nih.gov
PHS-Pharmacists@nih.gov
RX-Vacancies@list.nih.gov
Rx-Students@list.nih.gov
- ◆ Listservs: PHS Pharmacists <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacist.html>
PHS Rx Students <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html>
CCRF Pharmacists <http://list.nih.gov/archives/ccrf-pharm.html>
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>
OFRD <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf/>
PHS-1 DMAT <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/dmat>

--Respectfully Submitted,

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LT Violette Geza, Executive Secretary Date

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CAPT Raelene Skerda, Chair Date

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RADM John Babb, Acting CPO Date